

# WOODRUFF HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND SCHOLARSHIP BULLETIN



September 2019

Issue 1

## 2019-2020 SAT Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline
October 5	September 6
*November 2	October 3
*December 7	November 8
March 14	February 14
*May 2	April 3
June 6	May 8

\* Given at Woodruff

- Register online at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
- Woodruff's School Code = 412170
- Cost: \$49.50 (without essay); \$64.50 (with essay)

## 2019-2020 ACT Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline
*September 14	August 16
October 26	September 27
December 8	November 15
*February 8	January 10
April 4	March 6
June 13	May 15
July 18	June 19

\* Given at Woodruff

- Register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
- Woodruff's School Code: 412170
- Cost: \$52 (no writing); \$68 (with writing)



If you are interested in receiving an email copy of the Scholarship Bulletin or updates from Guidance, please email Ms. Abrams at [habrams@spartanburg4.org](mailto:habrams@spartanburg4.org).

## Upcoming Events

September 14 - ACT @ WHS
September 9 - National Guard*
Sept. 9 - Oct. 4 - Senior IGP Conferences
September 18 - Ed-Op College Fair
September 27 - Spartanburg Community*

\*Representatives will be located in the lobby during lunches.



Woodruff High School has partnered with Parchment to provide secure online transcript ordering 24/7. The Guidance Department is accepting transcript requests through Parchment. Create an account online at [parchment.com/register](http://parchment.com/register).

For questions, see Guidance.

## Guidance Counselors

Ms. Natalie Keller - A - L  
Ms. Heather Abrams - M - Z

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## STATE FUNDED SCHOLARSHIPS

### **South Carolina HOPE Scholarship**

This is a \$2,800 one-time scholarship awarded during the first year of college to students attending a four-year SC college. To qualify for this scholarship, students must graduate with a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA but do not qualify for the LIFE scholarship. HOPE scholarship recipients who earn a 3.0 GPA at the end of their first year of college may receive the LIFE Scholarship for their second year of college. No application is necessary. Eligibility is based on the final high school transcript. Awards are handled by the college financial aid office.

### **South Carolina LIFE Scholarship\***

This is a \$5,000 renewable scholarship. For students attending a four-year SC college, they must meet two out of the following three criteria: 1100 SAT or 24 ACT; rank top 30% of graduating class; final minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA. For students attending a two-year SC college, they must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA (the test score and class rank requirements are waived). No application is necessary. Eligibility is based on the final high school transcript. Awards are handled by the college financial aid office.

### **South Carolina Palmetto Fellows Scholarship\***

This is a \$6,700 renewable scholarship for students attending a four-year SC college. Students may be eligible to apply if they meet the following **three** criteria: 1200 SAT or 27 ACT, 3.5 cumulative GPA, top 6% of the class at the end of the sophomore, junior or senior year; or meet the following **two** criteria 1400 SAT or 32 ACT and a 4.0 GPA at the end of the junior or senior year. Students that meet the criteria will be notified by guidance to complete the application.

\*Scholarship Enhancements are available for LIFE and Palmetto Fellows Scholarships. Enhancements are additional \$2,500 provided on top of the LIFE and Palmetto Fellows award amount beginning sophomore year of college to students who major in a mathematics or science related field, complete 14 credit hours in math or science related courses during their freshman year, and earn a 3.0 GPA at the end of their first year of college.

Information about state scholarships is available at [www.che.sc.gov](http://www.che.sc.gov).

### **\*Horatio Alger Scholarship** (Seniors)

#### **Deadline: October 25**

This scholarship is for seniors who have financial need (family income of \$55,000 or less) and have exhibited integrity and perseverance in overcoming personal adversity. Scholarship range from \$10,000 to \$25,000. Applications are available online at <https://scholars.horatioalger.org>.

### **\*QuestBridge** (Seniors)

#### **Deadline: September 26**

The QuestBridge National College Match is a scholarship opportunity for low-income high school seniors who has excelled academically. Through this college and scholarship application process, you can apply for free to the nation's best colleges and be considered for early admission and a full four-year scholarship from the college. Information and applications are available online at [www.questbridge.org](http://www.questbridge.org)

### **\*SCAEOP Marian Garrett Student Scholarship** (Seniors)

#### **Deadline: November 1**

The South Carolina Association of Educational Office Professionals will award a \$1500 scholarship to a senior who will be pursuing a career in the business field in college next fall. Application is available online at [www.scaeop.org](http://www.scaeop.org).

### **\*SCAEOP Member Dependent Scholarship** (Seniors)

#### **Deadline: November 1**

The SC Association of Educational Office Professionals will award a \$1500 scholarship to a graduating senior who is a child or grandchild of an active, retired, or life member of SCAEOP and who will be enrolling in college next fall. Application is available online at [www.scaeop.org](http://www.scaeop.org).

### **\*SCAEOP Student Scholarship** (Seniors)

#### **Deadline: November 1**

The SC Association of Educational Office Professionals will award a \$1500 scholarship to a graduating senior who will be enrolling in college next fall. Application is available online at [www.scaeop.org](http://www.scaeop.org).

### **\*SC Teaching Fellows Program** (Seniors)

#### **Deadline: December 1**

This program offers SC residents up to \$24,000 over four years to become a SC educator. Awards are based on academic achievement, references, community and school involvement, and interview and a writing assessment. Students must attend one of the eleven Teaching Fellows Institutions: Anderson Univ., Charleston Southern, Clemson, Coastal Carolina, College of Charleston, Francis Marion, Lander, USC Aiken, USC Columbia, USC Upstate, or Winthrop. Apply online at [www.cerra.org/teachingfellows/application.aspx](http://www.cerra.org/teachingfellows/application.aspx).

# Woodruff High School Educational Opportunities Fair Wednesday, September 18

College Admissions Counselors from South and North Carolina will be on campus to provide information about educational opportunities available after high school. Juniors and Seniors will have an opportunity to engage with these representatives. Students will be called to the fair during their designated time.

## **Fall College Open Houses**

Check out the college's website for more information.

Anderson University – Sept. 20; Oct. 18, 25; Nov. 8

Coastal Carolina - Nov. 9

Charleston Southern – Nov. 9

The Citadel (overnight)- Sept. 19, Oct. 10, Oct. 31, Dec. 5

Converse College – Sept. 20, Oct. 19

Francis Marion University – Sept. 28, Oct. 19, Nov. 23

Furman University - Nov. 9

Lander University – Sept. 28, Nov. 9

Limestone College - Nov. 8

Newberry College - Oct. 5, Nov. 2

North Greenville University – Sept. 28, Nov. 9

Presbyterian College – Sept. 21, Nov. 16

Southern Wesleyan University - Sept. 27, Oct. 14, Nov. 11

Spartanburg Methodist College - Oct. 19

USC Aiken – Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 2

USC Columbia– Sept. 21, Oct. 5

USC Upstate - Oct. 12, Nov. 9

Winthrop University – Sept. 21, Oct. 26

Wofford College - Sept. 21, Oct. 26

## **Application Etiquette**

- ✓ Your application is your first impression to the institution - remember to be professional.
- ✓ Use only blue or black ink when completing paper applications.
- ✓ Write legibly. If institutions cannot read what you wrote, they may discard your application. At the very least, your application will be delayed in processing.
- ✓ Write a rough draft of your application essay and proofread, proofread, proofread. Ask your guidance counselor, teacher or family member for feedback on your essay.
- ✓ Avoid texting language. Be sure to review your application for grammar, spelling and typo mistakes.
- ✓ Ask for recommendation letters. Request the recommendation at least two (preferably three) weeks in advance of the deadline. Provide your recommender with detailed information about the institution, scholarship, or opportunity.

## **REMIND**

The Guidance Department has created a “Class of 2020” class through Remind. Remind is a free app that lets you communicate with your teachers - right from your phone. There are several ways you can join:

⇒ If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

1. Download the Remind app from the Apple App Store or Google Play

2. Sign up for an account and enter the code **whssc2020** to join Class of 2020.

⇒ If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

1. Text the message **@whsc2020** to the number **81010**.

2. If you are having trouble with **81010**, try texting **@whssc2020** to **(717) 739-0155**.

## College Vocabulary to Know

**Accreditation** – A process of validation in which colleges, universities, and other institutions of higher learning are evaluated. For students, accreditation provides value related to not only judging quality, but also obtaining employment, receiving student aid and transferring credits.

**Early Action (EA)** – An option to submit your applications before the regular deadlines. Early action plans are not binding, which means that you do not have to enroll in a college if you are accepted early action.

**Early Decision (ED)** – An option to submit an application to your first-choice college before the regular deadline. Early decision plans are binding.

**Priority Date or Deadline** – The date by which your application – whether it’s for college admission, student housing or financial aid – must be received to be given the strongest consideration.

**Rolling Admission** – An admission policy of considering each application as soon as all required information (such as high school records and test scores) has been received, rather than setting an application deadline and reviewing applications in a batch.



## NCAA Eligibility

If you want to play NCAA sports at a Division I or II school, you need to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center.

- ⇒ Visit [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org) to register.
- ⇒ Submit your transcript to NCAA.
- ⇒ Take the SAT or ACT and use the code “9999” to have your official scores sent directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center.



See Ms. Abrams in Guidance if you have questions.