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OSBORNE'S SCHOLARSHIP NEWSLETTER



COBB SCHOOLS FOUNDATION SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP (OHS GUARANTEED SCHOLARSHIP)

- Due Date: January 31, 2026
- Award Amount: \$2,000 to two Osborne Seniors
- Applicants:
NO CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENT
Must be graduating senior from Osborne High School
Application includes information form, essay (500 words limit), two letters of recommendation
Winners will be notified by March 13, 2026 and recognized at OHS Honors Night
For application, go to: <https://www.cobbschoolsfoundation.org/2026-scholarship>

THE WILMER HICKS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (OHS GUARANTEED SCHOLARSHIP)

- Due Date: January 31, 2026
- Award Amount: \$500 to one Osborne Senior
- Applicants:
NO CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENT
Must be graduating senior from Osborne High School
Must be planning a career in Business or Finance, have excellent attendance, and minimum 3.0 weighted GPA
For application, go to: https://cobbschools.formstack.com/forms/hicks_2026_ohs

THE TERRY WATSON SCHOLARSHIP (OHS GUARANTEED SCHOLARSHIP)

- Due Date: February 28, 2026
- Award Amount: \$1,000 to one Osborne Senior
- Applicants:
NO CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENT
Must be graduating senior from Osborne High School, have minimum 2.5 weighted GPA
Must be planning on attending technical school, certificate/diploma program
Priority given to students pursuing careers in health & human services fields (e.g. EMS, healthcare, education, corrections, etc.)
Application includes resumé, short essay
For application, go to: https://cobbschools.formstack.com/forms/terrywatson_2026

SOURCES OF STRENGTH PEER LEADER SCHOLARSHIP

- Due Date: March 31, 2026
- Award Amount: \$1,000 (awarded to 3 students)
- Applicants:
NO CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENT
Must have served as a Sources of Strength Peer Leader for at least two years including this school year
Application includes 500-word essay reflecting on how your involvement with SOS has influenced your personal growth
For application, go to: https://cobbschools.formstack.com/forms/sos_2026

COBB EMC WALTER HARRISON SCHOLARSHIP

- Due Date: February 6, 2026
- Award Amount: \$1,000
- Applicants:
Applicants must be accepted to or enrolled at a two-year college, four-year college, or vocational/technical college in GEORGIA
Your residence must be served by Cobb EMC
For application, go to: <https://osbornecounseling.wixsite.com/ohscounseling/scholarships-financial-aid> (scroll to bottom of page for applications)

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COBB EMC COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

- **Due Date: February 20, 2026**
- Award Amount: \$5,000 (several available)
- Applicants:
Must be high school senior and accepted into a 4-year or 2-year college
Your residence must be served by Cobb EMC
Must complete the application, write an essay (3 pages max), include letter of recommendation, high school transcript, SAT/ACT scores
For application, go to: <https://osbornecounseling.wixsite.com/ohscounseling/scholarships-financial-aid> (scroll to bottom of page for applications)

COBB EMC VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

- **Due Date: February 20, 2026**
- Award Amount: \$5,000 (several available)
- Applicants:
Must be high school senior and accepted into a technical college or trade/vocational school
Your residence must be served by Cobb EMC
Must complete the application, write an essay (3 pages max), include letter of recommendation, high school transcript, SAT/ACT scores or Accuplacer scores
For application, go to: <https://osbornecounseling.wixsite.com/ohscounseling/scholarships-financial-aid> (scroll to bottom of page for applications)

AKA PEARL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

- **Due Date: February 11, 2026 at 11:59pm**
- Award Amount: stating at \$2,500 (several available)
- Applicants:
Must be planning to attend a four-year college or university
Must be an African American female in Cobb County graduating from a Cobb high school
Must be in graduating class of 2026 and have minimum 3.0 GPA
Must be a US Citizen
Must have demonstrated leadership and community service
For application, go to: [PEARL Scholarship Application](#) (You will need to sign into Google Account)

BRING BACK THE TRADES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

- **Due Date: Monthly Drawings**
- Award Amount: \$1,500
- Applicants:
Must be planning to attend post-secondary school for skilled trade
Must submit an essay and optional video
For application, go to: <https://bringbackthetrades.org/scholarship-application>

CANCER PATHWAYS TEEN WRITING CONTEST

- **Due Date: February 28, 2026**
- Award Amount: \$1,000
- Applicants:
Must submit an essay (maximum 1500 words) about their impact with a cancer diagnosis, either of their own or a loved one's
Open to 9th-12th grade students
For application, go to: [Cancer Unwrapped Teen Writing Contest - Cancer Pathways](#)

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GEORGIA MINING FOUNDATION COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

- **Due Date: February 27, 2026**
- Award Amount: \$500 (several) & \$1,000 (6 available)
- Applicants:
Must be accepted into college or university in Georgia
Must have minimum 960 SAT score and 18 ACT score
Must have minimum 3.0 GPA

For application, go to: <https://georgiamining.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/2026-GMF-College-Scholarship-Information-Packet.pdf>

GEORGIA MINING FOUNDATION TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIPS

- **Due Date: February 27, 2026**
- Award Amount: \$500 (several)
- Applicants:
Must be accepted into technical college in Georgia
Must have 3.0 minimum GPA
Application packet includes recommendation, essay, explanation of financial need

For application, go to: <https://georgiamining.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/2026-GMF-College-Scholarship-Information-Packet.pdf>

THE BALAMS FIRM SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

- **Due Date: February 6, 2026**
- Award Amount: \$2,500
- Applicants:
Must be graduating from metro-Atlanta county (this includes Cobb)
Must be attending college next year and be a legal resident of the US
Must have 3.2 minimum GPA, provide letter of recommendation, transcript, and submit video

For application, go to: <https://www.balamslaw.com/community-outreach/scholarship/>

FOSTERING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

- **Due Date: Opens January 31, 2026; closes March 16, 2026 at 5:00pm**
- Award Amount: \$2,000-\$3,000 (2-3 scholarships available)
- Applicants:
Must be a high school senior (resident of GA for 12 months) who has been in the Foster Care system in Georgia
Minimum GPA of 2.5 or higher

For application, go to: <https://cobbfoundation.org/what-we-do-atlanta-marietta-ga/scholarships-atlanta-marietta-ga/apply-for-a-scholarship-atlanta-marietta-ga/>

METRO MARIETTA KIWANIS MORGAN THOMAS SCHOLARSHIP

- **Due Date: Opens January 31, 2026; closes March 16, 2026 at 5:00pm**
- Award Amount: \$1,000-2,500
- Applicants:
Must be a high school senior residing in Cobb County for at least 6 months; accepted to college, university or tech school
Must have GPA of 2.8 or higher

For application, go to: [Apply for a Scholarship - Cobb Foundation](#)

TURNER-HOWARD SCHOLARSHIP- MARIETTA KIWANIS FOUNDATION

- **Due Date: March 15, 2026**
- Award Amount: \$2,500
- Applicants:
Must be a child of a Cobb County School District or Marietta City Schools employee
Application includes completed info sheet, list of extracurriculars & community activities, and essay

For application, go to: <https://mariettakiwanis.org/scholarships>

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JANE AND EBBIE LANCE SCHOLARSHIP- MARIETTA KIWANIS FOUNDATION

- **Due Date: March 15, 2026**
- Award Amount: \$2,500
- Applicants:
Must be a high school senior/graduate who is planning to attend Chattahoochee Technical College
For application, go to: <https://mariettakiwanis.org/scholarships>

BILL "SCOOP" KINNEY JOURNALISM SCHOLARSHIP- MARIETTA KIWANIS FOUNDATION

- **Due Date: March 15, 2026**
- Award Amount: \$2,500
- Applicants:
Must be a high school senior/graduate pursuing a major in Journalism in college
For application, go to: <https://mariettakiwanis.org/scholarships>

FOREVER REMEMBER SCHOLARSHIP- MARIETTA KIWANIS FOUNDATION

- **Due Date: March 15, 2026**
- Award Amount: \$2,500
- Applicants:
Must be a high school senior/graduate
Must have a parent either active duty/reserve or veteran of the military, law enforcement, fire department, EMT services
For application, go to: <https://mariettakiwanis.org/scholarships>

COBB SCHOOLS FOUNDERS/BECK SCHOLARSHIP- MARIETTA KIWANIS FOUNDATION

- **Due Date: March 15, 2026**
- Award Amount: \$2,500
- Applicants:
Must be a high school senior from Cobb County School District
Dr. Jones will choose one Osborne representative who will go into the next round
The application will be released towards the beginning of March- be on the lookout for more info from Ms. Foley-Talley

SCOTT CHADWICK SCHOLARSHIP FOR EMERGING LEADERS- MARIETTA KIWANIS FOUNDATION

- **Due Date: March 15, 2026**
- Award Amount: \$2,500 (2 awarded)
- Applicants:
Must be a high school senior/graduate residing in Cobb County
Must have demonstrated qualities of servant leader through community service and support for organizations
For application, go to: <https://mariettakiwanis.org/scholarships>

JACK WILSON SCHOLARSHIP- MARIETTA KIWANIS FOUNDATION

- **Due Date: March 15, 2026**
- Award Amount: \$2,500
- Applicants:
Must be a high school senior/graduate residing in Cobb County and a first-generation college student
For application, go to: <https://mariettakiwanis.org/scholarships>

CHATTAHOOCHEE TECHNICAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

- **Due Date: February 20, 2026**
- Award Amount: Various Amount for dozens of scholarships
- Applicants:
NO RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT
Applicants must be attending Chattahoochee Tech
Can complete one application to be considered for all scholarships
For application, go to: <https://www.chattahoocheetech.edu/student-scholarships/>

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APPLICATION PROCESS OVERVIEW

Research Colleges and Build List

- Students are encouraged to have 3-5 colleges to apply to
- Make sure the college offers your desired major

Check Admission Requirements/Deadlines

- Does the college require SAT/ACT scores? Do you need letters of recommendation?
- Check Admission Deadlines- any application submitted AFTER the deadline will not be reviewed

Submit your Application to College

- Students can check the college's website to determine how to apply (i.e. CommonApp, through college website, GaFutures, Common Black College App, etc.)
- Colleges often charge application fees (check with counseling for how to have fees waived)

Send your Transcript

- After submitting your application, go to Naviance to list the college under "colleges I'm applying to"
- If you applied through CommonApp, you must MATCH ACCOUNTS on Naviance's "Colleges I'm Apply to" dashboard
- Go to MyPaymentsPlus.com to pay one-time \$2 fee for Senior Transcript to be sent

Apply for Financial Aid

- Complete the 26-27 FAFSA (open now!)
- Apply for local or national scholarships
- Go to www.gafutures.org to check HOPE GPA and look for scholarships
- Go to Naviance to look for scholarships
- Check the college website for scholarships
- Check Class of 2026 CTLS for updated scholarship newsletter/announcements

CLASS OF 2026 INFO

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid for the 2026-2027 school is open! Students and Parents should complete the FAFSA quickly!

The FAFSA must be completed to apply for federal and state financial aid (Pell Grant & HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarships).

Check FAFSA information here:

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

FINANCIAL AID INFO (2025-2026)

HOPE Scholarship: covers <100% of tuition

- Student has 3.0 HOPE GPA, attending Georgia 4-year or 2-year college, U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident

Zell Miller Scholarship: covers 100% of tuition

- Student has 3.7 HOPE GPA attending 4-year or 2-year college, scored 1200 on SAT or 26 on ACT, U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident

HOPE Grant: covers <100% of tuition

- Student is pursuing a certificate or diploma, no GPA requirement, U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident

HOPE Career Grant: Stipend based on credit hours

- Student is pursuing a certificate or diploma in high demand career field

Pell Grant: receive <\$7,395 a school year

- Based on Financial Need determined by FAFSA

***Check HOPE GPA and Rigor on
www.gafutures.org***