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Students have different options after high school

Many students think of education after high school as the traditional four-year college degree.

Education after high school includes technical training and two-year associate's degrees.

Two-year degrees can prepare students to continue at a four-year school, but they can also lead directly to a job in the workforce. Diplomas and certificates in specialized skills give students the knowledge they need to compete for good jobs in industry and other careers. These programs usually take six to 18 months to complete.

Alabama students can tap into numerous sources of financial aid to pay for whatever level of education they want to pursue.

The Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE) administers the Alabama Student Grant and the Alabama Student Assistance Grant. The Alabama Community College System offers several financial aid programs for students attending public two-year colleges.

The financial aid office of the school students plan to attend will help students understand these and other aid programs.

Alabamians who choose military service can still continue their education. All branches of the armed forces have education options for service members while they're in uniform or after their discharge. Service members should contact their unit educational office to discuss student aid options. National Guard members can take advantage of the Alabama National Guard Educational Assistance Program, administered by ACHE.



KHEAA schedules social media sessions for June, July, August

KHEAA Outreach has scheduled six Facebook and Twitter events for June through August.

The schedule is:

June 6: Jumping Into Summer: ACT Resources, **Facebook**

June 20: Jumping Into Summer: Tips and Tricks for the ACT, **Twitter**

July 5: Summer Blast: College Choice Hot List, **Facebook**

July 18: Summer Blast: Cooling Off on Campus, **Twitter**

Aug. 1: Beating the Heat: Gearing Up for Fall, **Facebook**

Aug. 15: Beating the Heat: No Stress Seniors **Twitter**

All sessions begin at 2 p.m. Central.

The links are:

www.facebook.com/KHEAA/

www.twitter.com/KHEAA/

CareerOneStop helps students with planning for their careers

The college planning website [CareerOneStop](http://CareerOneStop.org) offers features to help students learn about different careers.

Students can take a survey that matches their interests with suitable careers. They can also view a comprehensive list of careers, complete with job descriptions, required skills and average salaries. Students can find out how much education they will need after high school to pursue the career of their choice.

[CareerOneStop](http://CareerOneStop.org) also teaches students how to develop a résumé.



Knowing their learning style can help students

One helpful thing for students to know is their primary learning style — the way they're most comfortable learning.

There are different learning style assessments, but one of the most widely used is the Visual-Auditory-Kinesthetic (VAK) model.

- Visual learners tend to take detailed notes, find something to watch if they get bored and like to see what they're learning.
- Auditory learners prefer to learn by hearing and reading aloud. They'll hum or talk to themselves or others if they're bored.
- Kinesthetic learners learn better by touch and will tinker with something or move around when they're bored.

Students can find free online tests to help them determine their learning style. They might use different learning styles in different situations, but they'll probably have a primary learning style with which they're most comfortable.

Good instructors will use techniques that involve all learning styles so all students are engaged in class. Students will be comfortable with activities geared toward their primary learning style, and they'll become more comfortable with the other learning styles by using them.

The more students are aware of their learning style and the instructor's teaching style, the better students can shape their studying to do well in every class.



Scholarship Spotlight

MG Benjamin J. Butler Century Division Scholarship



Eligibility: Must be an active or former member of, be a direct lineal descendant of or have been adopted by, or be acknowledged by the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System as a dependent of a member of the U.S. Army, 100th Infantry Division or any of its successor designations; be pursuing a four-year degree at an accredited college or university; be a Junior ROTC member and a National Honor Society member; be a high school graduate; have at least a 2.5 GPA; be involved in extracurricular, community and/or military activities; and submit ACT and/or SAT score, high school or college transcripts, honors and awards received, two signed letters of recommendation from non-family members, and a signed, typed essay of 250 words on the subject of how this scholarship will help the applicant achieve their goals. Renewable.

Award: At least \$1,000

Number: Varies

Deadline: June 15

Contact: The Association of the Century Inc., Attn: Century Division Scholarship Committee, PO Box 34393, Louisville, KY 40232

State scholarships help students earn dual credit

An additional \$5 million awarded by the Alabama Legislature for dual enrollment opportunities at Alabama's community colleges will continue to increase the number of students who benefit from college classes while still in high school. In many cases, high school students graduate with an associate degree's before or shortly after earning their high school diploma.

Last year, funds approved by the legislature were used to help expand dual enrollment scholarships to high school students interested in taking college-level science, technology, engineering and math courses through their local community college.

The increase in funds aligned with an increase in enrollment. In fall 2021 when the scholarships were first announced, 16,462 students took advantage of dual enrollment opportunities through Alabama's community colleges. That was a 15.2% increase from fall 2020.

Since 2015, there has been a more than 65% increase in dually enrolled high school students at Alabama's community colleges. Dual enrollment gives Alabama's high school students access to college-level classes that apply to credit in both high school and college at the same time. Unlike AP honors classes in high school, a student's grades for dual enrollment classwork are the only factor in determining whether the student receives full college credit for the class.

The dual enrollment classes are delivered through a variety of methods, including high school students attending the local college in-person or online or through a college instructor's traveling to the local high school or career center to teach.

Dual enrollment scholarships at Alabama's community colleges cover 22 science, 18 computer science and 17 math classes and more than 450 career pathway courses. For students at participating high schools, scholarships are available for two classes per student, per semester during the high school academic school year in the fall and spring and up to four classes during the summer term if their high school district allows summer classes.

The scholarships cover tuition, fees and textbooks.

Students must generally have a 2.5 GPA in academic work to qualify for the dual enrollment scholarships. More information is available at students' local community college.



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ACT National Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration
July 16, 2022	June 17, 2022	June 24, 2022
Sept. 10, 2022	Aug. 5, 2022	Aug. 19, 2022
Oct. 22, 2022	Sept. 16, 2022	Sept. 30, 2022
Dec. 10, 2022	Nov. 4, 2022	Nov. 11, 2022
Feb. 11, 2023	Jan. 6, 2023	Jan. 20, 2023
April 15, 2023	March 10, 2023	March 24, 2023
June 10, 2023	May 5, 2023	May 19, 2023
July 15, 2023	June 16, 2023	June 23, 2023

SAT National Test Dates*

Aug. 27, 2022	TBD	TBD
Oct. 1, 2022	TBD	TBD
Nov. 5, 2022	TBD	TBD
Dec. 3, 2022	TBD	TBD
March 11, 2023	TBD	TBD
May 6, 2023	TBD	TBD
June 3, 2023	TBD	TBD

* Anticipated