



**TUESDAY TELEGRAPH  
NEWS FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE  
March 17, 2026**

**Graduation Cap and Gown Pick Up March 19**

Pick up your caps and gowns during LUNCH this Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. See the flyer for further details.

**GRADUATION  
2026**

**CAP AND GOWN  
DELIVERY**

**In School  
Delivery**

**MARCH 19th**

**Cap and Gown Delivery is just coming  
Mark your calendar!**



**You can still order senior  
swag online, scan the QR  
Code to order now**



**Apply to College for FREE in March!**

This March, the Georgia Student Finance Commission is partnering with University System of Georgia (USG), Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG), and private universities across the state to provide Georgia high school seniors with application fee waivers! Check the [GAFutures website](#) for participating institutions and codes.

## Atlanta Electrical Contractors Career Day

Seniors who are interested in learning about various pathways into the electrical industry should plan to sign up for this event which will take place on **Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> (9 am–1 pm)** at the **Atlanta Electrical Joint Apprenticeship Training Center** (6601 Bay Circle, Peachtree Corners, GA). The event is **FREE**, but anyone planning to attend should email their RSVP to [Nic Schofer](mailto:Nic.Schofer@atlantaelectrical.org) by **March 31st**. This Career Day is designed specifically to help students connect with employers and, ultimately, get hired. See the flyer for more information.

[The Atlanta Electrical Contractors Association](#) represents 43 electrical contractors across Metro Atlanta. They also sponsor a 4-year paid electrical apprenticeship through the AEJATC. Apprentices attend class once every two weeks and work with a contractor for the remaining weekdays. Participants earn a strong hourly wage, receive employer-paid benefits, and gain the training needed for a high-demand, long-term career.

ATLANTA ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

# CAREER DAY 2026

- ★ TOUR THE ELECTRICAL TRAINING CENTER
- ★ LEARN ABOUT THE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM - APPLY!
- ★ MEET OUR CONTRACTORS AND GET HIRED!

## YOUR OPPORTUNITY IS KNOCKING

- ★ Tuition-FREE training for all apprentices
- ★ Learn on the job & in school
- ★ Employer-paid health insurance
- ★ \$95K+ in pay and benefits after 5 years
- ★ Tuition-FREE training for all apprentices

**APRIL 17, 2025 9AM - 1PM**  
ELECTRICAL TRAINING CENTER | 6601 BAY CIRCLE, PEACHTREE CORNERS, GA  
LUNCH PROVIDED  
RSVP BY MARCH 31 TO [SCHOFER@ATLANTAELECTRICAL.ORG](mailto:SCHOFER@ATLANTAELECTRICAL.ORG)



## Navigating the Financial Side of College & Trade School — Podcast

Paying for postsecondary education can feel overwhelming, especially as costs continue to rise. In this episode of Inside Scoop, counseling experts Patty DaSilva and Gillian Moody break down what families need to know about the

FAFSA process, financial aid packages, HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarships, and strategies for finding scholarship opportunities. Whether your student is college-bound or exploring trade school pathways, this conversation offers practical guidance to help families make informed financial decisions.

[Click to Listen Now](#)

[Click to Watch Now](#)

### Pope College Fair – TOMORROW, March 18



Join us for the last college fair of the school year! All students are invited! See the flyer for a list of colleges/universities and groups that will be attending!

### Augusta University Preview Day – March 21

Augusta University is hosting “See Augusta” preview day on **March 21<sup>st</sup> from 8:30 am – 1:30 pm**. All students are invited, whether you’ve already been accepted, or are considering Augusta in the future. During See Augusta, students will meet with admissions counselors to learn about the enrollment process, explore academic colleges and departments and hear about undergraduate study and research opportunities. You will visit both the historic Summerville and Health Sciences campuses and tour residence halls. Reserve your spot [here](#). There will be a special track for newly admitted students.

### First Annual CCSD Music College Fair

The County is sponsoring the **first annual CCSD Music College Fair** so mark your calendars for **Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> (5:00-8:00 pm)**. The event will take place at the **Sprayberry High School Gym**. Students are encouraged to register [HERE](#), as details about parking and what to expect will be emailed to students and families as the date approaches. See the flyer for further details.

**Music College Fair**

**FINE ARTS**

Register Here  
<https://bit.ly/csdmusiccollegefair>

With representation from

- Brenau University
- Clayton State University
- Columbia College Chicago
- Florida State University
- Georgia Southwestern State University
- Georgia Tech
- Kennesaw State University
- LaGrange College
- Piedmont University
- Reinhardt University
- Royal Conservatory of Music
- Spelman College
- St. Thomas University
- Toccoa Falls College
- University of Georgia
- University of Michigan
- University of North Georgia
- University of South Carolina
- University of Tennessee
- University of West Georgia
- Wesleyan College

**March 30, 2026**

**SPRAYBERRY HS GYM**  
**5:00: PANEL DISCUSSION**  
**6:00-8:00: COLLEGE FAIR**

**Cobb County College Fair April 14**

**COBB COUNTY COLLEGE FAIR**



**TUESDAY**  
**APRIL 14, 2026**  
**Eastside Christian School,**  
**Gymnasium**  
**6:00 PM - 7:30 PM**

GARN (Greater Atlanta Regional Network), in conjunction with Eastside Christian School, is hosting a college fair on **April 14<sup>th</sup> (6-7:30 pm)**; this event is open to ALL Cobb County students. Eastside Christian School is located at 2450 Lower Roswell Rd. Students will have the opportunity to meet with representatives from a variety of colleges and universities, ask questions, and gather information about admissions, programs, and campus life. See the flyer for a list of participating schools.

Augusta University  
 Columbus State University  
 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University  
 Fairfield University  
 Georgia College and State University  
 Georgia Gwinnett College  
 Georgia Southwestern State University  
 High Point University  
 Jacksonville State University  
 Lagrange College  
 Mississippi State University  
 Oglethorpe University  
 Piedmont University  
 Purdue University  
 Samford University  
 Texas Christian University  
 The Ohio State University  
 University of Arkansas  
 University of Oklahoma  
 University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
 University of Wisconsin-Madison  
 Valdosta State University  
 Wesleyan College  
 Young Harris College  
 and more!

## Summer School Options

Sign up for [Summer Personal Fitness](#) (6/1-6/11) and/or [Summer Health](#) (6/15-6/25) at Pope! Registration is now open! Payments can be made through [MyPayments Plus](#). Cash or cashier's check will be accepted in the Counseling Office. Pope's website has been updated with other summer school opportunities (CVA and Credit Recovery) and the information can be found [here](#).

## Applerouth Hosts FREE SAT/ACT Events in March

Test drive the SAT or ACT during Applerouth's March Testing Weekend. Students will have the opportunity to take full-length practice tests, attend online workshops, and receive highly detailed score feedback, helping to grow their scores – all FREE of charge. Secure your spot for **March 21-22** or **March 28-29**: <https://www.applerouth.com/score-boost-weekend>. See the flyer for more information.

### SAT/ACT SCORE BOOST WEEKEND

**Every Score Tells a Story.  
We Decode It.**

Free SAT & ACT practice tests + expert score analysis for smarter prep.



### FREE PRACTICE TESTS

Full-length SAT or ACT

**Mar 21–22**

**Mar 28–29**

Available **online** and **in-person** at Atlanta-area locations.

### ONLINE STRATEGY SESSIONS

Register for a practice test and receive a **free** online strategy session to prep with confidence for test day.

**SAT:** Tue, Mar 17 | Thu, Mar 26

**ACT:** Thu, Mar 19 | Wed, Mar 25

8pm ET | Live via Zoom

### A Practice Test is Only the Beginning.

Where You Are. Where You're Going. How to Get There



#### How it Works:

- ✓ Take a full-length SAT or ACT under real conditions
- ✓ Get a personalized breakdown of strengths and gaps
- ✓ Identify the fastest paths to score gains
- ✓ Leave with a clear plan for what to prep next



**Register Now**

[www.applerouth.com/score-boost-weekend](https://www.applerouth.com/score-boost-weekend)



## Build Innovative Solutions to Real Fintech Challenges

All high school students in Georgia are invited to Kennesaw State University (3333 George Busbee Drive NW) on **March 28<sup>th</sup> (8 am–6 pm)** for an exciting hackathon where you will compete in teams to solve real-world problems in the world of financial technology. Your challenge is to come up with creative, AI-focused ideas that could help strengthen the economy of countries like Zambia, places that are growing fast but still face obstacles such as limited technology, not enough trained workers, and payment systems that don't always work well together. Coding knowledge is not required! Whether you're into coding, design, or business strategy, this is your chance to innovate, collaborate, and make a real impact on an emerging market, all while competing for prizes! [Sign Up Here](#).

**KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY**  
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS  
Center of Global & Digital  
Innovation & Entrepreneurship

2026 **HIGHSCHOOL**

# FIN-TECH Hackathon

**MARCH 28**  
KSU CNTR.

1st Place: <sup>valued at</sup> \$3,000  
2nd Place: <sup>valued at</sup> \$2,000  
3rd Place: <sup>valued at</sup> \$1,000

**Keynote Speaker: Daryl Speaks.**  
Founder/CEO, SableAssent Coin Corporation

## BridgeUp STEM Scholars

BridgeUP STEM is a one-year intensive program for Atlanta-area 9th-11th grade girls who identify as first-generation or low-income. Designed for students with limited coding backgrounds, the program provides a unique opportunity to engage in hands-on computing research activities and prepare for the technology careers of tomorrow. Eligibility requirements, application process, and the link for students to apply can be found here: <https://ncwit.org/program/bridgeup-stem-scholars/>. The deadline to apply is **April 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

INTERESTED IN  
COMPUTER SCIENCE?

# Become a BridgeUP STEM Scholar at Georgia Tech

Develop computing skills, build confidence,  
and learn about college and career  
opportunities in computing in a year-long  
program at Georgia Tech.



Open to low-income and first  
generation high school students in  
grades 10-12 as of Fall 2026.

## Summer Coding Class

June 1 - 26, 2026

9 am to 3 pm  
Georgia Tech campus

## Academic Year CS Research Class

September 2026 - April 2027

Tuesday Sessions 5:30 - 7:30 pm Georgia Tech Campus	Sunday Sessions 2 - 4:30 pm Virtual Class
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Apply by  
April 3, 2026

Scan to learn  
more and apply!



[bit.ly/BridgeUP\\_STEM](https://bit.ly/BridgeUP_STEM)

The BridgeUP STEM Program is funded by a generous grant  
from the Helen Gurley Brown Foundation.

## Electrical Systems and Sustainability Summer Program at Georgia Tech

As outlined in the flyer, this sponsored summer program gives select high school students hands-on exposure to:

- Installing electrical fixtures
- Reading electrical prints
- Understanding core electrical principles
- Exploring facilities management and sustainable systems
- Learning through the RealCareer Electrical Wiring Kit program
- Participating in off-campus visits
- Earning a certificate of completion from Georgia Institute of Technology

The program runs from **July 6-17** and is held primarily on Georgia Tech's Atlanta campus. This is a **FULL** scholarship (students are only responsible for a \$25 application fee).

This is an incredible opportunity for students interested in engineering, construction, sustainability, skilled trades, or STEM career pathways. The immersive, hands-on structure makes it especially impactful for students who thrive in applied learning environments. [Registration Link](#) Contact [summerpeaks@gatech.edu](mailto:summerpeaks@gatech.edu) with questions.

# ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS AND SUSTAINABILITY SUMMER PROGRAM

**JULY 6-17, 2026**

This program, which takes place primarily on Georgia Tech's Atlanta campus, is a Sponsored Summer Opportunity! Select high school students will only be responsible for a \$25 application fee, and they will receive a full scholarship. In this program, students will learn how to install electrical fixtures, read electrical prints, describe electrical principles, and learn about facilities management and sustainable systems.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience hands-on learning with the RealCareer Electrical Wiring Kit program
- Embark on off-campus visits
- Earn a certificate of completion from Georgia Institute of Technology

<https://tinyurl.com/SummerESS2026>

Contact: [summerpeaks@gatech.edu](mailto:summerpeaks@gatech.edu)

Scan the QR code to  
register today!

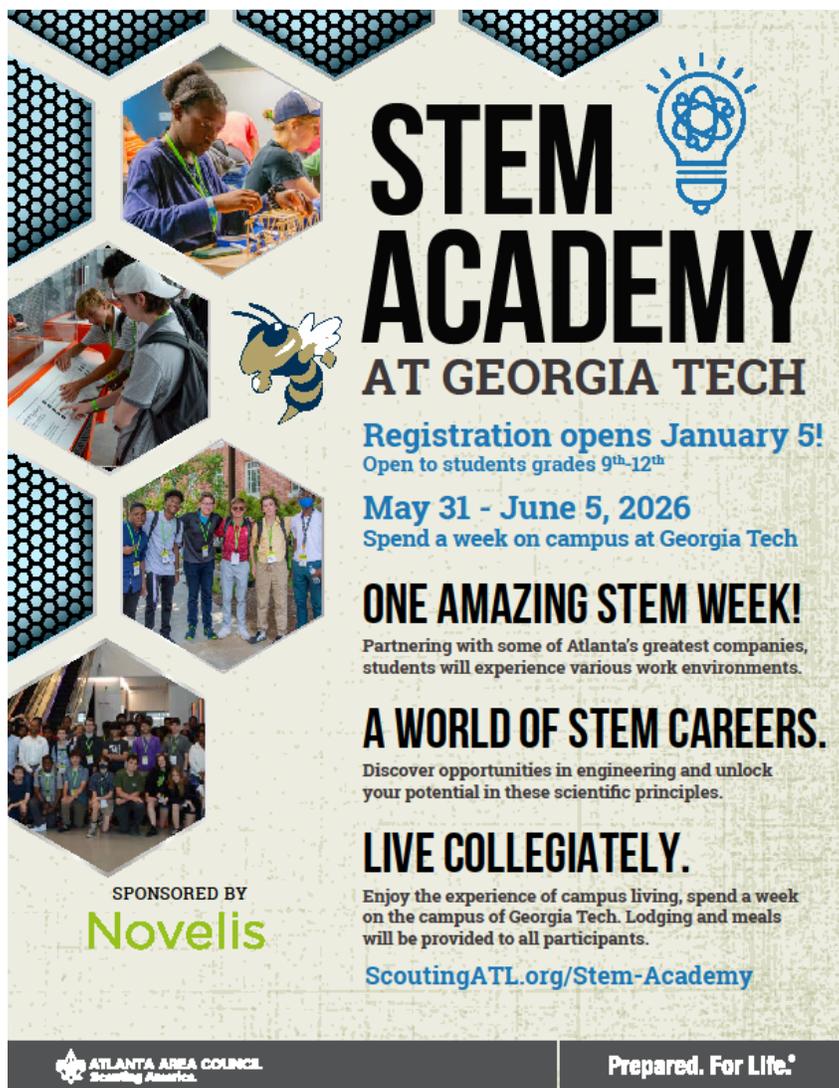


**CEISMC**  
Georgia Tech Center for Education Integrating  
Science, Mathematics, and Computing



**EXPANDED LEARNING PROGRAMS at CEISMC**

## STEM Academy at Georgia Tech May 31-June 5



**STEM ACADEMY**  
**AT GEORGIA TECH**

Registration opens January 5!  
Open to students grades 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

**May 31 - June 5, 2026**  
Spend a week on campus at Georgia Tech

**ONE AMAZING STEM WEEK!**  
Partnering with some of Atlanta's greatest companies, students will experience various work environments.

**A WORLD OF STEM CAREERS.**  
Discover opportunities in engineering and unlock your potential in these scientific principles.

**LIVE COLLEGIATELY.**  
Enjoy the experience of campus living, spend a week on the campus of Georgia Tech. Lodging and meals will be provided to all participants.

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ATLANTA AREA COUNCIL  
Scouting America

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High school students are eligible to participate in a week-long adventure that connects them with various STEM-related organizations through a camp at Georgia Tech **May 31-June 5**. During the week, students will have the chance to visit organizations, engage with professionals, and learn about the important work these experts do to build the world around us. The program aims to inspire students by offering them a behind-the-scenes look at the wide range of careers available in science, technology, engineering, and math, while showing them how their future careers can make a real difference in our world. Presentations will be made by Novelis, POND, Microsoft, Truist Stadium, TKE, Dwell Design Studio, Applied Technical Services, Georgia Tech, KSU, and more.

**What:** STEM Academy at Georgia Tech

**When:** May 31-June 5

**Where:** Georgia Tech Campus

**Who:** 9-12 grade students (both scouting, and non-scouting students)

**Cost:** \$1,050 before March 31; \$1,250 after March 31; *Scholarships are available upon request*

**Registration Site:**

<https://www.atlantabsa.org/stem-academy>

Registration closes April 30

**Includes:** Lodging, meals, swag, as well as networking opportunities

## Cobb Youth Leadership Applications are Open for Sophomores

Cobb Youth Leadership is a program for *rising juniors* that focuses on developing leadership skills through interactive participation. This selective program is an excellent way for students to serve their community as well as interact with students from schools around the county, and local, state, and national leaders. Students receive information on the responsibility, ethics, and tools for effective leadership, as well as potential career paths after graduation. **The program runs from August 2026 through April 2027** and features monthly meetings which cover different aspects of the Cobb County community such as health, politics, public safety, community service, and arts & culture. More information and the application can be found here: [Cobb Youth Leadership - Cobb Chamber of Commerce](#). **The application deadline is April 17<sup>th</sup>.**

## Confident Parenting – Upcoming Webinar

Skyland Trail is hosting a FREE webinar on **March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm** for parents of teens on **Building Confident Parenting Strategies**. Hear from mental health experts about how to support your teen. You will learn:

- How to navigate social media, substance abuse, and peer pressure
- Proven strategies to support teens who are struggling emotionally
- Warning signs: know when to ask for professional help

Click [HERE](#) to register.



WEBINAR

# Confident Parenting Starts Here

March 25, 7:00-8:00 PM



**REGISTER**

[www.skylandtrail.org/parents](http://www.skylandtrail.org/parents)

**WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:**

- ✓ Navigating social media, substance use, and peer pressure
- ✓ Proven strategies to support teens who are struggling emotionally
- ✓ Warning signs - know when to ask for professional help

PRESENTERS:  
Caitlin Connolly, LCSW, CAADC  
Piper Coffey, LCSW

## Camp MAGIK



Camp [MAGIK](#) (Mainly About Grief In Kids), a healing camp for bereaved children and adolescents, is holding its spring 2026 camp at **the Fortson 4-H Camp in Hampton, Georgia April 24-26. Applications are due by April 10<sup>th</sup>**. Free transportation can be arranged if needed. Camp MAGIK provides a fun camp experience for bereaved children and adolescents together with counseling sessions supervised by professional counselors trained in grief and trauma. There is also a retreat available for adults who want to process their own grief with other adults. Camp sessions are **FREE OF CHARGE** to all participants. [Information in English](#) [Information in Spanish](#).

## Rising Juniors – Important Immunization Information

Per the Georgia Department of Public Health, effective July 1, 2021, children 16 years of age and older, who are entering the 11th grade (including new entrants), must have received one booster dose of the meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4), unless their initial dose was administered on or after their 16th birthday. Please visit this link: <https://dph.georgia.gov/media/89331/download> for a summary of vaccination requirements by age.

**In accordance with this requirement, all Pope students entering the 11th grade, who will be 16 by August 3, 2026, must submit an updated Certificate of Immunization, on GA Form 3231, to the Pope Counseling Office prior to the start of the 2026-2027 school year. Students, who are not yet 16 by August 3rd will have 30 calendar days from the student's 16<sup>th</sup> birthday to provide the updated Certificate of Immunization.** Students must meet this requirement, or provide acceptable exemption documentation, for them to be/remain enrolled in school. Students requesting to be exempt from Immunization must present a signed, notarized Affidavit of Religious Objection to Immunization, DPH Form 2208.

We prefer that you upload your updated Certificate of Immunization/Affidavit of Religious Objection to Immunization to ParentVUE. Once logged in, you will click on Change My Information → Student Information → Enrollment Documents where you will be able to upload the document. Paper and emailed copies will be accepted as well.

For additional information on immunization schedules, exemptions, and laws governing these requirements, please visit <https://dph.georgia.gov/schoolvaccines>.

Should you have any questions, please contact Lisa Squier in the Counseling Office at 770-578-7903 or [lisa.squier@cobbk12.org](mailto:lisa.squier@cobbk12.org). All paper and emailed documents should also be directed to Mrs. Squier.

## Scholarship Opportunities

Watch this space each week for important scholarship information! Various opportunities will be highlighted in the Tuesday Telegraph but additional scholarships are also posted in Naviance and can be found on the [Pope School Counseling](#) website. In Naviance go to Colleges → Scholarships & Money. There you can search for national scholarships, college-specific scholarships, as well as numerous other scholarships that are available to our seniors (and sometimes even juniors)!

### Guaranteed to have a Pope Winner!



The East Cobb Lions Club Memorial Scholarship fund was created to honor the dedication and years of service to the community by East Cobb Lions members who are no longer with us. Scholarships up to **\$1,000** each will be awarded to graduating high school seniors from among the East Cobb High Schools – including Pope! The scholarship may be used **only at Georgia colleges/universities (no out of state schools)**. Applications can be found [here](#) and are due to the Counseling Office by **March 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

### Guaranteed to have a Pope Winner!

Each spring the East Cobb County Council (ECCC) of PTAs awards one **\$1,000** scholarship to a graduating senior from each of the six ECCC high schools. The scholarship, known as the Margie Hatfield Scholarship, honors the dedication and years of service given by Mrs. Hatfield to the youth of the Council. In recognition of her volunteer involvement, the Margie Hatfield Scholarship Fund awards deserving seniors who have made significant contributions to the community. The deadline to [submit an application](#) is **March 24<sup>th</sup>**. **Applicants must be a member of their high school's PTSA.**

# ECCC PTA AND MARGIE HATFIELD SCHOLARSHIP





Apply to win a \$1,000 Scholarship awarded to one senior from each of the six ECCC PTA High Schools: Kell, Lassiter, Pope, Sprayberry, Walton and Wheeler

- ✓ Applicants must be a 25-26 member of their school's PTSA
- ✓ Applications are due Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 11:59 pm

[APPLY ONLINE](#) ∨

<https://www.ecccpta.org/committees/scholarship>

Have questions? [scholarship@ecccpta.org](mailto:scholarship@ecccpta.org) ?

## HEY TIMBER RIDGE ALUMNI! WIDENER-BEGA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN!




**DUE MARCH 31**




### Guaranteed to have a Pope Winner!

The Timber Ridge PTA Widener-Bega Scholarship is live! Seniors who went to Timber Ridge and will graduate from Pope in May are eligible to apply for a **\$1,000** scholarship. There will be at least one Pope winner! The application can be found [here](#). The deadline to apply is **March 31<sup>st</sup>**. For questions, please email [timberidgescholarship@gmail.com](mailto:timberidgescholarship@gmail.com).



## KATE BELLE JONES

*Memorial Scholarship*

The Kate Belle Jones Memorial Scholarship is accepting applications and there will be **TWO recipients who will EACH be awarded \$3,000**, payable toward continuing education! Kate Belle was a 2021 Pope graduate who tragically lost her life in December of 2021. Kate Belle impacted her community through service and steadfast commitment to her passion and goals. This scholarship was established in her memory and to celebrate graduating seniors who also possess these values. The recipients should demonstrate a love and commitment to their school and community and exemplify a passion for creating a better world. **Applications are due by April 11<sup>th</sup>**. Seniors need to have attended Tritt Elementary School to be considered. Applications can be accessed by scanning the QR code or by going to [this link](#).



The **PTSA Community Service Scholarship Application** is available! Each scholarship is worth **\$1,000** and there will be up to **TEN winners!** Remember, you must be a member of the Pope PTSA to be considered. If you have not already joined, it's not too late! Sign up [here](#) by the application deadline. Student memberships are only \$10. Not sure if you're a member? Check the directory <https://popeptsa.membershiptoolkit.com/directory> or contact Stephanie Soto ([membership@popeptsa.com](mailto:membership@popeptsa.com)). Seniors who have exhibited outstanding service and volunteerism to Pope, feeder schools, and the community should apply! Click [here](#) to access the application. All applications and recommendations must be electronically submitted by **April 13<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Cochran at [VP1@popeptsa.org](mailto:VP1@popeptsa.org).

**Pope High School**  
**PTSA**  
every child, one voice.

## PTSA COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The PTSA Community Service Scholarship Application is now available!

Each scholarship is worth **\$1,000** and we will have **TEN winners** this year!

**REQUIREMENTS:**

- ✓ Student must be a member of Pope PTSA. It's not too late to [join](#) - only \$10!
- ✓ [Application](#) must be completed online this year.
- ✓ Two [recommendations](#) from teachers, coaches, mentors, etc (not relatives) required
- ✓ **Deadline to submit applications and recommendations is April 13th**

**Winners will be recognized at Honors Night this Spring**

**QUESTIONS?**  
Susan Cochran: [vp1@popeptsa.org](mailto:vp1@popeptsa.org)

 <-Application  
Recommendations-> 





Women's Energy Network<sup>®</sup>  
GREATER ATLANTA CHAPTER

Apply for the

2026 Fueling the Future  
**SCHOLARSHIP**

WEN of Greater Atlanta's Scholarship for \$2500 is now open for submissions!  
Apply today using the QR code below!



Applications are due by May 1, 2026!

The Women's Energy Network (WEN) of Greater Atlanta is pleased to announce the 2026 *Fueling the Future* Scholarship, a one-time **\$2,500** award recognizing exceptional high school **women** from the Greater Atlanta area who aspire to pursue STEM degrees and ultimately careers in the energy industry. WEN is committed to cultivating the next generation of leaders and innovators in the energy industry. Scan the QR code in the flyer to get started. Applications are due **May 1<sup>st</sup>**.

**Pope Counseling Office**

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