

2023-24 January/February COLLEGE PROGRAM and SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Cappex

This year Cappex.com is giving high school students \$25,000 in scholarships just for being themselves. There is no essay to write, no letter of recommendation to solicit. To qualify, students need only fill out a free profile on Cappex.com. Students may apply for multiple scholarships using the same profile. In all, 26 scholarships in 14 categories will be awarded. There are scholarships for students headed to the top 10 most popular majors. Cappex is also giving away airline vouchers so students can visit potential schools with our college tour Travel Scholarships. There is even a Hardship Scholarship for a student that didn't let adversity interfere with success. For full scholarship details and deadlines go to www.cappex.com

Common Application

The Common Application is a not-for-profit membership organization that, since its founding 35 years ago, has been committed to providing reliable services that promote equity, access, and integrity in the college application process. You can go to www.commonapp.org for more information.

FAFSA

Every senior planning on going to college should complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This application enables you to apply for any federal money that you may be able to receive. The website <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> contains detailed instructions for every question on the FAFSA. The online application offers the applicant instructions, help screens, and even live online help from a customer service representative. This form also needs to be completed in order to apply for the HOPE Scholarship. The school will not be receiving paper FAFSA forms. Students will be able to obtain a paper FAFSA by calling the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243). Students may request up to three copies of the paper application and should receive their FAFSAs in 3-7 business days.

Financial Aid Night at Upson-Lee High School

Upson-Lee High School will hold a Financial Aid night on **January 22nd, at 6:00 pm.** at the Upson-Lee High School media center. A representative from Georgia Student Finance Commission will be here to explain the FAFSA process and answer any questions that students or parents may have.

French Baron Cason and Thomas H. Cason Memorial Scholarship

The purpose of this scholarship is to provide a college scholarship annually to an Upson-Lee senior who demonstrates great financial need as well as academic potential. Scholarship applicants must be graduating seniors of Upson-Lee High School and have a minimum 3.0 GPA. The Scholarship is being managed by The Community Foundation of Central Georgia and information can be found on the Foundation's website at www.cfcga.org. Paper applications will not be accepted. Please complete your application online by 12:00 p.m. on **March 15, 2024**. Award winners will be announced at the Upson-Lee High School Senior Honor's Night.

The Highline Fast Scholarship

This scholarship is for \$1,000 and will be awarded to one senior attending a public university. Anyone is eligible. To apply, write an essay answering the question: where do you see yourself in 10 years? Send an electronic copy to maryelizabeth.huff@highlinefast.com or drop off a printed copy at the Highline Office which is located at 609 Short E Street, Thomaston, GA 30286. The deadline to apply is **April 25th**.

Jimmy Freeman Memorial Scholarship

A scholarship has been established in memory of Jimmy Freeman. Scholarship applicants must be graduating seniors of Upson-Lee High School who will attend University of Georgia in the fall. Please see Mrs. Bailey in guidance for an application. The application is due by **March 31st**.

Jimmy Rane Foundation

This foundation awards scholarships to students who, without financial assistance, would be unable to attend college. High school seniors are chosen based on several criteria including academics, school/community involvement, and financial need. Applications need to be completed online at www.jimmyranefoundation.org. **Deadline for application materials is Feb. 8, 2024.**

Lindsey Orthodontics Scholarship*

Requirements:

You **MUST** be a current or past patient of Lindsey Orthodontics.

- A 2024 graduating high school senior.
- Minimum GPA of 3.0

(Please include a copy of your high school transcript from your school counselor.)

Please see Mrs. Bailey for a copy of the application. Deadline for applications is **March 15, 2024.**

Please mail to:

LINDSEY ORTHODONTICS
ATTN: SCHOLARSHIP
120 West College Street, Suite A
Griffin, GA 30224

Retired Teachers Association Scholarship

Any student planning to pursue a degree in education should come by the guidance office to pick up an application for consideration of this scholarship. The deadline to sign up is **March 14th**.

Southern Rivers Energy Trust Scholarship

This local scholarship opportunity is sponsored by Southern Rivers Energy and the Southern Rivers Energy Trust, Inc. Applicants will be judged blindly by a panel of educators on the quality of their essays, GPA, community and school involvement. Five scholarships worth \$3000 each will be awarded in 2024.

All applications must be postmarked or hand-delivered by March 1, 2024. Applications may be delivered to Southern Rivers Energy or mailed to:

Southern Rivers Energy Trust Scholarship
PO Box 40
Barnesville, GA 30204
Criteria:

- Student's primary residence is within one of the following counties served by SRE: Bibb, Coweta, Crawford, Lamar, Pike, Meriwether, Monroe, Spalding and Upson.
- Student is a high school senior (public, private or home-school) or is currently enrolled in an accredited college or technical school. Not intended for graduate school.

What to submit:

- *ONE* essay that addresses all four of the core values Touchstone Energy Cooperatives such as Southern Rivers Energy adhere to: Commitment to Community, Accountability, Innovation and Integrity. The essay should be 1,500 words or less, typed and double-spaced. Do NOT reveal your name, place of residence, school, etc. In the answers, as such references will disqualify your application.
- Letter of recommendation
- School transcript
- Letter of acceptance
- School Photo or headshot from shoulders up with a solid background.

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Winners for the Southern Rivers Energy Trust Scholarship will be announced in April.

Five scholarships will be disbursed to the business office of the university or college in the amount of \$3,000. Please see Mrs. Bailey in guidance for an application.

Any questions should be directed to **Kathryn Claxton, 770-358-5772**

Upson-Lee Athletic Booster Club Scholarship

Upson-Lee Athletic Booster Club is awarding a scholarship. (Payment will be made directly to college). Eligibility criteria for the scholarship are the following:

-Upson-Lee athlete accepted to any college and enrolled in fall semester following high school graduation. -Valid athletic programs are printed on the booster club's annual membership drive brochure. Applicants will need to complete an application and submit a typed 1-page essay detailing "How has participating in athletics at Upson-Lee benefitted me and helped prepare me for college?" Seniors need to see Mrs. Bailey for application or visit ULHS website under "Scholarship Information". All applications with essays need to be returned to Mrs. Bailey in guidance by **March 22nd**. A committee will select a winner and announce at ULHS Honors Program.

SENIORS:

****Any senior athlete who plans to play a sport in college should register with NCAA. The website for registration is www.eligibilitycenter.org . There is a registration fee.**