ALABAMA STUDENTS CAN APPLY TO COLLEGE THIS WEEK WITHOUT FEES!

This Special Statewide Application Event is Being Held October 19-23

Montgomery, Ala. – Next week, thousands of Alabama students will be taking the next step to ensuring their promising futures.

These students will be applying to top colleges and universities nationwide, during the 2020 Alabama College Application Week celebration, on October 19-23.

The U.S. Department of Labor estimates nearly 90 percent of America’s future careers will require employees to have postsecondary experience – an associate degree, bachelors, or more. Students need every opportunity to reach their full potential and earning a college degree after high school graduation is a great way to accomplish this goal.

“During this event, high schools statewide will be hosting local college application celebrations – Alabama students will submit applications to colleges across the country,” said Alabama College Application Campaign (ALCAC) Coordinator, Dr. Willietta Ellis Conner. “Last year, more than 350 Alabama schools participated and nearly 34,000 students applied to colleges nationwide.”

Several Colleges Have Waived Application Fees for this Year’s Event

The following colleges and universities have officially waived their application fees this week to allow Alabama students participating in ALCAC Week 2020, to submit their applications to their institutions at no cost:

- Alabama A&M University - Alabama
- Alabama State University - Alabama
- Allen University - South Carolina
- Andrew College - Georgia
- Athens State University - Alabama
- Auburn University – Alabama

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Auburn University at Montgomery - Alabama
Belmont Abbey College - North Carolina
Bethune-Cookman University - Florida
Cumberland University - Tennessee
Edward Waters College - Florida
Faulkner University - Alabama
Florida A&M University - Florida
Florida Southern College - Florida
Fort Valley State University - Georgia
Georgia Institute of Technology - Georgia
Georgia Southwestern State University - Georgia
Huntingdon College - Alabama
Jacksonville State University - Alabama
Judson College - Alabama
Knoxville College - Tennessee
Lander University - South Carolina
Lincoln Tech - Tennessee
Lipscomb University - Tennessee
Marion Military Institute - Alabama
Maryville College - Tennessee
Mercer University - Georgia
Miles College - Alabama
Mississippi College - Mississippi
Ohio University - Ohio
Samford University - Alabama
Selma University - Alabama
Spring Hill College - Alabama
Stillman College - Alabama
Talladega College - Alabama
Tennessee Tech University - Tennessee
The University of Alabama - Alabama
The University of Alabama at Birmingham - Alabama
The University of Alabama in Huntsville - Alabama
The University of West Alabama - Alabama
Troy University - Alabama
Tuskegee University - Alabama
Union University - Tennessee
University of Dayton - Ohio
University of Mobile - Alabama
University of Montevallo - Alabama
University of New Orleans - Louisiana
University of North Alabama - Alabama
University of South Alabama - Alabama
University of West Florida - Florida
Wofford College - South Carolina
Alabama Community College System - Alabama
Bevill State Community College - Alabama
Bishop State Community College - Alabama
Calhoun Community College - Alabama
Central Alabama Community College – Alabama
Chattahoochee Valley Community College - Alabama
Coastal Alabama Community College – Alabama
Drake State Technical College – Alabama

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Enterprise State Community College - Alabama
Gadsden State Community College - Alabama
Jefferson State Community College - Alabama
Lawson State Community College - Alabama
Lurleen B. Wallace Community College - Alabama
Northeast Alabama Community College - Alabama
Northwest Shoals Community College - Alabama
Reid State Technical College - Alabama
Shelton State Community College - Alabama
Snead State Community College - Alabama
Southern Union State Community College - Alabama
Trenholm State Community College - Alabama
Wallace Community College-Dothan - Alabama
Wallace Community College-Selma - Alabama
Wallace Community College-Hanceville - Alabama

*See the list of required application codes and information for each participating college.*

This information is important because it helps to ensure submitted applications from Alabama students are FREE for Alabama College Application Week: https://www.alsde.edu/sec/comm/News%20Releases/Application%20Codes%20and%20Information%20to%20Use%20During%202020%20ALCAC%20Event.pdf

Alabama College Application Week was started eight years ago to increase the overall number of students in our state applying to, and ultimately enrolling in, postsecondary education. https://alabamapossible.org/2020/10/08/alabama-college-application-week-starts-october-19th/

The Cash for College FAFSA initiative and Alabama College Application Week were combined into a single campaign (Alabama Possible) to help more K-12 students apply to college early, and complete their FAFSA applications.

A key goal is to increase the number of young people, especially first-generation and low-income students, pursuing college degrees. Last year during Alabama College Application Week, more than 130 schools had **100 percent Senior Class participation** (all seniors applied to at-least one postsecondary institution).

**Additional Information and Resources**

Students and parents can also get tips on college scholarships and much more at the Alabama Possible-Cash for College website: http://alabamapossible.org/programs/cash-for-college/

Also, the **ACAC Award of Excellence** was presented this year to Sulligent High School and School Counselor Kathy Dean. This award is now presented annually to one school per state. To earn this award, schools must have timely submission of data, demonstrate commitment to student success, and counselor serves as an exemplary model.

**Learn more about College Application Week** by contacting your local school counselor or ALCAC Coordinator, Dr. Willietta Ellis Conner at 334-694-4764 or wconner@alsde.edu. Please use the following link to register for the participating Four-Year Colleges and Universities: https://sites.google.com/g.pellcityschools.net/pchscollegeapplicationweek2020/home

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