

2026 Georgia Scholar Program Recognition

Good afternoon. Today, the DeKalb County School District Board of Education is pleased to recognize the 2026 Georgia Scholar Honorees. DeKalb County School District earned notable recognition this year with a total of 21 honorees. The Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) identifies and honors high school seniors who have achieved excellence in school and community life. Each Georgia Scholar receives a diploma seal and an honorary graduation cord.

The student must earn at least 22 Carnegie Units of credit for graduation.

The student must have a minimum combined score of 1360 on the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) at one test sitting; OR a composite score of 31 at one test sitting on the American College Test (ACT).

A student has a non-weighted, cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.75 on a 4.0 scale.

The student must be registered to vote if a United States citizen and 18 years of age on or before the date of application.

A student must show evidence of self-esteem and concern for others in day-to-day activities.

The student must have participated in at least three (3) different competitive interscholastic activities.

The student must have been appointed by a school official, or elected to, positions of leadership in a minimum of two (2) different organizations sponsored by the school, and

A student has shown evidence of leadership in a minimum of two (2) different organizations outside the school, including being appointed by an organization sponsor or elected to a position of leadership or role of responsibility in a minimum of one (1) of these activities.

The GaDOE Excellence Recognition Program honors outstanding students throughout the state and the DeKalb County School District would like to honor the following students:

Chamblee High School	Athen Blocker
Chamblee High School	Annabelle Brunn
Chamblee High School	Nora Haynes
Chamblee High School	Kathleen Mattison
Chamblee High School	Michael Nickolov
Chamblee High School	William O'Neil
Chamblee High School	Cora Scherrer
Chamblee High School	Ryan Shimabukuro
Chamblee High School	Daniyal Singapuri
DeKalb Early College Academy	Kezia Kotey
DeKalb School of the Arts	Shelby Crews
Druid Hills High School	Adah Rozell
Dunwoody High School	Joshua Estes
Dunwoody High School	Andrew Halligan
Dunwoody High School	David Remigailo
Lakeside High School	Aissatou Diallo
Lakeside High School	Erin Lilic
Miller Grove High School	Hawi Hassen
Tucker High School	Akosua Baah
Tucker High School	Mattie Kelbaugh
Tucker High School	Jiya Shah

Congratulations for being a DeKalb County School District 2026 Georgia Scholar.