

Austin Andrew Griffin
Hamilton County High School, Jasper, FL.
Dream Chasers Academy, Inc.
Joseph T. Cooks Memorial Scholarship

Hamilton County High School Scholarships Common Application

Circle the scholarship you are applying for:

- Catherine P. Allen Memorial
- Class of 1990
- Coca-Cola
- Cunningham
- Dream Chasers Academy, Inc. Joseph T. Cooks Memorial*
- Florida Gateway College: Becky Jo Adams Endowed
- Florida Gateway College: First Federal Bank of Florida
- Florida Gateway College: Jim Camp Memorial
- Florida Gateway College: Lake City Medical Center
- Florida Gateway College: Nutrien
- Coach Barry Gardner Memorial Athletic
- Hamilton County Education Association
- Hamilton County Memorial Hospital Trustee Board
- Hamilton County Republican Party*
- Jasper First United Methodist Church
- Jasper Women's Club
- ☒ Dr. Wade B. Norris, Sr. and Rachel Norris Dickerson Memorial Vocational
- North Florida Community College: Advantage
- North Florida Community College: Presidential

*requires additional application

Name: Austin Andrew Griffin
First Middle Last

Mailing Address: 3599 NW 49th Avenue, Jennings, Florida 32053

Home Phone: 386-938-3873 Cell Phone: 386-855-0044

Parent/Guardian Name: Nathan Griffin

Occupation: Technical Specialist Employer: Nutrien

Parent/Guardian Name: Joanna Griffin

Occupation: Administrative Secretary Employer: Hamilton County School District

Total number living in household: 5 Number in college: 0

Estimated Annual Household Income (mark one):

____ Less than \$10,000

____ \$30,000 – \$39,999

____ \$10,000 – \$19,999

____ \$40,000 – \$49,999

____ \$20,000 – \$29,999

✓ \$50,000 – or more

Have you applied for Financial Aid (FAFSA)? ☒ Y ☐ N Approved? ☒ Y ☐ N Unknown

High School Academic courses (including Dual Enrollment):

12th Grade:
Calculus Honors
ENC 1101- Freshman Eng. 1
ENC 1102- Freshman Eng. 2
POS 2041- American Nat'l Government
SPC1608- Fundamentals of Speech
CGSC100- Computer Apps 1
GEB1011- Intro. to Business
Economics with Financial Literacy Honors

11th Grade:
US History
Physics 1
AP Statistics
Writing 2
English 3
Spanish 2 Honors

10th Grade:
World History
Biology 1
Pre-Calculus Honors
Writing 1
English Honors 2
Spanish 1 Honors

9th Grade:
Environmental Science
Algebra 2 Honors

8th Grade:
Geometry

7th Grade:
Algebra 1

High School Vocational/Elective courses (including Dual Enrollment):

12th Grade:
Executive Internship 1

11th Grade:
Power Weight Training
Weight Training 3

10th Grade:
Personal Fitness Trainer

9th Grade:
Computing for Colleges and Careers
Drivers Education
Individual and Dual Sports 1
Weight Training 1
Weight Training 2
3D Studio Art

Intended Field of Study: Political Science

College or Vocational/Technical School of Choice: Florida State University

Have you applied? ☒ Y ☐ N

Have you been accepted? ☒ Y ☐ N Unknown

Respond to the following items on a separate sheet of paper. Items must be typed.
Respond to each item completely.

1. List your interests, activities, awards, offices held, employment, etc.; which have contributed to your development.
2. Choose one interest or activity listed in item one and explain how that interest or activity has most influenced your development.
3. Describe both your short and long-term goals.
4. In addition to need; why should you be considered for this scholarship?

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Unweighted GPA: _____

Weighted GPA: _____

SAT Scores: Math _____ Verbal: _____ Overall: _____

ACT Scores: English: _____ Math: _____ Reading: _____ Science: _____

Overall: _____

SAMPLE

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I am a firm believer that education is the key to life's many doors of opportunity. Each year, high school seniors across the United States work tirelessly in hopes to extend their educational journey into a college or university. However, many of those seniors face financial limitations that hinder them from achieving their educational desires. As my senior year quickly dwindles down, I realize how crucial it is for me to continue my education at a post-secondary institution to fulfill my life goals.

At a very early age I discovered my passion for debate. I have always held steadfast in my views and opinions and routinely enjoy engaging in friendly debates with others on various topics. There is a level of satisfaction that comes from having successfully persuaded someone to consider their viewpoint from a different angle. It is not a feeling of pride but rather a feeling of accomplishment. For as long as I can remember, I have had an enthusiastic fascination with politics and the legal system. It would be safe to say that I believe I was born to enter the world of law. My life's goal is to establish my own law firm or become a judge. I want to serve the people of my community with honesty and integrity. By choosing to further pursue my education, I will be equipped with the essential tools required to achieve my professional goals. The choice to continue my education will play an important role in whether I can be successful in my chosen field.

I have been accepted to The Florida State University as a Political Science major. There are many challenges that lie ahead on my educational journey, but none as significant as the financial obligations of a college education. I intend to work throughout my college career to assist with financial obligations but I understand the relief a local scholarship such as this one could provide in easing the financial burden of attending a university. My parents will contribute to my

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educational expenses as much as they are able but being the oldest of three boys, naturally their contribution will be limited. If I were to be selected to receive this scholarship, the funds would go toward the purchasing of required textbooks for my courses during the first semester. Having the cost of books covered, even for just one semester, would aid tremendously in my quest to achieve excellence.

Without higher education, we would struggle in our efforts to become a more efficient society. To achieve my professional and personal goals it is necessary for me to obtain a higher education at a post-secondary institution. With the financial assistance of a scholarships such as this one, I believe I can reach my full potential and be of service to those in need.

Austin A. Griffin

Address | email | cell phone

Objective

To attend The Florida State University to obtain a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science, Pre-law.

Education

Hamilton County High School, Jasper, FL

August 2017 - Present; Current Senior; Expected Graduation Date - June 8, 2018

Weighted GPA: 4.11 Unweighted GPA: 3.58

North Florida Community College, Madison, FL

August 2017 - Present; Current Dual Enrollment Student

Valwood School, Hahira, GA

January 2016 - May 2017; 10th and 11th grade

Hamilton County High School, Jasper, FL

August 2012 - December 2015; 7th - 10th grade

North Hamilton Elementary, Jennings, FL

August 2004 - May 2012; Kindergarten - 6th grade

Leadership

- Beta
 - Junior Beta Member: Inducted 6th grade
 - Senior Beta Member: Inducted 10th grade
 - President: 12th grade
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)
 - Leadership Team: 9th - 11th grade
- Future Educators of America (FEA)
 - Treasurer: 12th grade
- School Accreditation Committee - Student Advisory Council: 12th grade
- Student Government/Council

- Class President: 8th, 9th, 10th grades
- Student Council Representative: 11th grade

Community Service

- Burnham Christian Church Vacation Bible School: 7th grade - Present
 - Preparation, Set-Up and Post Clean-Up
 - Actor
 - Recreational Activities Assistant
- Burnham CORE Youth Group: 7th grade - Present
 - Sunday School
 - Bible Study
 - Monthly Community Outreach Activities and Events
 - Community Clean-Up Days
 - Elderly Construction Project
 - MFUGE Youth Camp - South Carolina - Summer 2017
 - Recreational Activities Assistant
- Hamilton County High School Football Camp: 10th grade
 - 7th grade Quarterbacks Camp Instructor
- Little Valiant Football Camp: 11th grade
 - Elementary Camp Instructor
- Private Quarterback Lessons and Tutoring: 12th grade

Extra-Curricular

- Football
 - Hamilton County Recreational Center: Kindergarten - 6th grade
 - Hamilton County High School
 - Middle School Team: 8th grade
 - Junior Varsity: 9th grade
 - Varsity: 9th grade - 10th grade
 - Valwood School
 - Varsity: 11th grade
- Baseball
 - Hamilton County Recreational Center: Kindergarten - 6th grade
 - Hamilton County High School
 - Middle School Team: 7th - 8th grade

- Valwood School
 - Varsity: 10th-11th grade

Work Experience

Clear View Window Services, Jennings, FL

May 2017 - Present

Self-employed. Established this business in May 2017. Provide window cleaning services to both residential and commercial properties. Solicit new clients, develop and maintain professional relationships, provide each customer with complimentary estimates and pristine window cleaning services.

Winn-Dixie, Lake Park, GA

June 2016 - August 2016

Grocery Stocker. Cleared and restocked shelves with new merchandise, assisted the needs of customers.

Deas Brothers Farms, Jennings, FL

May 2015 - August 2015

Farm Hand. Cropping, bailing and stacking tobacco.

Awards/Recognition

- Merit/Honor Roll: Kindergarten - Present
- Hamilton County High School Principal's Award: 8th Grade
- Highest Math Student: 8th grade
- Student of the Month: 8th grade
- Excellence in Environmental Science: 9th grade
- Florida 1A State Runner Up - Football: 9th grade
- Highest Academic Award Football: 9th grade
- Georgia 3A State Runner Up - Baseball: 10th grade