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ALABAMA STUDENTS CAN APPLY TO COLLEGE THIS WEEK WITHOUT FEES!

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

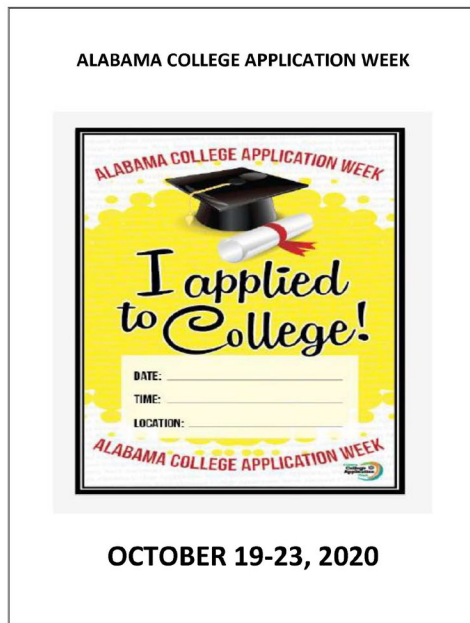
Governor Kay Ivey
President

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

Jackie Zeigler
District I
Vice President

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

Tracie West
District II



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.

Stephanie Bell
District III

“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

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President Pro Tem

nearly 34,000 students applied to colleges nationwide.”

Tommy T. Stewart, Ph.D.
District V

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

Cynthia McCarty, Ph.D.
District VI

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:

Jeff Newman
District VII

- 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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District VIII

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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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