



## 2021 CORRELL SCHOLARS PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND APPLICATION

*A Post-Secondary Scholarship Program Offered To  
Members of the Boys and Girls Club of Southeast Georgia  
And the Gathering Place*

### SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

The Correll Scholars Program has been established by A.D. "Pete" and Ada Lee Correll to assist talented Glynn County high school graduates who are active members of the Elizabeth F. Correll Teen Center or the Gathering Place in pursuing a four-year post-secondary degree through one of Georgia's public academic colleges. The program may award up to four (4) new scholarships annually. **Students must demonstrate continued academic achievement by providing semester grades immediately upon receipt and by submitting a written Report of Progress between years two and three on their greatest accomplishment and an educational obstacle they have overcome.**

The Correll Scholars Program provides an annual scholarship of \$5,000 to students enrolled in four-year academic degree programs. The scholarship is paid directly to the post-secondary institution on behalf of the student each semester to offset costs of tuition, fees, books, and room and board. Any excess funds are distributed to the student through the institution's student accounts services to pay for living expenses.

The criteria for a scholarship award are as follows:

- Applicants must have been active members of the Boys & Girls Club of Southeast Georgia (Club) and the Elizabeth F. Correll Teen Center or the Gathering Place (Place) for at least the two years immediately prior to application. Preference will be given to applicants based on the number of years of membership as well as continued participation and commitment to the Club/Place.
- Applicants must have a **2.75 high school GPA** and, if seeking an academic scholarship, must submit SAT or ACT scores (if applicable, given COVID-19 restrictions and changes to current university application guidelines).
- Applicants must complete an application, provide two short essays and two letters of recommendation (one from a high school teacher familiar with your studies).
- Applications are due to the Boys and Girls Club Career and Readiness Counselor or the Gathering Place representative by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.
- Recommendations for scholarship award winners and alternates are made by the Selection Committee and the Foundation in early May. To secure the actual scholarship, students must submit a copy of their final grades and a copy of their acceptance letter to the selected college within the University System of Georgia.

- Once awarded a scholarship, students must retain academic good standing at the institution and must attain qualifying enrollment status to receive the subsequent year funding: e.g., “sophomore” for year two.
- Additionally, scholarship recipients are required to provide at least 20 hours of volunteer service to the Club or Place during each year of their scholarship, and before securing a subsequent year of scholarship support. Volunteer service may be provided during summer and semester breaks and will be individually designed with respective staff.

The selection process for the Correll Scholars Program will be overseen by the Communities of Coastal Georgia Foundation, where the scholarship fund is housed. Annually, the Board of the Foundation will appoint a Selection Committee comprised of at least five persons representing the Boys & Girls Club of Southeast Georgia, the Elizabeth F. Correll Teen Center, the Gathering Place, and the Correll Family. The Selection Committee will review application materials, interview applicants, and make recommendations for the award to the Board of the Foundation.

In an effort to best support the academic achievement of the awarded students, the Club and the Place encourage scholarship students to assess their skills and interests, explore careers, make sound educational decisions, and prepare to join our nation’s workforce. Club and Place staff may assist teens build their job-search skills and job readiness which includes online career exploration, college and job search information, and college visits. Club and Place staff may serve as a point of contact for students once they are in post-secondary education. Job shadowing and training opportunities round out the program.

### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

- Complete application. Submit all other documentation to the College and Career Readiness Counselor at the Boys and Girls Club c/o Becky Etter at [becky@bgcsega.com](mailto:becky@bgcsega.com) or to the Gathering Place c/o Hudson Hedgecoth at [Hudson@thegp.org](mailto:Hudson@thegp.org).
- The two letters of recommendation can be emailed directly to that representative or must be received in a sealed envelope. They should specifically address your qualifications for a 2021 scholarship award (one must be from a high school teacher familiar with your studies).
- \* Submit a current transcript of grades (9<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> grade) as well as a brief description of courses taken and projected courses to be taken in the 2020-21 school year. Mid-term grades and SAT/ACT scores should be submitted with the application (if obtained). Final grades will be due to the Boys & Girls Club or the Gathering Place after the application deadline.
- \* All letters of recommendation, transcripts, ACT/SAT scores (if obtained), essays and completed applications must be received by April 1st and be complete for the scholarship committee prior to the selection process/interview in May.
- \* Submit a current photo and photo ID.

\*\*\* Application deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup> by 8:00 pm - **NO EXCEPTIONS** \*\*\*

**Failure to do so will render the applicant ineligible for a college scholarship.**



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### **Contact Information**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Boys and Girls Club/Gathering Place Membership (Please circle one)**

DATES OF MEMBERSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_

LIST ALL CLUB ACTIVITIES/CLUB PROGRAM IN WHICH YOU PARTICIPATED:

IN ONE WORD DESCRIBE YOUR CLUB EXPERIENCE: \_\_\_\_\_

### **College Interests**

LIST COLLEGES YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING:

HAVE YOU APPLIED TO ANY OF THESE COLLEGES? \_\_\_\_\_ IF YES WHICH ONES:

HAVE YOU VISITED ANY OF THESE COLLEGES? \_\_\_\_\_

HAVE YOU BEEN ACCEPTED INTO ANY OF THESE COLLEGES? \_\_\_\_\_

IF YES, LIST WHICH ONES:

**Family Information**

FATHER (OR MALE GUARDIAN): \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION: \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYER: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER'S NAME (OR FEMALE GUARDIAN): \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATON: \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYER: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**High School Information:**

HIGH SCHOOL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

LIST TWO TEACHERS AND THEIR CONTACT INFORMATION, WITH WHOM WE CAN DISCUSS YOUR QUALIFICATIONS:

**Activities:**

In order to familiarize the Scholarship Committee with your civic interests, we ask you to list any and all outside or extra-curricular activities that you have participated in, including the functions you have performed in each.

School / Community / Athletics / Employment / Other:

**Essays:**

Submit responses to the following two essay questions. Essays must be submitted as an attachment (Word or Adobe format) to appropriate representative from Club or Place.

Please note that spelling, grammar, and content will impact the Scholarship Committee's decision.

Essay Topic #1- In 500 words or less, describe your Boys & Girls Club/Gathering Place experiences as a member and volunteer. Include specific examples.

Essay Topic #2- Select one of the topics below. Submit an essay in 500 words or less, including specific examples.

- A.) Explain your college goals, including why you chose to go to college and what you expect to experience in your first year.
- B.) Describe any major challenges and/or obstacles you have faced in your life. Explain how you have overcome them.
- C.) Describe an individual who has played a significant role in your life and how this person has made an impact on your pursuit of higher education.

**Additional Documentation:**

Please include the additional documents below:

- Two letters of recommendation. One of these letters **must** be from a high school teacher familiar with your studies.
- Provide a copy of your current progress report.
- Provide a copy of your SAT and/or ACT scores (if obtained).
- Provide a copy of your current high school transcript. A copy of your FINAL GRADES with your graduation date will be due upon graduation.

**Authorization and Release Statement:**

I hereby authorize the Communities of Coastal Georgia Foundation Scholarship Committee, Boys & Girls Club of Southeast Georgia, and the Gathering Place Scholarship Committee to ask for and obtain from the education institution in which I am currently enrolled, regular reports on my academic standing in all subjects.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete applications must be received by the Director of College and Career Readiness, by 8pm April 1st, 2021. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Application packets may be turned in to: Correll Scholars Program, Communities of Coastal Georgia Foundation c/o Elizabeth F. Correll Teen Center, 4226 Coral Park Drive, Brunswick GA, 31520 or Correll Scholars Program, Communities of Coastal Georgia Foundation c/o The Gathering Place at P. O. Box 772, Brunswick, GA 31521.