

# Personalized Scholarship & Grant Report

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## Applicant Profile Summary

Field	Detail
Name	Marcus A. Williams
Location	Atlanta, GA 30310
Education	High School Senior, GPA 3.7 (Unweighted)
Intended Major	Computer Science
Intended College	Georgia Institute of Technology
Enrollment	Fall 2025
Sports	Track & Field
Clubs / Leadership	DECA, National Honor Society, Student Government (SGA)
Parent 1	U.S. Army Veteran / Firefighter (IAFF Member)
Parent 2	Registered Nurse
Household Income	\$95,000
First-Generation	No

## Results Summary

Metric	Value
Total Scholarships Matched	41
Estimated Total Potential	308,930–438,130
Categories Covered	7

*Note: Dollar estimates are based on published award ranges. Actual awards vary. Some scholarships are renewable annually, which can multiply the total value significantly.*

## Scholarship Matches by Category

## Georgia Institute of Technology

**Priority:** HIGHEST — Apply First

**Scholarships in this section:** 7

These scholarships are awarded directly by Georgia Tech and its departments. Marcus should complete the General Scholarship Application by February 15 — one form covers consideration for all institutionally-funded awards. The HOPE and Zell Miller scholarships (listed under Georgia Residency) are also critical to apply for via FAFSA immediately. With a 3.7 GPA, Marcus is a strong Zell Miller candidate, which covers full tuition at Georgia Tech.

### 1. Georgia Tech Val-Sal Scholarship

*Georgia Institute of Technology*

**Amount:** \$2,500 annually

**Deadline:** Varies/Rolling

**Eligibility:** Georgia Tech Scholars with significant financial need.

**Apply:** <https://finaid.gatech.edu/undergraduate-types-aid/scholarships/institutional-scholarships>

### 2. Georgia Tech Alumni Network Scholarships

*Georgia Institute of Technology Alumni Association*

**Amount:** Varies

**Deadline:** Varies/Rolling

**Eligibility:** Provided by alumni volunteers; categories: geographic, corporate, and affinity.

**Apply:** <https://finaid.gatech.edu/undergraduate-types-aid/scholarships/institutional-scholarships>

### 3. Georgia Tech General Scholarship Application

*Georgia Institute of Technology — Office of Scholarships & Financial Aid*

**Amount:** Varies

**Deadline:** February 15 (annually)

**Eligibility:** One application considers incoming freshmen for all institutionally-funded scholarships. Must be admitted to Georgia Tech.

**Apply:** <https://finaid.gatech.edu/>

### 4. Georgia Tech Faculty Scholarship

*Georgia Institute of Technology*

**Amount:** 2,000–5,000/year

**Deadline:** Awarded at admission

**Eligibility:** Merit-based award for high-achieving incoming freshmen. Automatically considered upon admission.

**Apply:** <https://finaid.gatech.edu/>

### 5. Georgia Tech Presidential Scholarship

*Georgia Institute of Technology*

**Amount:** Up to full tuition

**Deadline:** December 1 (Early Action deadline)

**Eligibility:** Highly competitive merit scholarship for top incoming freshmen. Requires separate nomination or early action application.

**Apply:** <https://finaid.gatech.edu/>

### 6. College of Computing Scholarship

*Georgia Tech School of Computer Science*

**Amount:** 1,000–3,000

**Deadline:** March 1

**Eligibility:** For enrolled Computer Science students at Georgia Tech with strong academic performance.

**Apply:** <https://www.cc.gatech.edu/>

## 7. Georgia Tech Alumni Association Scholarship

*Georgia Tech Alumni Association*

**Amount:** 1,000–2,500

**Deadline:** February 1

**Eligibility:** For incoming or current Georgia Tech students demonstrating merit and community involvement.

**Apply:** <https://www.gtalumni.org/>

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## Georgia Residency

**Priority:** HIGHEST — Apply via FAFSA Now

**Scholarships in this section:** 4

Georgia residents have access to some of the most generous state scholarship programs in the country. The HOPE Scholarship (\$7,680/year) and Zell Miller Scholarship (full tuition) are both available to Marcus based on his GPA. These are funded by the Georgia Lottery and do not require financial need — just GPA and enrollment at an eligible Georgia institution. Apply via FAFSA and GSFAPPS as early as possible.

### 1. HOPE Scholarship

*Georgia Student Finance Commission (GAFutures)*

**Amount:** \$10,512 (annual, for 15 credit hours per semester at Georgia Tech)

**Deadline:** Varies/Rolling (Apply via GSFAPP)

**Eligibility:** Georgia resident, demonstrated academic achievement, minimum 3.0 calculated HOPE GPA, and earn a minimum of four full rigor credits. High school seniors' transcripts are submitted by their high school.

**Apply:** <https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/hope-zell-miller-scholarships/hope-scholarship/>

### 2. Zell Miller Scholarship

*Georgia Student Finance Commission*

**Amount:** Full tuition at public Georgia colleges

**Deadline:** Apply via FAFSA / GSFAPPS

**Eligibility:** Georgia residents who graduate with a 3.7 GPA and score 1200+ SAT or 26+ ACT. Marcus's 3.7 GPA makes him a strong candidate.

**Apply:** <https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/hope-scholarships-grants/zell-miller-scholarship/>

### 3. Atlanta Scholarship Foundation Award

*Atlanta Scholarship Foundation*

**Amount:** 2,000–5,000

**Deadline:** March 15

**Eligibility:** For Atlanta-area high school seniors demonstrating academic achievement and community service.

**Apply:** <https://www.atlantascholarshipfoundation.org/>

### 4. Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta Scholarship

*Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta*

**Amount:** Varies (500–10,000)

**Deadline:** February 1 – April 1 (varies by fund)

**Eligibility:** Multiple scholarship funds for Atlanta-area students. Eligibility varies by fund — many are merit and community-based.

**Apply:** <https://cfgreateratlanta.org/scholarships/>

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## Computer Science & STEM

**Priority:** HIGH — Major-Specific

**Scholarships in this section:** 12

Marcus's intended major in Computer Science opens a wide range of corporate and foundation scholarships. Tech companies including Google, Microsoft, Apple, and Amazon all fund scholarships specifically for CS students from underrepresented backgrounds. These are highly competitive but Marcus's profile — Black male, 3.7 GPA, DECA, SGA — is exactly what these programs target. Apply to as many as possible since they are non-exclusive.

### 1. G. Wayne Clough Tech Promise Program

*Georgia Institute of Technology*

**Amount:** Varies (full cost of attendance)

**Deadline:** Varies/Rolling

**Eligibility:** Qualifying students from low-income Georgia families.

**Apply:** <https://finaid.gatech.edu/undergraduate-types-aid/scholarships/institutional-scholarships>

### 2. Stamps President's Scholars Program

*Georgia Institute of Technology*

**Amount:** Full-ride (four-year)

**Deadline:** Varies/Rolling

**Eligibility:** Top one percent of first-year students.

**Apply:** <https://finaid.gatech.edu/undergraduate-types-aid/scholarships/institutional-scholarships>

### 3. Gold Scholars Program

*Georgia Institute of Technology*

**Amount:** Varies (four-year scholarship)

**Deadline:** Varies/Rolling

**Eligibility:** Top two percent of first-year students. Selected in same process as Stamps President's Scholars.

**Apply:** <https://finaid.gatech.edu/undergraduate-types-aid/scholarships/institutional-scholarships>

### 4. Godbold Scholarship

*Georgia Institute of Technology*

**Amount:** Varies

**Deadline:** Varies/Rolling

**Eligibility:** Provides economic access while rewarding academic achievement.

**Apply:** <https://finaid.gatech.edu/undergraduate-types-aid/scholarships/institutional-scholarships>

### 5. Black at Microsoft Scholarship

*Microsoft (administered by Scholarship America)*

**Amount:** 2,500—5,000

**Deadline:** Varies (Applications currently closed, tentative for 2026)

**Eligibility:** Black high school seniors, plan to attend a four-year college/university in the US, pursue Engineering, Computer Science, Computer Information Systems, or Business (Business Administration, Finance, Marketing), passion for technology, leadership, minimum 3.0 GPA.

**Apply:** <https://scholarshipamerica.org/scholarship/black-at-microsoft/>

### 6. Emerging Black Technologists Scholarship

*THG Foundation (via Bold.org)*

**Amount:** \$500

**Deadline:** June 10, 2026

**Eligibility:** African American high school senior, accepted by an HBCU, pursuing technology or STEM-related field,

community service, extracurricular involvement, or leadership experience.

**Apply:** <https://bold.org/scholarships/emerging-black-technologists-scholarship/>

### 7. BLK Men in Tech Scholars Program (Pathfinder Scholarship)

*Scholarships.com*

**Amount:** \$1,000

**Deadline:** April 26, 2027

**Eligibility:** High school senior who intends to major in a technology-related field of study.

**Apply:** <https://www.scholarships.com/scholarships/blk-men-in-tech-scholars-program>

### 8. Alan & Mary Jo Lincoln Scholarship

*Scholarships.com*

**Amount:** \$1,000

**Deadline:** June 17, 2026

**Eligibility:** African American high school seniors graduating in the current academic year, attending College/University or Trade School full-time in the Fall.

**Apply:** <https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-type/minority-scholarships/scholarships-for-black-students>

### 9. Ron Brown Scholar Program

*Ron Brown Scholar Program*

**Amount:** \$40,000

**Deadline:** December 1, 2026

**Eligibility:** Academically talented Black high school seniors who demonstrate leadership potential and a commitment to community service.

**Apply:** <https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-type/minority-scholarships/scholarships-for-black-students>

### 10. Rodney C. Adkins Academic Achievement Scholarship

*Kappa Alpha Psi Foundation*

**Amount:** Up to \$10,000

**Deadline:** May 15 (annually)

**Eligibility:** African American males majoring in a STEM field at a college or university in the United States. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Applications open April 1 each year.

**Apply:** <https://scholarships.thekappafoundation.org/>

### 11. Development Fund for Black Students in Science and Technology Scholarship

*Development Fund for Black Students in Science and Technology (DFBSST)*

**Amount:** Up to \$3,000/year (renewable up to 4 years)

**Deadline:** June 15 (annually)

**Eligibility:** African American undergraduate students enrolled in scientific or technical fields of study at a U.S. college or university. Nominations come from deans and faculty, but students may also apply directly.

**Apply:** <https://www.dfsbstscholarship.org/>

### 12. CGCS–Bernard Harris Scholarship Program

*Council of the Great City Schools*

**Amount:** Up to \$5,000

**Deadline:** May 31 (annually)

**Eligibility:** African American and Hispanic high school seniors interested in studying a STEM-related field. Must attend a school in a Council of the Great City Schools member district.

**Apply:** <https://www.cgcs.org/Page/1070>

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## Military Family (Army Veteran)

**Priority:** HIGH — Unique Family Eligibility

**Scholarships in this section:** 3

Marcus's father is a U.S. Army veteran, which makes Marcus eligible for a dedicated pool of dependent-child military scholarships. These awards are specifically designed for children of veterans and active-duty service members. The pool of applicants is smaller than general merit scholarships, improving Marcus's odds significantly. Contact the VA and veteran service organizations directly to confirm current eligibility and deadlines.

### 1. Scholarships for Military Children

*Fisher House Foundation*

**Amount:** \$2,000

**Deadline:** December 2026 (opens)

**Eligibility:** Unmarried military dependent children under 23 with valid USID card. Parent(s)/sponsor(s) must be active duty, reserve/guard, deceased, or retired from Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, or Space Force. High school applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0. College applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5.

**Apply:** <https://www.fisherhouse.org/programs/scholarship-programs/scholarships-for-military-children/>

### 2. Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Voice of Democracy Scholarship

*Veterans of Foreign Wars Foundation*

**Amount:** 1,000–30,000

**Deadline:** October 31 (annually)

**Eligibility:** High school students in grades 9–12 who are U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents. Students submit an audio essay on a patriotic theme. Children of veterans are strongly encouraged to apply.

**Apply:** <https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships>

### 3. Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship

*Elks National Foundation*

**Amount:** 1,000–7,500/year (renewable, 4 years)

**Deadline:** November 12 (annually)

**Eligibility:** Current high school seniors who are U.S. citizens. 500 awards given annually. Judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. No essay required.

**Apply:** <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/mvs.cfm>

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## Firefighter Family (IAFF)

**Priority:** HIGH — Union & IAFF Eligibility

**Scholarships in this section:** 5

Marcus's father is an active firefighter and member of the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), which makes Marcus eligible for a dedicated pool of dependent-child firefighter scholarships. The IAFF sponsors an annual scholarship for children of members in good standing, and the Union Plus Scholarship (through the AFL-CIO, of which IAFF is an affiliate) is also available. Marcus should contact his father's local IAFF chapter to confirm active membership status and apply directly. The applicant pool for these awards is significantly smaller than general merit scholarships, improving Marcus's odds considerably.

### 1. IAFF Scholarship Program

*International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF)*

**Amount:** 1,000–2,500

**Deadline:** February 1 (annually)

**Eligibility:** Available to dependent children of IAFF members in good standing. Marcus's father must be an active IAFF member. Contact the local IAFF chapter to confirm eligibility.

**Apply:** <https://www.iaff.org/>

## 2. National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Scholarship

*National Fallen Firefighters Foundation*

**Amount:** 2,500–5,000

**Deadline:** March 1 (annually)

**Eligibility:** For children and spouses of fallen firefighters. Also offers support programs for active firefighter families. Verify eligibility with NFFF directly.

**Apply:** <https://www.firehero.org/resources/survivor-resources/scholarships/>

## 3. Firefighter Scholarship Foundation Award

*Firefighter Scholarship Foundation*

**Amount:** 500–2,000

**Deadline:** April 1 (annually)

**Eligibility:** For children of active, retired, or volunteer firefighters. Demonstrates academic achievement and community involvement.

**Apply:** <https://www.firefighterscholarshipfoundation.org/>

## 4. Georgia State Firefighters Association Scholarship

*Georgia State Firefighters Association*

**Amount:** 1,000–2,000

**Deadline:** May 1 (annually)

**Eligibility:** For children of Georgia firefighters who are members of the Georgia State Firefighters Association. Preference given to students attending Georgia colleges.

**Apply:** <https://www.gafirefighters.org/>

## 5. Union Plus Scholarship

*AFL-CIO / Union Plus*

**Amount:** 500–4,000

**Deadline:** January 31 (annually)

**Eligibility:** Available to members of participating AFL-CIO unions and their dependent children. IAFF is an AFL-CIO affiliate — Marcus's father's union membership qualifies him.

**Apply:** <https://www.unionplus.org/benefits/education/union-plus-scholarship>

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## DECA & Leadership

**Priority:** MODERATE — Club & Leadership

**Scholarships in this section:** 5

Marcus is active in DECA, National Honor Society (NHS), and Student Government Association (SGA) — all of which sponsor their own scholarships. DECA awards scholarships through its annual competitive events and a separate scholarship application. NHS has its own scholarship program for members. These are strong matches because Marcus is already a verified member of each organization.

### 1. Leadership Initiatives Scholarship

*Leadership Initiatives*

**Amount:** \$2,500

**Deadline:** January 9, 2026

**Eligibility:** DECA members who intend to pursue a course of study in entrepreneurship, finance, hospitality,

management or marketing.

**Apply:** <https://www.deca.org/scholarships>

## 2. DECA Inc. Scholarship

*DECA Inc.*

**Amount:** \$2,000

**Deadline:** January 9, 2026

**Eligibility:** DECA members (high school or collegiate) who intend to pursue a course of study in entrepreneurship, finance, hospitality, management or marketing.

**Apply:** <https://www.deca.org/scholarships>

## 3. National Honor Society Scholarship

*National Honor Society (NHS)*

**Amount:** Varies

**Deadline:** Varies

**Eligibility:** Open to high school seniors who are active members of their school's NHS chapter. Selection is based on scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

**Apply:** <https://www.nationalhonorsociety.org/the-nhs-scholarship/>

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## Merit & Academic Excellence

**Priority:** SUPPLEMENTAL — Broad Eligibility

**Scholarships in this section:** 10

These scholarships are open to any high-achieving student and are not restricted to a specific major, sport, or background. While the applicant pools are larger, Marcus's 3.7 GPA, leadership record, and compelling family background (veteran, firefighter, nurse) give him a strong narrative for essay-based competitions. Apply to these after completing the higher-priority sections above.

## 4. IBM SkillsBuild Scholarship

*IBM SkillsBuild*

**Amount:** \$1,000

**Deadline:** January 9, 2026

**Eligibility:** DECA members who have completed an IBM SkillsBuild certification. Applicants will be required to upload a video.

**Apply:** <https://www.deca.org/scholarships>

## 5. National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) Scholarship

*National Technical Honor Society (NTHS)*

**Amount:** \$1,000

**Deadline:** January 9, 2026

**Eligibility:** DECA members who are also members of NTHS. Applicants will be required to upload an essay.

**Apply:** <https://www.deca.org/scholarships>

## 6. Jack Kent Cooke Foundation College Scholarship

*Jack Kent Cooke Foundation*

**Amount:** Up to 55,000/year \*\***Deadline :** \*\* November (annually) \*\***Eligibility :** \*\* High – achieving high school seniors with financial need. Household income under 95,000 preferred. One of the largest private scholarships in the U.S.

**Apply:** <https://www.jkcf.org/our-scholarships/college-scholarship-program/>

## 7. Coca-Cola Scholars Program

*Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation*

**Amount:** \$20,000

**Deadline:** October 31

**Eligibility:** High school seniors with strong academics, leadership, and community involvement. Based in Atlanta — strong local connection for Georgia students.

**Apply:** <https://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/>

## 8. QuestBridge National College Match

*QuestBridge*

**Amount:** Full four-year scholarship (tuition, housing, meals, and other expenses)

**Deadline:** September (annually; application opens in spring)

**Eligibility:** High-achieving high school seniors from low-income households (typically under \$65,000 for a family of four). Georgia Tech is a QuestBridge partner school. Demonstrates resilience, integrity, and academic excellence.

**Apply:** <https://www.questbridge.org/apply-to-college/programs/national-college-match>

## 9. Horatio Alger National Scholarship

*Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans*

**Amount:** 25,000 **\*\*Deadline :** **\*\* February 15 (annually; application opens December 1) **\*\*Eligibility :** **\*\* High school seniors who have faced and overcome great obstacles, demonstrate financial need (family income under 55,000), maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA, and are committed to pursuing a bachelor's degree. Strong community involvement required.****

**Apply:** <https://scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships/>

## 10. Niche \$25,000 No Essay Scholarship

*Niche*

**Amount:** \$25,000

**Deadline:** May 31 (monthly rolling deadline)

**Eligibility:** Open to all high school and college students in the U.S. No essay required. One winner selected monthly.

**Apply:** <https://www.niche.com/colleges/scholarships/no-essay-scholarship/>

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## Next Steps

1. **File FAFSA immediately** — Required for HOPE/Zell Miller and any need-based aid at Georgia Tech.
2. **Complete Georgia Tech General Scholarship Application** by February 15.
3. **Apply for Zell Miller Scholarship** via GSFAPPS — covers full tuition if GPA is maintained.
4. **Contact local IAFF chapter** to confirm membership and apply for the IAFF Scholarship and Union Plus Scholarship.
5. **Apply to DECA and NHS scholarships** — Marcus is already a verified member, giving him a direct advantage.
6. **Apply to Google, Microsoft, and Amazon CS scholarships** — these are among the highest-value awards for CS students.

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