

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CAREER/TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIPS

- Calhoun has state workforce development funding to provide Dual Enrollment scholarships to area high school students in technical education courses. This will include any of Calhoun's advanced manufacturing, health and business/CIS programs.
- Students will be identified for the program by high school and homeschool counselors, administrators and instructors. Students must meet the requirements for Dual Enrollment at Calhoun. Funds from this grant must be obligated by August 31, 2009. Because of time constraints, applications will be considered on a first come, first served basis. Classes may be taken at the student's high school (if available) or at either of Calhoun's campuses.

To be eligible for any of the scholarships, students should be in the 10th, 11th, or 12th grade and have at least a "B" average in their completed high school courses. Students must also have written approval from both their high school principal and the local superintendent of education. Some school systems restrict participation to 11th and 12th grade students; students should talk with a counselor from their respective high school to determine participation.

Dual enrollment students must meet normal prerequisite requirements for any course at Calhoun. Prerequisites may be met by completion of the Calhoun Placement Examination (COMPASS) and/or achieving minimum levels on the ACT in English and Mathematics. Students may contact Calhoun's Advising Centers for placement testing or ACT score information.

Students who are enrolled in grades 10, 11, or 12 may be deemed eligible to participate in dual credit/dual enrollment in occupational/technical courses pending demonstrated ability to benefit as documented by successful completion and placement by ASSET, WorkKeys, CPAT, or other assessments approved by the Department of Postsecondary Education.

Students enrolled under the ability-to-benefit provision must have a "B" (3.0 grade point average) in high school courses directly related to the occupational/technical studies (if applicable) which the student intends to pursue at the postsecondary level and an overall 2.5 grade point average in high school course work. Exceptions may be made on an individual student basis after assessment and with the mutual consent of both the School Board and the College.

To apply for a Dual Enrollment Scholarship to Calhoun, the student must:

- Have an interest in one of the Calhoun programs funded through the scholarships, which include Biotechnology, Health, Business/CIS or an Advanced Manufacturing program;
- Meet the requirements for Dual Enrollment in academic or career/technical programs; and
- Complete the appropriate application form, secure the appropriate signatures and return the completed scholarship application, a Dual Enrollment application, and Dual Credit approval form to the Gwen Baker, Dual Enrollment Coordinator, Calhoun Community College, P.O. Box 2216, Decatur, AL 35609. The application form is available by contacting Gwen Baker, Dual Enrollment coordinator, at 256/306-2665 or by email at gzb@calhoun.edu.