

**CHEAHA EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER (EOC)
APPLICATION
GADSDEN STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

First Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Home _____ Cell _____ Check All That Apply: Call Text

Preferred E-Mail _____ Email

Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____ Gender: Male Female

Race: American Indian/Alaskan Native Asian Black/African American White
 Native Hawaiian or Islander More than one race (Please mark all that apply.)

Are you of Hispanic ethnicity? Yes No Is English your native language? Yes No

U.S. Citizen: Yes No

If you are not a U.S. Citizen, are you a permanent resident? Yes No

Green Card # _____ Are you a Veteran? Yes No

Are you currently a participant in a Talent Search or EOC program? Yes No

Did either of your parents/legal guardians graduate from a 4-year university? Yes No

If YES, please list the university name: _____

Disability Eligibility:

Do you have a disability? Yes No If yes, please list disability: _____

Accommodations requested: _____

Academic Goals:

GED Completion Refresher Skills College Enrollment

Other (Please specify): _____

I verify that the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and grant the Cheaha Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) staff permission to review information maintained as part of my permanent records, including admissions data, enrollment data, or other information pertinent to my status in the EOC Program. I authorize EOC to obtain information from financial aid including financial awards. I give Gadsden State permission to send my information to the National Student Clearinghouse for future tracking of college enrollment and/or graduation. I understand my photo may be taken at EOC events and used on marketing and social media. Choosing to opt out of photo opportunities during these events will be my own responsibility. Failure to remain an active EOC participant will result in removal from the program.

Signature _____ Date _____

EOC Staff Initial _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Independent Student:

Number in household _____

Check which was your taxable income in 2020:

- Below \$19,320
- \$19,320 --- \$26,129
- \$26,130 --- \$32,939
- \$32,940 --- \$39,749
- \$39,750 --- \$46,559
- \$46,560 --- \$53,369
- \$53,370 --- \$60,179
- \$60,180 --- \$66,989
- \$66,990--\$73,799
- \$73,800--\$80,609
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Which activities are you interested in?

- Academic Advice (assistance with course selection; making a class schedule)
- Assistance in Applying for Financial Aid
- Assistance in Applying for College
- Career Readiness Information
- College Campus Visits
- Education to Improve Financial Management Skills (Money Matters)
- Placement or Entrance Exam Assistance
- Applying for Scholarships
- Tutoring
- Community Support Resources
- Workshops

Workshops:

- Improving Computer Skills
- Test Taking
- Understanding Financial Aid
- Stress Management
- Time Management
- Study Skills
- Transfer Planning

It is the policy of the Alabama Community College System, including all institutions under its control, that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, disability, gender, religion, creed, national origin, or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program, activity, or employment. (Each institution will make reasonable accommodations for qualified disabled applicants or employees.)

Cheaha Educational Opportunity Center is fully funded by a grant of \$232,050 by the U.S. Department of Education.

Dependent Students and Independent Students

If you can answer “yes” to any of the questions below, please check the box.

- A student can be considered an **Independent Student** (even if a student is under the age of 24) for the following reasons:
 - Were you born before January 1, 1998?
 - As of today, are you married?
 - Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training?
 - Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?
 - Do you now have, or will you have, children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022?
 - Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2022?
 - At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care or were you a dependent or ward of the court?*
 - * If you are not sure if you were in foster care, check with your state child welfare agency. You can find out the contact information for your state child welfare agency by visiting your state child welfare agency.
 - As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor?
 - Does someone other than your parent or stepparent have legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?
 - At any time on or after July 1, 2020, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?
 - At any time on or after July 1, 2020, did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?
 - At any time on or after July 1, 2020, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

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CHEAHA EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER (EOC)
INCOME VERIFICATION FORM**

I, _____,
(Full Name)

as an applicant for the Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) Program at Gadsden State Community College (GSCC) do hereby verify, to the best of my knowledge, that my household **taxable income** for **2020** was \$_____.

Number in Family _____ Independent _____ Dependent _____

Parent's Signature (Dependent Student Only)

Student's Signature

Date

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER (EOC)

Confidentiality Statement

The EOC Program Staff and tutors are here to help you be successful at earning your GED or diploma, or enrolling in college. While we pride ourselves on being an active and cooperative learning community, we also understand the importance of protecting the confidentiality of the academic and personal information you share with us.

This statement is to notify all EOC participants that academic and personal confidentiality can be breached when GSCC policy mandates that security, administrators or staff be notified. In order to maintain a productive and safe environment for everyone, please read and sign the Student Code of Discipline standards related to mandatory staff reporting.

Student Code of Conduct (Actions requiring mandatory reporting):

1. Destruction, damage, theft or misuse of College public or private property
2. Being in possession of or under the influence of alcoholic beverages or non-prescribed, controlled drugs on College property or at a student or College-sponsored function
3. Disruptive or disorderly conduct that interferes with or threatens the health and/or safety of the College community or adversely affects the educational environment of the College including physical or verbal abuse, threat of violence, intimidation, and physical or mental harassment

If you tell an EOC staff member or a tutor that you are in immediate danger of hurting yourself or someone else, we are obligated to inform GSCC Administrators.

Student Name (Print): _____ Date: _____

Student Name (Signature): _____