



President

T*he Georgia Foundation for Independent Colleges, an association of 25 Georgia independent colleges and universities, seeks an accomplished administrator with significant leadership experience in advocacy, public policy, fundraising and collaboration to serve as its next President.*

The Georgia Foundation for Independent Colleges (GFIC) is the unified voice of independent higher education in Georgia. The President reports to a Board of Trustees, which includes presidents and trustees of the member colleges and universities and representatives from business, industry and professional communities.

PRESIDENTIAL OPPORTUNITY

The new

President of the GFIC represents independent higher education in Georgia at the state level. The new executive officer will execute a four-year strategic plan that emphasizes the organization's role in advocacy and public policy, its fundraising

efforts for scholarships, and its commitment to collaborative projects.

The primary responsibility of the GFIC President is to work successfully with legislators, policymakers, and government officials in creating and shaping policies and legislation that benefit independent higher education in Georgia.

Also, the President will

Mission Statement

GFIC supports private higher education in Georgia in the areas of public policy and fundraising for student financial aid, and collaborative projects, in partnership with institutions, business and community leaders.



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be committed to including the college and university presidents as he/she builds relationships with elected officials, foundation officers, state institutions and influential business and community leaders to emphasize the importance and value of independent education to Georgia and its future.

The President will advocate for the benefits and equality of continuing and increasing government scholarship programs for students in independent institutions, recognizing that coalition building among the institutions, trustees and constituents can accomplish critical programs, such as the Georgia Tuition Equalization Grant and the HOPE Scholarship.



LaGrange College

A secondary role for this leader will be to work with foundations, corporations and individuals in seeking private gifts and funding for scholarships and programs that create economic benefits for independent colleges.

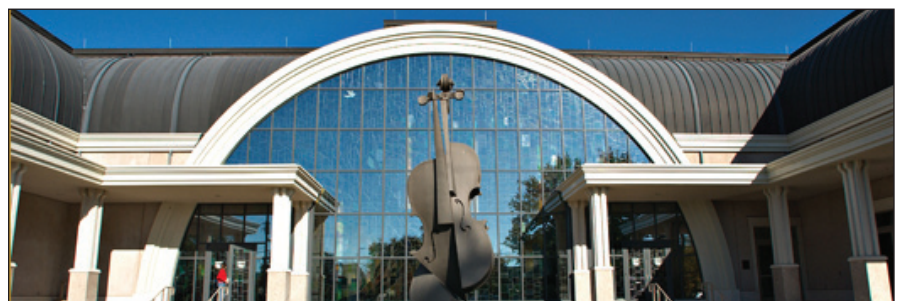
The President will have the professional credentials and experience to be a credible, respected representative of independent higher education.

The GFIC President should have:

- Extensive experience in developing and/or shaping proposals, policies and legislation and working with legislators and government officials
- Substantial knowledge of higher education, preferably independent colleges and universities, including the culture and organization of academic institutions
- Ability to provide insight and counsel on state and federal legislation regarding higher education that could impact member institutions
- Experience serving as a liaison to education-focused agencies, foundations, and organizations at the state and/or federal level
- Significant experience in successful fundraising activities, encompassing goal setting, planning and implementing strategies, identifying new donors, and soliciting gifts
- Understanding of the budgeting, appropriation and legislative processes at the state and federal level
- Effective and persuasive communications, both oral and written, to advance the



Young Harris College



Brenau University



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issues, concerns and goals of the member institutions

- Demonstrated initiative and ability to work collaboratively and effectively with groups and individuals
- Leadership skills to reach a consensus among diverse opinions and viewpoints
- Confidence and judgment to make decisions and to pursue strategic courses of action
- Strong interpersonal, leadership and analytical skills, coupled with the ability to provide direction to accomplish goals
- Ability to develop and nurture relationships, including individuals, businesses, agencies, and foundations
- Ability to work effectively with multiple stakeholders

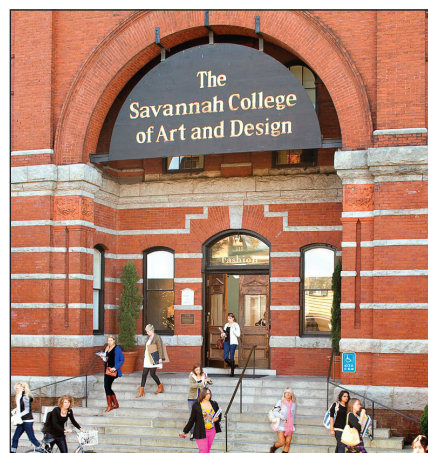


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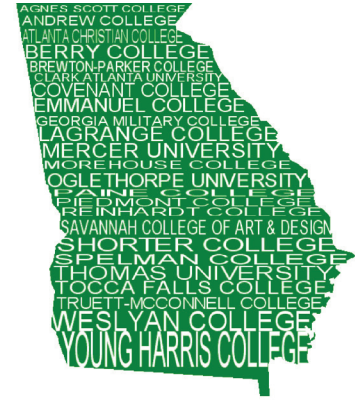
ABOUT GFIC

Founded in 1956 by a group of college presidents and corporate executives, GFIC is the unified voice of independent higher education in Georgia. Located in Atlanta, the Foundation serves its member colleges and universities in the areas of shaping and analyzing public policy, conducting fundraising for student scholarships and financial aid, and initiating collaborative programs in partnership with business and community leaders and member institutions.

A non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, GFIC represents 25 regionally accredited, independent, non-profit, liberal arts colleges and universities in Georgia. The member institutions enroll more than 60,000 students, with minority students representing more than 40 percent of the total enrollment. Nearly 70 percent of the students receive some form of financial aid.



The Savannah College of Art and Design



Member Institutions

Agnes Scott College, Decatur
 Andrew College, Cuthbert
 Atlanta Christian College, East Point
 Berry College, Rome
 Brenau University, Gainesville
 Brewton-Parker College, Mount Vernon
 Clark Atlanta University, Atlanta
 Covenant College, Lookout Mountain
 Emmanuel College, Franklin Springs
 Georgia Military College, Milledgeville
 LaGrange College, LaGrange
 Mercer University, Macon
 Morehouse College, Atlanta
 Oglethorpe University, Atlanta
 Paine College, Augusta
 Piedmont College, Demorest
 Reinhardt College, Waleska
 Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah
 Shorter College, Rome
 Spelman College, Atlanta
 Thomas University, Thomasville
 Toccoa Falls College, Toccoa Falls
 Truett-McConnell College, Cleveland
 Wesleyan College, Macon
 Young Harris College, Young Harris



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The member institutions provide approximately 82,000 jobs, and have a financial impact of more than \$5.8 billion on Georgia's economy across the state.

The GFIC office has a three-member staff, including a Director of Scholarship and Administrative Programs, a Computer Information Specialist and an Administrative Assistant. The Foundation has raised more than \$38.8 million in total private contributions since 1956 and has an endowment of \$9.5 million.

ABOUT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Atlanta is the largest metropolitan city in the Southeast. Considered a top business and transportation hub, the city has the third largest concentration of the country's Fortune 500 companies, including the world headquarters of The Coca-Cola Company, Delta Air Lines and United Parcel Service.

Complementing its vast business community, Atlanta is a major center for cultural, entertainment, and athletic activities. Live theatre, opera, ballet, symphonies, concerts and festivals are only a few of the many offerings of the city. Sports fans enjoy a full range of activities from major league baseball, football, basketball and hockey to PGA golf tournaments and the annual Peachtree Road Race.

Atlanta has one of the largest concentrations of colleges and universities in the country, with more than 30 institutions of higher education.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Send applications, including a cover letter and resume, expressions of interest, and referrals to:

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