

# OFFICIAL RULES

School Crashers®



## Georgia United Foundation School Crashers Program Nominations Accepted March 1 through March 31, 2021

### Background Information & Guidelines

Georgia United Foundation's School Crashers program helps strengthen school systems and communities throughout the state of Georgia by uniting businesses, media partners and volunteers and providing facility enhancements to schools. These school makeover projects provide inspiring environments for students to learn and play.

### Nomination Guidelines

Nominations will be accepted from community residents, educators, students, and businesses for any accredited elementary, middle, or high school in the state of Georgia.

### Eligibility

Nominations will be accepted through the application process as outlined at [gucufoundation.org](http://gucufoundation.org). Those entering must provide their personal contact information. Please also provide the full name of the school, the school's contact information and the name of the principal.

All Georgia United Foundation and Georgia United Credit Union team members and their immediate family members are ineligible to nominate a school.

### Entry

Georgia United Foundation reserves the right to disqualify any nomination it determines tampers with or acts fraudulently with respect to the entry process. In such case, Georgia United Foundation reserves the right to take steps, including but not limited to, the return of the award received.

### Terms and Conditions

1. Georgia United Foundation is the sole sponsor of **Georgia United Foundation School Crashers**.
2. There will be a minimum of one (1) award recipient school selected from applications received from March 1 through March 31, 2021. Additional runner-up school(s) may also be chosen based on the scope of the school makeover project proposed.
3. Schools do not have to give permission in advance to be nominated for the School Crashers program as they have the right to decline any proposed makeover project(s). **All awards go to the chosen school, not to the individual(s) making the nomination.**
4. Nominators must submit a completed School Crashers application online at [gucufoundation.org](http://gucufoundation.org) or mail a completed application to Georgia United Foundation School Crashers, 6705 Sugarloaf Parkway, Duluth, GA 30097. Please explain in 250-words or less, why your school deserves/needs a makeover, and include photo(s) of the area(s) in need of improvement.

5. School Crashers award recipients will be determined by a judging committee appointed by Georgia United Foundation. The decision of the judges will be final.
6. Project requests for structural, plumbing, or electrical enhancements (i.e., build a gym, add restrooms, etc.) will **not** be considered. The majority of projects will be provided using volunteer labor.
7. The top selected school will be notified on Tuesday, May 4, 2021.
8. The top selected school will receive assistance to complete the school improvement project(s) outlined in their application. Application information is subject to verification and school system policies and procedures. Approval from appropriate School System Administration is required prior to any makeover planning or fund distribution.
9. The top selected school will be notified by telephone and/or email address, if provided. The top award recipient will be required to sign an Affidavit of Eligibility and Release of Liability. These forms must be signed and received by Georgia United Foundation within fourteen (14) days after the date they were mailed to the selected school, otherwise an alternate award recipient will be selected.
10. Anticipated School Crashers makeover dates for the top school is tentatively scheduled for July 16-17, 2021.
11. Selected schools agree to permit Georgia United Foundation to use their name/likeness in any credit union materials.
12. There are no substitutions, cash or other considerations in lieu of awards in this program.
13. The funds awarded are non-transferable.
14. Odds of being selected are dependent upon the number of eligible entries received. Multiple, identical, or duplicate entries for the same school do **not** increase odds of being selected, as judges are looking for compelling and unique stories to illustrate school needs.

### **Judging**

School Crashers nominations are reviewed on a weekly basis and shared with a panel of judges who assign points based on the judging criteria. After March 31, 2021, the top scoring schools may be contacted for more information or asked to provide additional photos of the project area. Top finalists from this second round of evaluations are considered and the final award recipients will be selected by the Foundation.

### **Deadline for Entry**

The deadline to nominate or apply for the 2021 School Crashers program is March 31, 2021.

### **Awards**

The amount of the top award(s) will be determined by the scope of the requested makeover projects. The total amount reserved for all awards is subject to change, based on donor participation. The top makeover award value is generally estimated at \$75,000 or less. Award recipients are responsible for all federal, state, local or other tax assessments that may be associated with or imposed upon 2021 School Crashers recipients.

A list of selected schools will be posted online at [gucufoundation.org](http://gucufoundation.org), or a list can be requested by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope after Tuesday, May 4, 2021, to:

Georgia United Foundation  
Attn: School Crashers Program  
6705 Sugarloaf Parkway  
Duluth, GA 30097