



Graduation Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Where can I find out more about graduation?** Information concerning graduation can be found on the Talladega College website at <https://www.talladega.edu/graduation/>. Updates and reminders will also be sent from registrar@talladega.edu to the Talladega College email address of those who are potential graduates.
2. **When will I get my diploma?** Graduates will receive 2 diplomas: 1 electronic diploma and 1 paper diploma. Talladega College partners with Parchment to provide diplomas to graduates. The electronic diploma is sent to your phone by text message and/or personal email after your degree has been conferred. The paper diploma will be shipped to the address that is on your graduation application and should arrive 7-10 business days after your conferral date. **The [Graduation Clearance Form](#) must be submitted, signed by all on the form, and received by the Registrar's Office before your diplomas, final transcripts, and graduation packet are released.**
3. **What is in the graduation packet?**
 - a. **Undergraduate:** Undergraduate cap and gown, 2 final transcripts, guest tickets for the Commencement Ceremony, and a Talladega College padfolio. If you are graduating with your bachelor's degree, a hood will also be in your packet. If your graduation packet is mailed to you due to not attending the Commencement Ceremony your diploma cover, and a Commencement Ceremony program will also be in the packet. Other items that may be in the packet depending on your final GPA include the following: stole, cord, medallion, and highest honors gifts (for those who receive medallions).
 - b. **Graduate:** Master's degree cap and gown, 2 final transcripts, guest tickets for the Commencement Ceremony, and a Talladega College padfolio. Hoods are given during the graduate program hooding ceremony. If your graduation packet is mailed to you due to not attending the Commencement Ceremony, your hood, diploma cover, and a Commencement Ceremony program will also be in the packet. Other items that may be in the packet depending on your final GPA include the following: stole, cord, medallion, and highest honors gifts (for those who receive medallions).
4. **Will I get a stole or cord?** Academic stoles and cords will be provided when you pick up your graduation packet with the Registrar's Office for those who meet the academic requirements.

- a. **Stoles:** Stoles are for those who have obtained one of the three college wide honors: cum laude, magna cum laude, and summa cum laude. The career GPA must be as follows to meet the criteria.

Cum Laude (with honor)	3.50 - 3.69
Magna Cum Laude (with high honor)	3.70 - 3.89
Summa Cum Laude (with highest honor)	3.90 and above
 - b. **Cords:** Cords are provided to those who do not meet the GPA criteria for one of the three college wide honors and have a minimum career GPA of 3.3. These students are noted as graduating with departmental distinction.

5. **Will I get a medallion?** Medallions (medals) are provided to the undergraduate valedictorian (highest career GPA in the undergraduate program), and to those with the highest career GPAs for each division. To qualify for one of these honors, a student must have attended Talladega College during their entire college educational experience. Transfer students are not awarded one of these honors but are able to receive college and departmental honors.

6. **Can someone else pick up my graduation packet?** Yes, send an email to registrar@talladega.edu to inform us who will be picking up your items (first and last name on their ID). The person will need to bring their ID when they come to the Registrar's Office. Acceptable forms of ID are a valid student ID, driver's license, state ID, passport, or military ID. **The [Graduation Clearance Form](#) must be submitted, signed by all on the form, and received by the Registrar's Office before your diplomas, final transcripts, and graduation packet are released.**

7. **If I do not attend the commencement ceremony, when will I receive my graduation packet?** Graduation packets for those who do not attend graduation are normally sent 2 weeks after the Commencement Ceremony. The exact date is provided by the Registrar's Office and is normally posted on the graduation checklist. **The [Graduation Clearance Form](#) must be submitted, signed by all on the form, and received by the Registrar's Office before your diplomas, final transcripts, and graduation packet are released.**

8. **If I have international guests who are attending and need a letter of invitation from the college, what do I do?** Send an email to registrar@talladega.edu with a copy of each guest's passport and their relationship to you (ex. Mother, sister, cousin, etc.). Please indicate if you want the letter emailed to you or if you will pick up the letter. The Registrar's Office will send an email with the letter once completed or send you an email informing you of when it is available for pickup.

9. **Will guests need tickets for the Commencement Ceremony?** Priority tickets are provided in the graduation packets to be given to guests graduates will like to have first access to seating in the graduation venue. The entry times for guests with priority tickets is to be announced. After the priority entry time, guests without tickets may enter.