



Gala FAQ

Attire

What is the dress code?

Semi-formal attire. Think Captain's Night on a cruise.

Are gowns or tuxedos required?

Gowns and tuxedos are not required, but are welcome.

Tickets and Sponsorship

How do I purchase tickets?

Tickets may be purchased [here](#).

Is there a deadline to purchase tickets?

Yes, tickets must be purchased by Friday, February 13, 2026, unless sold out earlier.

How do I reserve a table?

Tables of 8 or 10 may be purchased [here](#).

Can I become a sponsor?

Yes, anyone can be a Gala sponsor. [Click here](#) to view the available sponsorships.

Will there be assigned seating?

Guests who purchase a table will have reserved seats. Single-ticket purchasers can choose from a variety of open tables throughout the room. A diagram will be available for viewing at cocktail hour.

What is the schedule for the evening?

Cocktail hour will begin at 7pm, followed by the program at 8:15pm. Dinner will be served at 8:45pm, followed by live music, casino games, and more. The evening will conclude at 11pm.

Auction

Will there be an auction or raffle?

Yes, a silent auction will be available to event guests and to community members participating from home. The auction will take place online via GiveSmart, with access details shared in the days leading up to the event.

How do I retrieve the items I win?

Items may be collected from the checkout table at the end of the evening. If you are unable to pick up your items that night, please contact the Advancement Office at (813) 909-7919 to arrange a pickup time.

Food and Beverage

What is being served for dinner?

Dinner will feature a duet plate of chicken Boursin and filet mignon, with a vegetarian portabella mushroom entrée available upon request.

Will alcohol be served?

Yes, a hosted open bar will be available. Guests must present a valid ID.

Accessibility and Guest Needs

Is the venue accessible?

Yes, the venue is ADA-compliant. Guests with specific accessibility needs are encouraged to contact Sue Gunther at sgunther@aatl.org for assistance

May I bring a guest?

Yes, each ticket admits one guest unless otherwise noted.

Is my student able to attend this event?

No, this is a parent-only event.

Parking

Is parking available?

Yes, complimentary valet is available for all guests. [View the map here.](#)