

STATE GRANT & SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM INFORMATION

Basic Eligibility Requirements for Hope Programs:

- Must have been a U.S. citizen or Eligible Non-Citizen for at least 12 consecutive months prior to the first day of class of the term in which the student is seeking assistance from any state program
- Must have been a resident of the State of Georgia at the time of high school graduation, home school program or successful GED completion for a minimum of 12 consecutive months prior to the first day of classes for the term in which assistance from a state program is sought; **OR** if student was not a resident of the State of Georgia at the time of high school graduation, home school program or successful GED completion, student must meet the minimum residency requirement of 24 consecutive months prior to the first day of classes for the term in which assistance from a state program is sought
- Must be meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Requirements
- Must be registered with Selective Service
- Cannot be in default/repayment on a student loan
- Cannot owe a refund on any federal/state grant
- Cannot receive assistance from state programs if convicted of a drug related felony from the date of conviction to the completion of the following school term
- Cannot receive assistance from state programs while incarcerated

This chart contains the most current information on the HOPE programs. Please note that this information is subject to change based on regulations from Georgia Student Finance Commission. Beginning Fall Semester 2013, all students must file a FAFSA to be evaluated for HOPE program funding.

Criteria	Fall Semester 2011 and Beyond	Additional Eligibility Information
Tuition	\$60.75 per credit hour up to 15 credit hours	
Fees	No HOPE award	
Books	No HOPE award	
HOPE GRANT https://secure.gacollege411.org/Financial_Aid_Planning/HOPE_Program/_default.aspx		
Baccalaureate Degree	Not eligible for an award.	Must be in an eligible diploma or certificate program
GPA Requirement	Minimum 3.0 GPA at the 30 and 60 semester hour checkpoints. If less than 3.0 GPA at the 30 semester hour checkpoint, the student may regain if GPA is at least 3.0 at 60 semester hour checkpoint. All attempted courses taken towards any degree are counted in the paid hours limit and cumulative GPA.	
Learning Support	Eligible for an award. HOPE Grant paid-hours for learning support coursework do not count in the HOPE Grant GPA and checkpoint calculations.	
Dual Enrollment	Eligible for an award. HOPE Grant paid-hours for dual enrollment coursework do not count in the HOPE Grant GPA and checkpoint calculations.	
Paid-Hours Limit (Cap)	Tuition payment for hours up to the 63 semester / 95 quarter hours limit, regardless of program length. Students will be responsible for all tuition payments for hours attempted beyond this limit.	
Residency	Students who were not Georgia residents upon graduation from high school or a home study program must meet GA residency requirements for 24 months prior to the term HOPE Grant is sought.	
HOPE SCHOLARSHIP https://secure.gacollege411.org/Financial_Aid_Planning/HOPE_Program/Georgia_s_HOPE_Scholarship_Program_Overview.aspx		
GPA Requirement	Must have graduated from an eligible high school with at least a 3.0 GPA and earn a 3.0 GPA at the 30,60 or 90 semester hour checkpoints. Students may regain	Must be in an Associate Degree program Student must also complete a HOPE Scholarship Evaluation form

	eligibility one-time at a tier checkpoint (30/60/90) if eligibility is lost. All attempted courses taken towards any degree are counted in the paid hours limit and cumulative GPA.	
Learning Support	Not eligible for an award	
Dual Enrollment	All dual enrollment hours do not count towards attempted-hours in determining HOPE Scholarship eligibility.	
Seven Year Eligibility	Students become ineligible for HOPE Scholarship seven years after the date they graduated high school or equivalent. Students who received a HOPE Scholarship payment during the 2010-2011 award year will remain eligible through June 30, 2015, regardless of graduation date. Active duty military service time does not count against the seven-year period.	
ZELL MILLER SCHOLARSHIP https://secure.gacollege411.org/Financial_Aid_Planning/Scholarships/Zell_Miller_Scholarship/Zell_Miller_Scholarship_Program_Overview.aspx		
Eligibility Requirement	Determined by Georgia Student Finance Commission. For more information, visit www.gsfc.org	
GPA Requirement	Minimum 3.3 GPA requirement at all checkpoints (30/60/90 semester hour, End of Spring, & Three-Term). If a student drops below the 3.3 GPA minimum requirement, but maintains at least a 3.0 GPA or higher, the student can be awarded the HOPE Scholarship. Students may regain eligibility one-time if eligibility is lost.	
HOPE GED GRANT https://secure.gacollege411.org/Financial_Aid_Planning/HOPE_Program/Georgia_s_HOPE_GED_Grant.aspx		
	Voucher will be issued to the student upon enrollment at any eligible postsecondary institution. The GED voucher is valid for 24-months from date of issuance.	