

The HOPE, SIWDG and SALT Programs for Technical College Students

For more information, contact your local TCSG college and/or the Georgia Student Finance Commission, www.gacollege411.org.

Criteria

Tuition	The HOPE Grant pays a significant percentage of TCSG standard tuition. Check with your local TCSG college to learn more.
Books and Fees	No HOPE award.

HOPE GRANT

Baccalaureate Degree	Does not apply; the HOPE Grant applies toward certificate and diploma programs.
GPA Requirement	No GPA requirement at first enrollment. Students at a 30 or 60 checkpoint will be checked for a 2.0 GPA. If a student loses eligibility at the 30 semester hour checkpoint, they are not eligible to regain the Grant until the 60 hour checkpoint. However, if you lost the HOPE Grant between 2011 and 2013 because of the past requirement to maintain a 3.0 GPA, you may be eligible to regain the Grant as long as your HOPE Grant GPA was 2.0 or higher in your last term of attendance. It is important that you contact your TCSG college for more information.
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 <u>semester</u> hour limit, regardless of program length. Students will be responsible for all tuition payments for hours attempted beyond this limit. Learning support hours do count toward the HOPE Grant hours cap; dual enrollment hours do not.
Residency	Students who were not Georgia residents upon graduation from high school, completion of a home study program or GED test date must meet Georgia residency requirements for 24 months prior to the term HOPE Grant is sought. Dual enrolled or joint enrolled students must meet the Georgia residency requirements for 12 months. Active military, their spouses and their dependents are Georgia residents for HOPE Program purposes if stationed in Georgia or list Georgia as their residence of record.

ZELL MILLER GRANT

Eligible Programs	Pays 100% of tuition for certificate and diploma programs at TCSG colleges.
Books and Fees	Not covered.
GPA Requirement	To obtain and keep the Zell Miller Grant, students must have a 3.5 GPA or better after completion of a technical college semester, then maintain a 3.5 GPA or better at the end of each subsequent semester. Students who fall below a 3.5 GPA will still be eligible for the HOPE Grant as long as their GPA is 2.0 or better.
Dual Enrollment	Does not apply.
Paid-Hours Limit	Same as HOPE Grant.
Residency	Same as HOPE Grant.

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GEORGIA'S STRATEGIC INDUSTRIES WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GRANT AWARD

TCSG students who are receiving the HOPE Grant may also be eligible for additional financial assistance from Georgia's Strategic Industries Workforce Development Grant (SIWDG) Award in a number of TCSG programs.

Eligible Programs	Commercial Truck Driving Diesel Mechanic	Early Childhood Care/Education Healthcare Technologies	Information Technology Practical Nursing	Welding
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Qualifications To qualify, a TCSG student must be fully admitted to the college, enrolled in one of the above programs and receiving the HOPE Grant for the same term.

Award Amounts The amount of the SIWDG Award is a fixed amount* for each term of enrollment:

Enrolled Hours	Award Amount per term
9+ hours	\$500.00
3 - 8 hours	\$250.00
1 - 2 hours	\$125.00

Contact your area TCSG college for more information.

Special Notes * Eligibility for the SIWDG Award for the Commercial Truck Driving program is for one term only. The SIWDG can be awarded during the same term as the HOPE GED Grant, HOPE Grant, or Zell Miller Grant if all other eligibility requirements are met up to cost of attendance. High school students in dual enrollment programs are not eligible for the SIWDG Award.

HOPE SCHOLARSHIP

GPA Requirement For associate degree programs, students must maintain a 3.0 GPA or better at 30, 60 and 90 hour checkpoints. Students may regain eligibility one time at a checkpoint if eligibility is lost.

Learning Support Not eligible for an award.

Seven Year Eligibility Students become ineligible for the HOPE Scholarship seven years after the date they graduated high school or equivalent. Students who received a HOPE Scholarship payment prior to Summer Quarter 2011 will remain eligible through June 30, 2015, regardless of graduation date. Active duty military service time does not count against the seven-year period.

Residency Students who were not Georgia residents upon graduation from high school, completion of a home study program or a GED test date must meet Georgia residency requirements for 24 months prior to the term the HOPE Scholarship is sought. Active military, their spouses and their dependents are Georgia residents for the HOPE Program purposes if stationed in Georgia or list Georgia as their residence of record.

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ZELL MILLER SCHOLARSHIP

Eligibility Requirement

Determined by Georgia Student Finance Commission. Students must meet the requirements of the HOPE Scholarship. Students must have graduated from an eligible high school with a GPA of 3.7, and received prior to graduation (excluding 2011 graduates), a score of at least 1200 combined critical reading score and math score on a single administration of the SAT or an ACT composite scale score of at least 26; or completed a home study program and earning a 3.3 GPA at the 30 semester hour checkpoint and satisfying the SAT or ACT requirement; or graduated as a valedictorian or salutatorian from an eligible high school. Only one valedictorian and salutatorian per high school are eligible.

GPA Requirement

Minimum 3.3 GPA requirement at all checkpoints. 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.

SALT (STUDENT ACCESS LOAN – TECHNICAL)

Eligible Programs

Can be used to pay college-related expenses, including tuition, books and fees, at all TCSG colleges. The loan is administered by the Georgia Student Finance Authority.

Loan Amount

\$300 up to \$3,000 annually, depending on need.

GPA Requirement

Students are expected to maintain satisfactory academic progress.

Dual Enrollment

Does not apply.

Special Note

Loan debt is forgiven if student graduates with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.

HOPE GED VOUCHER

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.