



Student Financial Aid

# Petition for Georgia Residency for State Scholarships/Grants

(This form is for HOPE only and does not affect residency status for tuition purposes)

**Note: If a change in classification is approved, it will affect future terms only (not current or prior terms).**

<b>Student's Name:</b>	
<b>Student's CTC ID:</b>	<b>Date of Birth:</b>
<b>Student email address:</b> _____	
<b>Full mailing address:</b> _____	
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I am submitting this petition for in-state purposes to receive HOPE for \_\_\_\_\_ semester.

### *High school/homeschool/GED information*

Name of high school/homeschool/GED test center: \_\_\_\_\_

City and State: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of completion: \_\_\_\_\_

### *Georgia Residency information*

Date you and your family moved to Georgia: \_\_\_\_\_

Georgia Driver's License #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date issued: \_\_\_\_\_

Please write a brief statement (**print legibly or type**) describing why you should be considered a Georgia resident for HOPE purposes. *You may use additional paper if needed.*

Please include the following information in your statement:

- Purpose for coming to (or remaining in) Georgia
- Reasons why you expect to remain in Georgia indefinitely
- When you decided to become a legal resident of Georgia

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Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Non-U.S. Citizens

Date the **permanent residence status** was granted by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (formerly the Department of Immigration and Naturalization Service): \_\_\_\_\_  
(MM/DD/YYYY)

### DOCUMENTATION MUST BE PROVIDED

### Military Record Information

Are you in active duty of Military Service? \_\_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

Are you stationed in Georgia? \_\_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

### Dependent Student – Georgia Residency Requirements

For students under the age of 24 and your parent/guardian claimed you on their most recent tax return. Please attach to this form:

- A copy of your parent's/legal guardian's most recent Georgia State Income Tax Form 500 showing that you were claimed on their taxes (All information can be blacked out except the student's SSN)
- A copy of your parent's/legal guardian's Georgia Driver's License
- At least two additional supporting documents (see list of acceptable documentation below) to prove Georgia residency for the past 12 consecutive months for your parent or guardian and must be dated back 12 months prior to the start of the term. ***If you did not graduate from a Georgia high school, please provide documentation of Georgia residency for the past 24 consecutive months.***

### Independent Student – Georgia Residency Requirements

For students over the age of 24 or those under 24 and your parent/guardian **did not** claim you on their most recent tax return. Please attach to this form:

- A copy of your most recent Georgia State Income Tax Form 500 (All information can be blacked out except the student's SSN)
- A copy of your Georgia Driver's License
- At least two additional supporting documents (see list of acceptable documentation below) to prove Georgia residency for the past 12 consecutive months and must be dated back 12 months prior to the start of the term. ***If you did not graduate from a Georgia high school, please provide documentation of Georgia residency for the past 24 consecutive months.***

#### List of Acceptable Documentation

- Georgia Automobile Registration
- Georgia Voter Registration
- Notarized letter on company letterhead indicating lease status
- Proof of ownership of primary residency in Georgia
- Utility bill in your name (example: electricity, cable, water, telephone, not cellular phone.)
- Other documentation may be acceptable at the discretion of the Financial Aid office

Submission of this form does not guarantee a change of residency status for HOPE. Per state policy: Determining a student's residency status must be based on the existence of surrounding objective circumstances that indicate a student's intent to maintain a permanent residence, or domicile, in the State of Georgia. The decision to change residency for HOPE purposes is at the discretion of the financial aid office. Students will be notified via email with a decision.

Form guidelines:

- Documents submitted that are not listed as an acceptable document will delay your petition decision
- Incomplete forms will not be processed
- If you are a Non-U.S. citizen, you must have Permanent Residence Status or Asylum Status to be considered for in-state tuition.