# Petition for Georgia Residency for HOPE Scholarship/Grant

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

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

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I am submitting this petition for in-state purposes to receive HOPE for ______________ semester.

Date of high school/homeschool/GED completion: __________________________

Name and location of high school/homeschool/GED test center: __________________________

Date you and your family moved to Georgia: __________________________

Driver’s License #: __________ Date issued: __________ (GA License Required)

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### 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**

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### Military Record Information

Are you in active duty of Military Service? _____yes _____no

Are you stationed in Georgia? _____yes _____no

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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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**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 Georgia Driver’s License.
- A copy of your parent’s/legal guardian’s most recent Georgia tax records showing that he/she claimed you on their taxes (All information can be blacked out except the student’s SSN); and
- 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, or 24 consecutive months if you were not a Georgia resident at the time of your high school graduation.

**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 tax records (All information can be blacked out except the student’s SSN); and
- At least two additional supporting documents (see list of acceptable documentation below) to prove Georgia residency for the past 12 consecutive months, or 24 consecutive months if you were not a Georgia resident at the time of your high school graduation.

- 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

Please submit this form to the **Financial Aid Office** at any Chattahoochee Technical College campus. This form must be postmarked no less than ten 10 days prior to the beginning of the academic term.

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.

**Office use only:**
- **GA resident at time of HS Graduation:** Yes ☐ No ☐ If no, date eligibility begins: __________
- **Approved:** ☐  **Denied:** ☐
- **Date of student notification:** ____________________  **Signature:** __________________________