

HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarship Academic Eligibility Evaluation Request

A student who graduated from an ineligible high school, completed a home study program in accordance with the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 20-2-690(c), or earned a General Education Development (GED) diploma from the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) after June 30, 1993 must follow these steps to be evaluated.

1. Check one box for academic eligibility evaluation:

- Ineligible High School Graduate** - student who graduated from a high school that is not accredited by one of the accrediting agencies (list found at <https://www.GAfutures.org>) referenced in the Georgia law governing the HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarship programs.
- Accredited Home Study Student** – student who completed a high school program that is accredited by one or more accrediting agencies (list found at <https://www.GAfutures.org>) referenced in the Georgia law governing the HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarship programs and received a diploma from the accredited high school program (school administrator/official must complete the academic rigor section on page two of this form).
- Unaccredited Home Study Student** - student who received academic instruction from a parent or legal guardian in a setting other than a traditional classroom. The home study program is not accredited by one of the accrediting agencies referenced in the Georgia law governing the HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarship programs.
- GED Recipient** - student who received a General Education Development diploma from TCSG.

2. Complete the Georgia Student Finance Application (GSFAPPS) at www.GAfutures.org or the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov. See GAcollge411.org website for application deadline date.

3. Documents to submit

All students

- SAT or ACT scores with a signed statement on the report that indicates it is a “true and exact” copy of the original official report or request an original SAT report at www.collegeboard.org or ACT report at www.actstudent.org

Ineligible High School Graduate

- Official high school transcript that includes graduation date (mm/dd/yyyy) and official transcript(s) from all colleges attended (if applicable)

Accredited Home Study Program Student

- Official high school program transcript that includes graduation date (mm/dd/yy) and official college transcript(s) from all colleges attended (if applicable)

Unaccredited Home Study Program Student

- Official home study program transcript that includes completion date (mm/dd/yyyy) and administrator’s signature and official transcript(s) from all colleges attended (if applicable)

GED Recipient

- A copy of your official GED diploma from TCSG and official transcript(s) from all colleges attended (if applicable)

4. Complete, sign, and submit this request form and the required documents as one package to:

Georgia Student Finance Commission
Student Aid Services
2082 East Exchange Place
Tucker, Georgia 30084

First Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____
 Date of Birth _____ Social Security Number _____
 Email _____ Telephone _____
 Permanent Mailing Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Accredited Home Study Student: School administrator/official must review the Georgia Department of Education’s (GADOE) website and the Academic Rigor course list to identify the rigor courses completed by students who graduated on or after May 1, 2015. Follow these steps to access the information:

1. Log onto www.gadoe.org to view GADOE courses and descriptions.
2. Review and compare your high school courses to GADOE course numbers and descriptions, then identify the courses comparable to those found on the [Academic Rigor Course List](#).
3. List the academic rigor courses in the “Academic Rigor Course Information” section on this form
 - Class of 2015 high school graduates must earn 2 full credits from the rigor course list
 - Class of 2016 high school graduates must earn 3 full credits from the rigor course list
 - Class of 2017 high school graduates and beyond must earn 4 full credits from the rigor course list

Academic Rigor Course Information (complete Academic Rigor list found at www.GAcollge411.org)		
High School Course Name	Credit Hour	Course Description (attach course description)
Certification (All students)		
<p>Please sign below to certify that the information reported above and on any document or writing in connection with this application is true, correct, and complete. A person who knowingly and willfully falsifies, conceals, or covers up by any trick, scheme, or device a material fact; makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation; or makes or uses any false writing or document, knowing the same to contain any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or entry, in any matter within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of state government or of the government of any county, city, or other political subdivision of this state shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00 or by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than five years, or both. O.C.G.A. § 16-10-20, et seq.</p>		
High School Administrator Name, Title, Signature, and Date		
Student Signature and Date		
Parent/Guardian Signature and Date		

Note: Faxed or emailed copies, online printouts (transcripts or test scores), or test answer sheets will not be accepted.