

# Class of 2020 – FAQ regarding SAT and ACT Cancellations

## As of Dec 2, 2020

### Class of 2020 - Graduates of Georgia Public and Private High Schools and of Accredited Home Study Programs

#### **Do I need to do an application for the Zell Miller Scholarship or HOPE Scholarship?**

Yes, you must submit a FAFSA for each year enrolled in college or a GSFAPPS (good for 10 years). For the 2021-2022 School Year, the 2021-2022 FASFA opened on October 1, 2020. It is available for high school seniors and college students planning to enroll in college for the upcoming year. Apply early.

#### **I am a 2020 Georgia high school Graduate and have not been able to take the SAT or ACT. Can I qualify for Zell Miller Scholarship without the test scores?**

Due to the COVID-19 Public Health emergency, students who graduated from an eligible high school or completed an accredited home study program on or after March 14, 2020 have until June 30, 2021 to obtain and submit to GSFC a minimum score of 1200 on the combined critical reading and math portions on a single National Administration of the SAT or a composite scale score of at least 26 on a single National or State/District Administration of the ACT as required for the Zell Miller Scholarship Program eligibility.

Note: You must also have a final HOPE Calculated high school GPA of 3.7 or higher and have at least 4 rigor credits (based on the transcript data submitted to GSFC by the high school; high schools have until June 30 to submit transcript records).

#### **Will I be awarded Zell Miller Scholarship for Fall term 2020, Winter and/or Spring term 2021 until I am able to take the SAT or ACT?**

Students who graduated from a HOPE eligible high school or an accredited Home study program with a minimum 3.0 HOPE Calculated GPA may be awarded the HOPE Scholarship. *\*Must meet all eligibility requirements.*

Upon earning and submitting a qualifying test score to GSFC by June 30, 2021, the postsecondary institution you attend may confirm your eligible score for the Zell Miller Scholarship in GSFC's system. The initial HOPE Scholarship for Fall term 2020, Winter and/or Spring Term 2021 will be canceled and you can be retroactively awarded Zell Miller Scholarship for these terms you were enrolled in a HOPE Eligible Institution and meet all other eligibility requirements.

You may be refunded any tuition you paid initially when the Zell Miller Scholarship award is applied to your account at your institution.

#### **Is there any financial aid available to assist with the difference between the HOPE Scholarship Award and what I would receive from the Zell Miller Scholarship Award?**

Students who graduated from an eligible high school or accredited home study program may apply for a micro Student Access Loan (SAL) for the 2020-2021 year. The loan amount may equal the difference between the HOPE Scholarship and Zell Miller Scholarship award amounts at your institution, per 2020-2021 terms and credit hours of your enrollment.

#### **How do I apply for the Fall term only SAL?**

The online SAL application is scheduled to open early July. You must have 2020-2021 FASFA on file or a GSFAPPS (links can be found in GAfutures).

Note: Funds are limited, based on first come first served. Once your application is processed, your college will certify your enrollment and loan amount.

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### **Will I have to make monthly loan payments?**

Payments will not be required until after June 30, 2021. Payment requirements are based on the Promissory Note you sign.

### **What if I do not earn a SAT or ACT score eligible for the Zell Miller Scholarship?**

You will still have the HOPE Scholarship for Fall term 2020 and if you choose to take out the Student Access Loan you will be required to repay it based on the Promissory Note you signed.

### **Submitting SAT or ACT Scores to GSFC for Scholarship eligibility**

#### **What is the best way to submit SAT or ACT scores to GSFC?**

1. Upload your test score report from College Board or ACT through GAfutures' Document Upload option.
2. Print your test score report from the testing agency's website (College Board or ACT).
3. Sign, date and write the statement "This is a true and exact copy of the original score report" on your report.
4. Sign in to your GAfutures account and select **Document Upload**, located on the right-hand side of the page.
5. Select the ACT scores or SAT scores document type based on the type of report you are uploading.
6. Attach your document file and select the submit button.

Once a document is uploaded, average review time is 7 to 10 business days. If additional information is needed, you will be emailed.

*Acceptable file types are: pdf, jpg, jpeg, png, bmp, tif, tiff. Do not submit the exact same document more than once. It will not expedite the review processing time of your document(s).*

#### **Alternative method to have your score report sent to GSFC:**

When taking the SAT, select GSFC by referencing recipient code 0472.

When taking the ACT, indicate Georgia Student Finance.

Note: This alternative method can take several months for the College Board or ACT to report scores to GSFC.

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### Completers of Unaccredited Home Study Programs

#### **I completed an unaccredited Home Study Program but was not able to take the SAT/ACT. Can I qualify for the HOPE Scholarship or Zell Miller Scholarship without the test scores initially?**

Students who completed an unaccredited home study program or non-eligible high school on or after March 14, 2020 have until June 30, 2021 to obtain the requirement for the HOPE Scholarship or Zell Miller Scholarship:

HOPE Scholarship minimum required test score: 75<sup>th</sup> Percentile - 1160 SAT or 24 ACT

Zell Miller Scholarship minimum required score: 93<sup>rd</sup> Percentile - 1340 SAT or 29 ACT

*\*The SAT score must be from a combined critical reading and math portions on a single National Administration. The ACT score must be from a composite scale score from a single National or State/District Administration.*

Upon earning and submitting a qualifying test score to GSFC, the postsecondary institution you attend may confirm your eligible score for the HOPE Scholarship or Zell Miller Scholarship in GSFC's system and retroactively award the HOPE Scholarship or Zell Miller Scholarship for the Fall term 2020. *\*Must meet all eligibility requirements.*

Student may be refunded any tuition paid that is retroactively covered by the HOPE or Zell Miller Scholarship award.

#### **I've submitted my test scores. When will I be awarded the HOPE Scholarship or Zell Miller Scholarship?**

Upon earning and submitting a qualifying test score to GSFC, your postsecondary institution may confirm your test score in GSFC's system and retroactively award you for the Fall term 2020, Winter and/or Spring term 2020 based on based on eligibility and enrollment.

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