



# HOPE AND ZELL MILLER SCHOLARSHIPS

## ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY FROM HIGH SCHOOL

### HOPE Scholarship

- 3.0 HOPE GPA as calculated by the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) in core curriculum courses (English, math, science, foreign language, social science)
- Rigor requirements

### Zell Miller Scholarship

- Rigor requirements and one of the following:
- Designated valedictorian or salutatorian
- 3.7 HOPE GPA as calculated by GSFC in core curriculum courses  
**AND**  
● Test component: 1200 SAT combined score (Critical Reading and Math) or 26 ACT composite score

### WHAT ARE RIGOR REQUIREMENTS?

Rigor courses: *Advanced Math, Advanced Science, Foreign Language, Advanced Placement (AP) in core subjects, International Baccalaureate (IB) in core subjects, degree-level Dual Credit Enrollment courses in core subjects taken at an eligible postsecondary institution.*

**Students graduating from high school must earn four full credits from the above list.**

## AWARD AMOUNTS

	HOPE Scholarship*	Zell Miller Scholarship*
<b>Public Institution</b>	Portion of standard tuition <sup>†</sup>	Full standard tuition <sup>†</sup>
<b>Private Institution</b>	\$2,152 per semester (fall, spring, summer)	\$2,808 per semester (fall, spring, summer)
<b>Full-time</b>	\$1,436 per quarter (fall, winter, spring, summer)	\$1,914 per quarter (fall, winter, spring, summer)
<b>Private Institution</b>	\$1,077 per semester (fall, spring, summer)	\$1,404 per semester (fall, spring, summer)
<b>Half-time</b>	\$719 per quarter (fall, winter, spring, summer)	\$957 per quarter (fall, winter, spring, summer)

\*Complete award amounts available on [GAfutures.org](http://GAfutures.org). <sup>†</sup>Up to 15 credit hours.

## MAINTAINING

### HOPE Scholarship

- Students must maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA\* at designated checkpoints (end of every spring semester and at 30, 60 and 90 attempted semester hours; end of every spring quarter and at 45, 90 and 135 attempted quarter hours). If a student's GPA falls below a 3.0, they will lose the HOPE Scholarship and will only be eligible to regain it once.

### Zell Miller Scholarship

- Students must maintain a cumulative 3.3 GPA\* at designated checkpoints (end of every spring semester and at 30, 60 and 90 attempted semester hours; end of every spring quarter and at 45, 90 and 135 attempted quarter hours). If a student's GPA falls below a 3.3, they will lose the Zell Miller Scholarship but may still be eligible for the HOPE Scholarship. Students can regain the Zell Miller Scholarship only once.

\*Postsecondary GPA calculation refers to all attempted hours after high school graduation. Approved postsecondary STEM courses taken fall 2017 and later receive .5 weight to grade B, C or D. Approved courses can be found at [GAfutures.org](http://GAfutures.org). STEM courses taken during high school are not given the STEM weight for postsecondary GPA calculation.

## LOSING ELIGIBILITY

A student will lose eligibility for the HOPE Scholarship and the Zell Miller Scholarship due to one of the following:

- GPA requirement not met
- Maximum attempted and/or paid hours reached (127 semester/190 quarter)
- Funds not used within seven years of high school graduation or equivalent (military exception)
- Bachelor's or first professional degree received

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# HOPE GRANT

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## ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

- No high school graduation requirement
- Must be enrolled in a certificate or diploma program at a University System of Georgia (USG) or Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) school

## AWARD AMOUNT

- Portion of standard tuition, up to 15 credit hours; award amounts available on **GAfutures.org**

## MAINTAINING

- Cumulative 2.0 postsecondary GPA or higher at designated checkpoints (30/60 paid semester hours; 45/90 paid quarter hours)
- Only eligible to regain the HOPE Grant once

## LOSING ELIGIBILITY

- GPA requirement not met
- Maximum paid hours reached (63 semester/95 quarter)
- Bachelor's or first professional degree received

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# ZELL MILLER GRANT

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## ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

- No high school graduation requirement
- Must be enrolled in a certificate or diploma program at a University System of Georgia (USG) or Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) school
- First term awarded retroactively after earning a 3.5 or higher postsecondary GPA

## AWARD AMOUNT

- Full standard rate of tuition, up to 15 credit hours; award amounts available on **GAfutures.org**

## MAINTAINING

- Cumulative 3.5 or higher postsecondary GPA required at the end of every semester/quarter
- Eligible to regain Zell Miller Grant if minimum GPA earned at the end of the next term

## LOSING ELIGIBILITY

- GPA requirement not met
- Maximum paid hours reached (63 semester/95 quarter)
- Bachelor's or first professional degree received

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# HOPE CAREER GRANT

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## ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

- Enrolled in certain high-demand certificate and diploma programs at a University System of Georgia (USG) or Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) school
- HOPE Grant and Zell Miller Grant eligibility requirements apply
- Dual credit and/or joint enrollment students not eligible

## AWARD AMOUNT

- Awards are a fixed amount per term based on the program and number of hours enrolled
- Approved programs and award amounts available on **GAfutures.org**

*For more information on the HOPE Programs, visit **GAfutures.org**.*

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# HOPE GED GRANT

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## ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

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- Earned a GED diploma from Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG)

## AWARD AMOUNT

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- \$500 voucher that can be used for tuition, books or other educational costs at an eligible postsecondary institution
- Voucher expires 24 consecutive months after issue date

*Students eligible for any of the HOPE Programs must complete a GSFAPPS or current year FAFSA.*

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## OTHER STATE FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

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In addition to the HOPE Program, GSFC administers other state financial aid programs for the state of Georgia. These programs are designed to assist students with the cost of their postsecondary education.

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| ● Dual Enrollment                                    | ● Scholarship for Engineering Education                      |
| ● Georgia Military College State Service Scholarship | ● Student Access Loan  |
| ● Georgia National Guard Service Cancelable Loan     | ● Tuition Equalization Grant                                 |
| ● HERO Scholarship                                   | ● University of North Georgia Military Scholarship           |
| ● Public Safety Memorial Grant                       | ● University of North Georgia ROTC Grant                     |
| ● REACH Scholarship                                  | ● University of North Georgia ROTC Grant for Future Officers |

*For more information on state financial aid programs, visit [GAfutures.org](https://GAfutures.org).*

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## ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

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In addition to meeting the requirements for specific state financial aid programs, students must meet the following basic eligibility requirements:

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| ● Be a legal resident of Georgia  | ● Meet U.S. citizenship or eligible non-citizen requirements                     |
| ● Meet academic achievement standards required by the program or college          | ● Be in good standing on all student loans or other financial aid programs       |
| ● Be registered with the Selective Service, if required                           | ● Not have exceeded the maximum award limits for any state financial aid program |
| ● Be in compliance with the Georgia Drug-Free Postsecondary Education Act of 1990 | ● Meet enrollment requirements   |
|   | ● Attend an eligible postsecondary institution                                   |