

Class of 2021 – FAQ regarding SAT and ACT Cancellations

As of Mar 15, 2021

Class of 2021 - 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 FAFSA 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 in the Class of 2021 in a Georgia high school 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, Class of 2021 graduates of an eligible high school or completers of an accredited home study program from January 1, 2021 and until June 30, 2021 have until June 30, 2022 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).

Can my PSAT or another test score be used for my Zell Miller Scholarship eligibility?

No, by state law only the SAT or ACT score mentioned above is allowed to be used to qualify for the Zell Miller Scholarship.

Will I be awarded Zell Miller Scholarship for Fall term 2021, Winter and/or Spring term 2022 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, 2022, the postsecondary institution you attend may confirm your eligible score for the Zell Miller Scholarship in GSFC's system. The initial HOPE Scholarship for Summer term 2021, Fall term 2021, Winter and/or Spring Term 2022 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 2021-2022 year. The loan amount may equal the difference between the HOPE Scholarship and Zell Miller Scholarship award amounts at your institution, per 2021-2022 terms and credit hours of your enrollment.

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How do I apply for the Fall term only SAL?

The online SAL application is scheduled to open early July. You must have a 2021-2022 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. Upon earning and submitting a qualifying test score to GSFC, the postsecondary institution you attend may confirm your eligible score for the Zell Miller Scholarship in GSFC's system. The initial HOPE Scholarship and Student Access Loan for Fall term 2021, Winter and/or Spring term 2022 will be canceled and you will be retroactively awarded the Zell Miller Scholarship for these terms based on eligibility and enrollment.

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Will I have to make monthly loan payments?

Payments will not be required until after June 30, 2022. 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 2021 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.

Students - How to submit Test Scores to GSFC

Students with a College Board SAT score report may upload a copy of the score report to GSFC. Students with an ACT score may request ACT electronically send their score report to GSFC. Student records are updated with received test score reports within 3-5 business days.

To upload your SAT score report using the GAfutures' Document Upload feature, follow these steps:

1. Print your test score report from College Board's website for the SAT.
2. Sign, date and write this statement on the report: "This is a true and exact copy of the original score report."
3. Save your document(s) as one file (Acceptable file types are: pdf, jpg, jpeg, png, bmp, tif, tiff).
4. Sign in to your GAfutures account and select Document Upload, located on the left-hand side of the page.
5. Select the Document Type: SAT scores.
6. Attach your document file and select the submit button.

To request ACT to submit your score report to GSFC electronically, follow these steps:

1. Go to ACT.org and sign in to your account.
2. Select your ACT score report to be sent to GSFC by entering the recipient code: 2225

ACT will then send GSFC an electronic file.

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 graduated from a non-eligible high school from January 1, 2021 and until June 30, 2021 have until June 30, 2022 to obtain a qualifying ACT or SAT score for the HOPE Scholarship or Zell Miller Scholarship:

- HOPE Scholarship minimum required test score: 75th Percentile - 1160 SAT or 24 ACT
- Zell Miller Scholarship minimum required score: 93rd 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 2021.*

**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 Summer term 2021, Fall term 2021, Winter and/or Spring term 2022 based on based on eligibility and enrollment.

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