



# HOPE AND ZELL MILLER SCHOLARSHIPS

## ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

### HOPE Scholarship

- 3.0 high school 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 high school GPA as calculated by GSFC in core curriculum courses
- OR
- 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, Dual Credit Enrollment courses in core subjects taken at an eligible postsecondary institution.*

- Students graduating from high school on or after May 1, 2015 must earn two full credits from the above list.
- Students graduating from high school on or after May 1, 2016 must earn three full credits from the above list.
- Students graduating from high school on or after May 1, 2017 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 Full-time</b>	\$1,968 per semester (fall, spring, summer) \$1,313 per quarter (fall, winter, spring, summer)	\$2,174 per semester (fall, spring, summer) \$1,450 per quarter (fall, winter, spring, summer)
<b>Private Institution Half-time</b>	\$984 per semester (fall, spring, summer) \$657 per quarter (fall, winter, spring, summer)	\$1,087 per semester (fall, spring, summer) \$726 per quarter (fall, winter, spring, summer)

\*Complete award amount charts available on [GAcollege411.org](http://GAcollege411.org). <sup>†</sup>Up to 15 credit hours.

## MAINTAINING

### HOPE Scholarship

- Students must maintain a 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 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.

## LOSING ELIGIBILITY

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

- GPA requirements 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 amount chart available on [GCollege411.org](http://GCollege411.org)

## MAINTAINING

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

## LOSING ELIGIBILITY

- GPA requirements 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
- Cumulative 3.5 or higher postsecondary GPA each term
- First term awarded retroactively after earning a 3.5 or higher GPA

## AWARD AMOUNT

- Full standard rate of tuition, up to 15 credit hours; Award amount chart available on [GCollege411.org](http://GCollege411.org)

## MAINTAINING

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

## LOSING ELIGIBILITY

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

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# STRATEGIC INDUSTRIES WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GRANT (SIWDG)

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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 [GCollege411.org](http://GCollege411.org)

*For more information on the HOPE Program, visit [GCollege411.org](http://GCollege411.org).*

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# HOPE GED GRANT

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## ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

- Earned a GED diploma from Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) after June 30, 1993

## AWARD AMOUNT

- \$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

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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 on behalf of the state of Georgia. These programs are designed to assist students with the cost of education while in high school and beyond.

- Georgia Military College State Service Scholarship
- HERO Scholarship
- Move On When Ready
- Public Safety Memorial Grant
- REACH Scholarship
- Scholarship for Engineering Education
- Scholarship for Engineering Education for Minorities
- Student Access Loan
- Tuition Equalization Grant
- University of North Georgia Military Scholarship
- University of North Georgia ROTC Grant
- University of North Georgia ROTC Grant for Future Officers

*For more information on state financial aid programs, visit [GAcollege411.org](http://GAcollege411.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:

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