



Georgia's HOPE Program

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HOPE Overview

- HOPE - Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally - is Georgia's unique scholarship and grant program that rewards students with financial assistance in degree, diploma and certificate programs at eligible Georgia public and private colleges and universities and public technical colleges.
- The HOPE Program includes the following scholarships and grants:
 - HOPE Scholarship
 - Zell Miller Scholarship
 - HOPE Grant
 - HOPE GED Grant

Giving HOPE

September, 1993 through July, 2012

	Students	Amount Awarded
University System	716,665	\$4,232,994,392.64
Technical Colleges	874,929	\$1,584,682,012.87
Private Colleges and Universities	163,272	\$698,042,026.14
Total	1,754,866*	\$6,515,718,431.65

Note: 82,996 GED recipients have utilized the HOPE GED Grant to attend public or private postsecondary institutions, totaling \$41,373,949.46. These students and their awards are included in the Total.

* Students who transfer to another eligible institution are duplicated in this count.

The Future of HOPE

- The HOPE family of programs will continue to be a significant financial aid resource for Georgia students.
- The program is more stable now that the award amount is tied to the amount of funding the Georgia Lottery for Education can provide.

The Future of HOPE

- Future HOPE award amounts may vary (increase or decrease) each year based on the funding available from the lottery.
- The award amount will be set each year by the Governor and the General Assembly.
- Students and parents should monitor the HOPE program award amounts so they can plan for their share of college expenses.
- GSFC recommends parents, grandparents and other family members consider opening a Path2College (529) savings and investment account and save whatever amount they can afford to assist with future college costs.

The HOPE Program

- **Basic Eligibility**
 - U.S. Citizen
 - Georgia Resident
 - Graduated from a HOPE eligible high school
 - Graduated from a HOPE eligible home study program
 - Attending eligible University System of Georgia or Technical College System of Georgia institution

The HOPE Program

- **HOPE Scholarship**
 - Eligibility
 - 3.0 HOPE GPA
 - Core curriculum courses
 - > English
 - > Math
 - > Science
 - > Social Science
 - > Foreign Language

The HOPE Program

- **HOPE Scholarship**
 - Rigor Requirements
 - Class of 2015
 - Must receive credit in at least 2 courses
 - Class of 2016
 - Must receive credit in at least 3 courses
 - Class of 2017 and beyond
 - Must receive credit in at least 4 courses

The HOPE Program

- **HOPE Scholarship**
 - Rigor Requirements
 - Advanced math
 - Advanced science
 - Advanced Placement (AP) courses in core subjects
 - International baccalaureate (IB) courses in core subjects
 - Core courses taken at University System of Georgia institutions
 - Advanced foreign language

The HOPE Program

- **HOPE Scholarship**

- Award Amount

- Georgia Public Institutions

- Portion of standard tuition

- Award amount chart available on Gacollege411

- Georgia Private Institutions

- Full-time student

- > \$1,800 per semester (fall, spring)

- > \$1,200 per quarter (fall, winter, spring)

- Half-time student

- > \$900 per semester (fall, spring)

- > \$600 per quarter (fall, winter, spring)

HOPE Award Amounts

Example:

School	School Tuition per Credit Hour	HOPE Award Amount Per Credit Hour		
		1 hour	2 hours	3 hours ...
Georgia State University	\$212.10	\$212.10	\$424.20	\$636.30 ...

The HOPE Program

- **HOPE Scholarship**

- Maintaining HOPE

- 3.0 GPA at checkpoints
- Checkpoints

- End of every spring semester
- 30 attempted semester hours
- 60 attempted semester hours
- 90 attempted semester hours

- Students can only regain the HOPE Scholarship ONCE

The HOPE Program

- **Zell Miller Scholarship**

- Eligibility

- 3.7 HOPE GPA
 - Core curriculum courses
 - 1200 SAT combined score
 - Critical Reading & Math
 - 26 ACT composite score
 - Valedictorian or Salutatorian
 - Must meet basic HOPE scholarship requirements

The HOPE Program

- **Zell Miller Scholarship**

- Award Amount

- Georgia Public Institutions

- Full standard tuition for current academic year

- Georgia Private Institutions

- Full-time student

- > \$2,000 per semester (summer, fall, spring)

- > \$1,333 per quarter (summer, winter, spring)

- > \$1,334 fall quarter

- Half-time student

- > \$1,000 per semester (summer, fall, spring)

- > \$666 per quarter (summer, spring)

- > \$667 per quarter (fall, winter)

The HOPE Program

- **Zell Miller Scholarship**
 - Maintaining Zell
 - 3.3 GPA at checkpoints
 - Checkpoints
 - End of every spring semester
 - 30 attempted semester hours
 - 60 attempted semester hours
 - 90 attempted semester hours
 - Students can only regain Zell Miller ONCE
 - May still be eligible for HOPE Scholarship

The HOPE Program

- **HOPE & Zell Miller Scholarship**
 - Students lose eligibility due to one of the following:
 - Attempted hours
 - 127 semester
 - 190 quarter
 - 7 year limit
 - Exception to military service time
 - Received a bachelor's degree
 - Received a professional degree

The HOPE Program

- **HOPE Grant**
 - Eligibility
 - No GPA or test score requirements
 - Enrolled in a certificate or diploma based program
 - No specific graduation date required
 - Award Amount
 - Portion of the 2012-2013 standard tuition
 - Award amount chart available on [GAcollege411](#)
 - Maintaining HOPE Grant
 - 3.0 GPA at checkpoints
 - 30 attempted semester hours
 - 60 attempted semester hours
 - 45 attempted quarter hours

The HOPE Program

- **HOPE Grant**
 - Students lose eligibility due to one of the following:
 - Attempted hours
 - 63 semester
 - 95 quarter
 - Received a bachelor's degree

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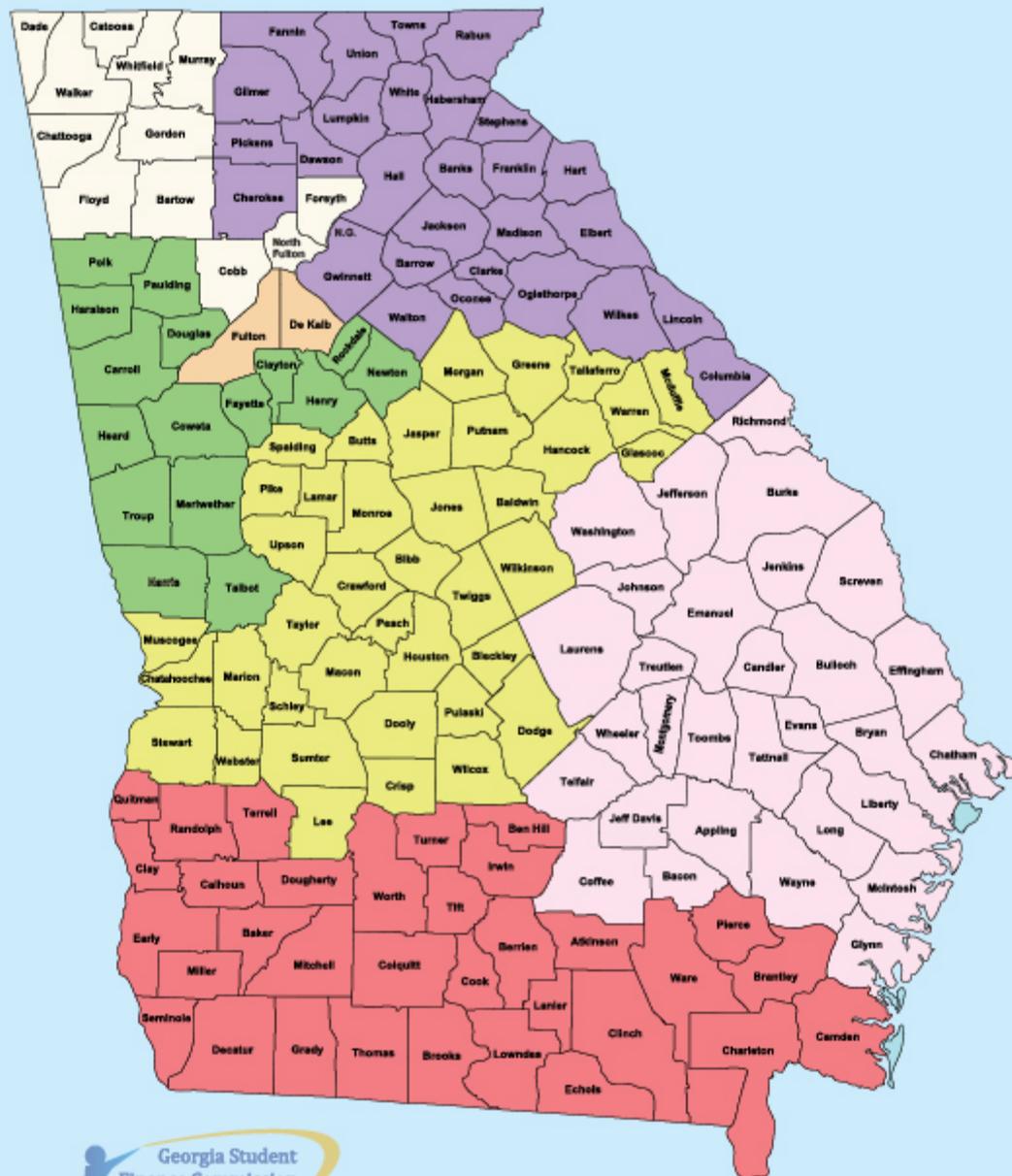
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