

# HOPE Program

Georgia's HOPE Program helps students in several ways:

Scholarships for students in degree programs at public and private colleges and universities, Grants for students enrolled in certificate or diploma programs at public colleges or technical colleges, and General Education Development (GED) awards for high school equivalency certificate recipients who are entering college.

This information and much more can be found at [GAcollege411.org](http://GAcollege411.org), Georgia's comprehensive website that helps you plan, apply, and pay for college. Visit the website to learn about the many financial aid opportunities available in addition to HOPE.

## Hope Scholarship info

### Scholarship Award Amounts

At a public institution, the HOPE Scholarship award amount covers tuition, HOPE approved mandatory fees, and a book allowance of up to \$300 per academic year.

At a private college or university, you may receive a HOPE Scholarship award of \$3,500 per academic year if you are a full-time student (12 hours). If you enroll as a half-time student (6-11 hours), you may receive an award of \$1,750 per academic year. Full-time students attending eligible private colleges also may be eligible for a Georgia Tuition Equalization Grant; check with the school financial aid office or [GAcollege411.org](http://GAcollege411.org) for additional information.

### 1. How do I know what courses count in the new high school HOPE Scholarship GPA calculation?

All core curriculum coursework attempted by the student that could, according to Georgia Department of Education classification, be used to satisfy high school graduation requirements, as follows:

**English** - with GA DOE prefix of 23.

**Math** - with GA DOE prefix of 27.

**Social Science** - with GA DOE prefix of 45.

**Science** - with GA DOE prefix of 26., 40., 02.X210X. or 02.X410X.

**Foreign Languages** - with GA DOE prefix of 60., 61., 62., 63., or 64.

### 2. How do I apply for the Georgia HOPE Scholarship or HOPE Grant programs?

You may apply for HOPE by submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), or electronically by using GSFApps on this website, or completing the paper HOPE Scholarship and Grant Application that is printable from this website.

### 3. How do I check my high school HOPE GPA to determine my HOPE eligibility?

To view your high school HOPE GPA calculation report for determining your HOPE eligibility, click <https://www.gsfc.org/gsfa/gpareport/startform.cfm>

# Georgia's HOPE Grant Program

## Overview

Georgia's HOPE Grant (a separate program from the HOPE Scholarship) is available to residents of Georgia who are attending a **Georgia public technical college or public college or university to earn a certificate or diploma** regardless of high school graduation date or grade point average. To qualify for HOPE Grant funding, the certificate or diploma program must be approved by the Technical College System of Georgia or be a comparable program of study approved by the Board of Regents. The certificate or diploma must be awarded and issued by the institution. Continuing education programs are not eligible for HOPE Grant funding. The grant provides full tuition, HOPE-approved mandatory fees, and a book allowance at public institutions.

Full-time enrollment is not required, but you must be making satisfactory academic progress to maintain eligibility.

**Eligibility** To receive HOPE Grant funding, students must:

1. Be enrolled in a technical certificate or diploma program at an eligible public postsecondary institution in Georgia.
2. Meet HOPE's Georgia residency requirements..
3. Meet HOPE's U.S. citizenship or eligible non-citizen requirements.
4. Be in compliance with Selective Service registration requirements.
5. Be in compliance with the Georgia Drug-Free Postsecondary Education Act of 1990. A student may be ineligible for HOPE payment if he or she has been convicted for committing certain felony offenses involving marijuana, controlled substances, or dangerous drugs.
6. Not be in default or owe a refund on a student financial aid program.
7. Maintain satisfactory academic progress, as defined by the college.
8. Not have received HOPE Grant payment for more than 63 semester or 95 quarter hours.

**Award Amounts** Recipients receive an award covering their tuition, HOPE-approved fees, and a book allowance of up to \$100 per quarter or \$150 per semester.

**Award Limits** A HOPE Grant recipient is ineligible for the grant if the student has:

- Received HOPE Grant payment for more than 63 semester or 95 quarter hours; or
- Received payment from any combination of HOPE Scholarship, HOPE Grant, and Accel Program funds totaling 127 semester (190 quarter) hours of credit.
- Dual Credit Enrollment hours for which a high school student received HOPE Grant payment are not included in these totals.