

HOPE Program Changes

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NOTES:

1. All HOPE program changes may not be addressed in this summary.
2. Final HOPE program regulations are **planned** to be released by Georgia Student Finance Commission in late Spring or early Summer of 2011 and may differ from those stated below.

PROGRAM	CRITERIA	SUMMER SEMESTER 2011	FALL SEMESTER 2011 AND BEYOND
HOPE Grant	Students with a Baccalaureate Degree	Eligible for an award	Not eligible for an award
	GPA Requirement	Student must meet the college's Satisfactory Academic Progress policies.	No GPA requirement at first enrollment; then 3.0 GPA when the student has accumulated 30 semester hours of HOPE Grant paid-hours. Credit hours and corresponding grades for dual-enrollment coursework and learning support or remedial coursework will be excluded from the checkpoint and GPA calculation. Additionally, coursework paid for by HOPE Grant before the "paid hours" cap was implemented in the Summer 2003 (FY04) term will be excluded. If a student loses eligibility at the 30 semester hour checkpoint, then the 60 semester hour checkpoint and GPA will be calculated upon the coursework that would have normally been paid for by the HOPE Grant had the student not failed to maintain the required 3.0 GPA. Again, dual-enrollment and learning support courses would be excluded. If a student regains eligibility at the 60 semester hour checkpoint, then the student remains eligible until they reach the paid hours cap of 63 semester hours, assuming all other eligibility criteria continue to be met.
	Learning Support	Eligible for an award. HOPE Grant paid hours count toward HOPE Grant paid hours limit.	Eligible for an award. HOPE Grant paid hours for learning support coursework do not count in the HOPE Grant GPA and checkpoint calculations.
	Dual Enrollment	Eligible for an award. HOPE Grant paid hours do not count towards HOPE Grant paid hours limit.	Eligible for an award. HOPE Grant paid hours for dual enrollment coursework do not count in the HOPE Grant GPA and checkpoint calculations .
	Paid-Hours Limit (Cap)	Eligible for tuition payment for all hours taken during the term that the student accumulates 63 or more semester hours. Includes HOPE payment for approved programs greater than 63 semester hours in length.	Tuition payment for hours up to the 63 semester hours limit, regardless of program length. Students will be responsible for all tuition payments for hours attempted beyond this limit.
	Total Tuition Award	100% of school's current 2010-2011 tuition rate	90% of school's current 2010-2011 tuition rate
	Book Allowance	Pell-eligible students are eligible for \$150 if taking 6 or more credit hours and \$75 for less than 6 credit hours. Non Pell-eligible students are eligible for \$75 if taking 6 or more credit hours and \$37.50 for less than 6 credit hours.	Eliminated
	Fee Allowance	Pays a portion of total fees	Eliminated

	Residency	Students who were not Georgia residents upon graduation from high school or a home study program must meet Georgia residency requirements for 12 months prior to the term the HOPE Grant is sought.	Students who were not Georgia residents upon graduation from high school or a home study program must meet Georgia residency requirements for 24 months prior to the term the HOPE Grant is sought.
HOPE Scholarship	GPA Requirement	Minimum 3.0 GPA requirement at all checkpoints (30/60/90 semester hours, end of spring, & three-term). Students can regain eligibility at a tier checkpoint (30/60/90) until they reach the attempted hour limit.	No change in GPA requirement or checkpoints. If lost, students may regain eligibility one time at a 30/60/90 semester hour checkpoint.
	Learning Support	Eligible for an award.	Not eligible for an award.
	Dual Enrollment	Attempted hours shall include all postsecondary level course hours taken prior to high school graduation if the student does not qualify for the HOPE Scholarship as an entering freshman based on GPA. As used above, 'postsecondary level course hours' means hours accepted by a post secondary institution for credit towards HOPE Scholarship eligibility.	All dual enrollment hours do not count towards attempted hours in determining HOPE Scholarship eligibility.
	Total Tuition Award	100% of school's current 2010-2011 tuition rate	90% of school's current 2010-2011 tuition rate
	Book Allowance	Pell-eligible students are eligible for \$150 if taking 6 or more credit hours and \$75 for less than 6 credit hours. Non Pell-eligible students are eligible for \$75 if taking 6 or more credit hours and \$37.50 for less than 6 credit hours.	Eliminated
	Fee Allowance	Pays a portion of total fees	Eliminated
	Seven-Year Eligibility	N/A	Students become ineligible for HOPE Scholarship seven years after the date they graduated high school or equivalent. Students who received a HOPE Scholarship payment during the 2010-2011 award year will remain eligible through June 30, 2015, regardless of graduation date. Active duty military service time does not count against the seven-year period.
Zell Miller Scholarship	Eligibility Requirement	N/A	Determined by Georgia Student Finance Commission. Students must in addition meet the requirements of the HOPE Scholarship. Students must have graduated from an eligible Georgia high school with a GPA of 3.7, as defined by O.C.G.A 20-2-157, and received a score of at least 1200 combined critical reading score and math score on a single administration of the SAT or an ACT composite scale score of at least 26; or completed a home study program and earning a 3.3 GPA at the 30 semester hour checkpoint and satisfying the SAT or ACT requirement; or graduated as a valedictorian or salutatorian from an eligible high school. Students entering as freshmen between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2011 may qualify at the 30 semester hour checkpoint provided they have met one of the eligibility requirements above.

	GPA Requirement	N/A	Minimum 3.3 GPA requirement at all checkpoints (30/60/90 semester hour, end of spring, & three-term). If a student drops below the 3.3 GPA minimum requirement, but maintains at least a 3.0 GPA or higher, the student can be awarded the HOPE Scholarship. Students may regain eligibility one-time if eligibility is lost.
	Book & Fee Allowance	N/A	No Book or Fee Allowance awarded
	Total Tuition Award	N/A	100% of school's current 2010-2011 tuition rate
HOPE GED Grant		Student is mailed a GED voucher upon completion of the GED program. The GED voucher is valid for 24 months from date of issuance.	GED voucher will be issued to the student upon enrollment at any eligible postsecondary institution. The GED voucher is valid for 24 months from date of issuance