

↩ Summary of HOPE CHANGES 2011-2012 ↪

HOPE SCHOLARSHIP: HOPE Scholarship (students seeking a degree) basic eligibility requirement for HOPE Scholarship have NOT changed: be a citizen, be a Georgia resident, Register with the Selective Service (if applicable), be in compliance with Georgia Drug-Free Postsecondary Education Act of 1990, attend a Georgia eligible school, graduate with a 3.0 GPA in core courses, maintain a 3.0 while in college

CHANGES:

- The HOPE Scholarship will pay:
 - At an eligible public postsecondary institution, for FY2012, a **percentage amount** of the standard tuition charges from the previous year. View award amounts at http://www.gsfc.org/main/publishing/pdf/2011/hope_award_amounts.pdf. Every year these amounts will change based upon lottery revenues, HOPE enrollment numbers, and the previous year's award rate;
 - At an eligible private postsecondary institution, a percentage amount of the HOPE award for private colleges (for FY 2012 the maximum amount is \$3,600/year for 15 hours);
 - A separate Tuition Equalization Grant (TEG) in the amount of \$700 for FY 2012 is also available for students attending eligible private colleges in Georgia;
 - No book or fee allowances;
- The HOPE Scholarship will NOT pay for remedial or developmental courses;
- If a student falls below a 3.0 GPA while in college, he/she may regain the HOPE Scholarship only **one** time;
- Beginning with the Class of 2015 (students entering high school in 2011-2012), a new rigor requirement has been added. Students graduating in 2015 must pass at least 2 courses from a list of academically rigorous courses to meet requirements to be a HOPE Scholar upon high school graduation (i.e., courses in advanced math, advanced science, advanced foreign language, AP or IB courses in core subjects, and/or dual enrollment courses taken at a unit of the University System of Georgia in core subjects, not remedial or developmental). GSFC will provide a list of classes to further define each category.

ZELL MILLER SCHOLAR PROGRAM-New program (for students seeking a degree):

- Students must meet all requirements for the HOPE Scholarship, **PLUS**. . .
- Graduate from an eligible high school with a 3.7 or greater GPA in core subjects as calculated by GSFC AND receive a score of at least 1200 combined critical reading and math score on a single administration of the SAT, or an ACT composite score of 26, **OR**. . . .
- Graduate from an eligible high school as the valedictorian or salutatorian;
- Maintain at least a 3.3 GPA in college to remain eligible for the Zell Miller Scholar program;
- The Zell Miller Scholar payment guidelines are the following. . . .
 - For Georgia public universities/colleges or Georgia Technical colleges, Zell Miller Scholars will have their tuition fully paid during the then current year, without regard for specific program of study;
 - For Georgia private colleges, Zell Miller Scholars will receive \$4,000/yr for 15 hours for FY 2012;
 - On-line chart for Zell Miller Scholar award amounts for Georgia public institutions is the second page of the following link: http://www.gsfc.org/main/publishing/pdf/2011/hope_award_amounts.pdf

HOPE Grant (for students seeking a certificate or diploma):

- Only available to students seeking a certificate or diploma at a branch of the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) or a unit of the University System of Georgia;
- While there is no GPA requirement for the HOPE Grant upon entering a program at a TCSG school in Fall 2011, all HOPE Grant recipients must have a 3.0 GPA on all HOPE Grant coursework, excluding dual enrollment and learning support courses, when GPAs are checked at the completion of 30 and 60 hours;
- Students losing eligibility at the 30 hour checkpoint may regain eligibility at the 60 hour checkpoint if the student achieves a 3.0 GPA at that point;
- HOPE Grant will pay:
 - A percentage amount of the standard tuition charges from the previous year;
 - Students can use the chart posted on GAcollge411 to determine exact amounts for 2012 (http://www.gsfc.org/main/publishing/pdf/2011/hope_award_amounts.pdf).