

# HOPE AND ZELL MILLER SCHOLARSHIP

Information Session



# GENERAL PROGRAM SUMMARY

- Merit Based Scholarship Program
- Georgia Residents
- Demonstrated Academic Achievement
- Encourages postsecondary academic achievement at Georgia institutions
- Funded by the Georgia Lottery for Education
- Administered by the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC)
- Provides tuition assistance to students attending Georgia institutions



# IN ALL CASES, STUDENTS MUST

- Not have a Bachelor's degree
- Be enrolled as a degree seeking student
  - ▶ Meet Georgia Residency prior to 1<sup>st</sup> day of term
    - 12 months residency required at time of high school graduation
    - 24 months residency required if not a resident at graduation
- Be a U.S. Citizen/Permanent Resident Alien
- Register with Selective Service (males only)
- Not be in default or owe a refund on Federal or State programs
- Be in compliance with the Georgia Drug-Free Postsecondary Education Act of 1990
  - ▶ Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress  
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## High School Eligibility Requirements

### HOPE

A high school GPA of 3.0 as calculated by *GSFC*

### Zell Miller

A high school GPA of 3.7 as calculated by *GSFC* AND an SAT score of 1200 or ACT of 26.

## Academic Rigor Requirement

Must earn four full credits

Must Earn four full credits

## College Eligibility Requirements

Maintain a 3.0 HOPE GPA

Maintain a 3.3 HOPE GPA

## Check-points (Losing and regaining awards)

Eligibility is checked at the end of each Spring semester and when 30, 60, and 90 credit hours have been attempted.

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## Time and Credit Hour Limits

- HOPE can be received either until the student has attempted 127 hours
- OR until 127 hours have been paid through the combination of HOPE/Zell Miller/HOPE Grant/ACCEL, HOPE eligibility may end seven (7) years from the date of high school graduation.

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- OR until 127 hours have been paid through the combination of HOPE/Zell Miller/HOPE Grant/ACCEL, Zell Miller eligibility may end seven (7) years from the date of high school graduation.



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|                        | <u><a href="#">HOPE</a></u>  | <u><a href="#">Zell Miller</a></u>  |
|------------------------|--|---|
| <b>Award Amounts</b>   | <p>Awards are based on anticipated enrollment in 15 credit hours each semester.</p> <p>For 2018-2019, annual awards will be set at a maximum of \$7440.</p> <p>For students who are approaching the credit hour limit described above, awards are reduced based on remaining eligibility.</p> <p>There are no awards for fees or books through this program.</p> | <p>Awards are based on anticipated enrollment in at least 12 hours each semester.</p> <p>For 2018-2019, the maximum annual award is \$10,008, which is 100% of tuition for students.</p> <p>For students who are approaching the credit hour limit described above, awards are reduced based on remaining eligibility.</p> <p>There are no awards for fees or books through this program.</p> |
| <b>Payment Amounts</b> | <p><u><a href="#">Actual payment amounts for HOPE</a></u> will be pro-rated down for students enrolled in fewer than 15 eligible hours.</p>  | <p><u><a href="#">Actual payment amounts for Zell Miller</a></u> will be for exact tuition charges assessed by the Bursar for eligible courses.</p>   |





# HOPE ELIGIBILITY FRESHMAN

- Georgia Resident
- Eligible High School or Home Study Program
- 3.0 high school GPA and four full academic rigor credits
  - GSFC will determine the high school GPA

Eligible for current hourly HOPE tuition award  
(\$248 per credit hour/15 hour max =\$3720)



# HOPE ELIGIBILITY FOR ALL OTHER UNDERGRADS

- Georgia Resident
- 30 or more postsecondary credit hours
- 3.0 cumulative GPA
  - At most recent Tier checkpoint (30, 60, or 90 credit hour)
    - Financial aid office will determine postsecondary HOPE GPA

Eligible for current hourly HOPE tuition award

(\$248 per credit hour/15 hour max =\$3720)



# 2018-2019 HOPE HOURLY RATE CHART

| Hope Award Hourly Rate                          | 1 Credit hour | 2 Credit hours | 3 Credit hours | 4 Credit hours | 5 Credit hours | 6 Credit hours | 7 Credit hours | 8 Credit hours | 9 Credit hours | 10 Credit hours | 11 Credit hours | 12 Credit hours | 13 Credit hours | 14 Credit hours | 15 Credit hours |
|---|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Regular - Non Guaranteed Tuition Payment</b> |               |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Hope Award                                      | \$248.00      | \$496.00       | \$744.00       | \$992.00       | \$1,240.00     | \$1,488.00     | \$1,736.00     | \$1,984.00     | \$2,232.00     | \$2,480.00      | \$2,728.00      | \$2,976.00      | \$3,224.00      | \$3,472.00      | \$3,720.00      |







# ZELL MILLER ELIGIBILITY FRESHMAN

- Georgia Resident
- Eligible High School or Home Study Program
  1. Graduate as the Valedictorian or Salutatorian with a 3.0 and earned four full academic rigor credits, or
  2. Graduate with a 3.7 GPA, with four full academic rigor credits and in a single test administration score
    - 1200 on the math and reading portions of the SAT  
or
    - 26 composite ACT
      - GSFC will determine the high school GPA and SAT/ACT scores

Eligible for 100% of tuition charged



# ZELL MILLER ELIGIBILITY FOR ALL OTHER UNDERGRADS

- Georgia Resident
- 30 or more post secondary credit hours
- First enrolled in college 2007 or later **and**
  - Determined to be Academically Eligible at the time of high school graduation by GSFC and earned a 3.3 cumulative GPA at the most recent 30, 60, or 90 credit hour checkpoint
    - GSFC will need a high school transcript and SAT/ACT scores to determine academic eligibility at high school graduation
    - Financial aid office will determine post secondary GPA

**Eligible for 100% of tuition charged**



# 2018-2019 ZELL MILLER HOURLY RATE CHART

| Award Hourly Rate  | 1 Credit hour | 2 Credit hours | 3 Credit hours | 4 Credit hours | 5 Credit hours | 6 Credit hours | 7 Credit hours | 8 Credit hours | 9 Credit hours | 10 Credit hours | 11 Credit hours | 12 Credit hours | 13 Credit hours | 14 Credit hours | 15 Credit hours |
|--|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Regular Tuition Payment including SOUP, Short Summer Freshmen, and Study Abroad</b> |               |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Zell Miller Award (G00100, G00014, G00016)   | \$2,974.00    | \$2,974.00     | \$2,974.00     | \$2,974.00     | \$2,974.00     | \$2,974.00     | \$5,004.00     | \$5,004.00     | \$5,004.00     | \$5,004.00      | \$5,004.00      | \$5,004.00      | \$5,004.00      | \$5,004.00      | \$5,004.00      |
| <b>Regular Tuition Payment including SOUP, Short Summer Freshmen, and Study Abroad</b> |               |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Zell Miller Award (G00014, G00016, G00100)   | \$334.00      | \$668.00       | \$1,002.00     | \$1,336.00     | \$1,670.00     | \$2,004.00     | \$2,338.00     | \$2,672.00     | \$3,006.00     | \$3,340.00      | \$3,674.00      | \$4,008.00      | \$4,342.00      | \$4,676.00      | \$5,004.00      |



# ACADEMIC RIGOR REQUIREMENTS

- Credits received for academic rigor must be selected from the categories below:
  - Advanced math
    - Such as advanced algebra, trigonometry, or math III
      - Taken at the high school, or an equivalent or higher course taken for degree level credit at an Eligible Postsecondary Institution
  - Advanced science
    - Such as chemistry, physics, or biology II
      - Taken at the high school, or an equivalent or higher course taken for degree level credit at an Eligible Postsecondary Institution
  - Foreign language courses
    - Taken at the high school, or taken for degree level credit at an Eligible Postsecondary Institution; or
  - Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate or Dual Credit Enrollment courses in Core subjects



# APPLICATION PROCESS

1. (GT\_APP) Georgia Tech Application for Scholarships and Financial Aid ([www.finaid.gatech.edu/forms](http://www.finaid.gatech.edu/forms))

2a. (GSFAPPS) HOPE/Zell Miller application  
([www.gafutures.org](http://www.gafutures.org))

OR

2b. (FAFSA) Free Application for Federal Student Aid application ([www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov))



# HOPE SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY CHECKPOINTS

- Tier Checkpoints
  - HOPE GPA checked every 30, 60, and 90 credit hours
  - 3.0 GPA Required
- End of Spring Checkpoints
  - At the end of every spring HOPE GPA checked for all students regardless of enrollment for spring
    - The fall cumulative GPA will count for the end of spring checkpoint for CO-OP, Intern students and any other student not enrolled for spring
  - 3.0 GPA Required



# ZELL MILLER SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY CHECKPOINTS

- Tier Checkpoints
  - Zell Miller GPA checked every 30, 60, and 90 credit hours
  - 3.3 GPA Required
- End of Spring Checkpoints
  - At the end of every spring Zell Miller GPA checked for all students regardless of enrollment for spring
    - The fall cumulative GPA will count for the end of spring checkpoint for CO-OP, Intern, and any other students not enrolled for spring
  - 3.3 GPA Required



# SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS (SAP)

- Applies to all financial aid recipients...including HOPE
- Measures Include:
  - Quantitative/Pace
    - Must successfully complete 75% of course work attempted each term
  - Maximum Time Frame.....Sets a maximum on the number of total hours attempted toward a degree

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# REGAINING HOPE ELIGIBILITY

- ▶ HOPE can be Regained ONCE!
  - If HOPE is lost at any checkpoint students will have one chance to regain HOPE eligibility at the 30, 60, or 90 credit hour checkpoint with a 3.0 HOPE GPA
    - If the end of spring is also a 30, 60 or 90 credit hour checkpoint HOPE eligibility can be regained
    - The 90 credit hour checkpoint is the last checkpoint to regain HOPE





# REGAINING ZELL MILLER ELIGIBILITY

- ▶ Zell Miller can be Regained Once!

- If Zell Miller is lost at any checkpoint students will have one chance to regain Zell Miller eligibility at the 30, 60, or 90 credit hour checkpoint with a 3.3 Zell Miller GPA
  - If the end of spring is also a 30, 60 or 90 credit hour checkpoint Zell Miller eligibility can be regained
  - The 90 credit hour checkpoint is the last checkpoint to regain Zell Miller

⇒ Losing Zell Miller

⇒ Gaining HOPE

⇒ Regaining Zell Miller

⇒ Losing Zell Miller

- ▶ If Zell Miller is lost at a checkpoint the student can receive HOPE with a 3.0 HOPE GPA and then Zell Miller eligibility will be rechecked at the next checkpoint
- ▶ If Zell Miller is regained and lost a second time the student can continue to receive HOPE with a 3.0 HOPE GPA but Zell can't be regained



# LENGTH OF SCHOLARSHIP

- A student may receive either scholarship until the first of these events:
  - 1) Student earns a bachelor's degree
  - 2) Student reaches seven year expiration of eligibility date
  - 3) Student attempts or receives payment for 127 credit hours at any postsecondary institution
    - HOPE and Zell Miller will end for all students at 127 credit hours regardless of credit hours enrolled for the semester
      - **Example: If you begin the semester with 126 credit hours HOPE/Zell Miller will only pay for 1 credit hour for the semester at which point you will have attempted 127 HOPE credit hours**
        - No exception for majors requiring more the 127 hours
        - No exception for minors



# TWO TYPES OF LIMITS

- Attempted Hours
  - College credit attempted after high school graduation
- Paid Hours
  - College credit paid by HOPE Scholarship, HOPE Grant, and/or HOPE ACCEL (Fall 2004 - Summer 2011)

HOPE ends when: You reach 127 paid or 127 attempted credit hours



# EXAMPLE OF ATTEMPTED VS. PAID HOURS

High School (Joint Enrollment) =  
9 credits paid with ACCEL funds (Fall 2004 - Summer 2011)

1<sup>st</sup> Semester @ GT = 12 credit hours

Attempted hours = 12 (GT hours only)

Paid hours = 12 + 9 = 21 (GT hours + ACCEL hours)



# CREDIT HOURS

Attempted Hours Included for HOPE and Zell :

- College coursework after high school graduation
- Pass / Fail
- Withdrawn “W”
- Withdrawn Failing “WF”
- GT Forgiven Coursework
  - HOPE GPA may/will vary from Tech GPA if student utilizes grade substitution

Attempted Hours Excluded from HOPE and Zell:

- AP / IB / CLEP
- Joint Enrolled Hours
- Dual Credit Hours
- Audit Hours / CO-OP Hours
- Classes dropped during Drop / Add
- GSFC approved Medical and Military Withdrawn coursework



# GRADE SUBSTITUTION POLICY

## Impacts Freshmen

- ▶ If a student utilizes the Grade Substitution policy and repeats a course, the credit hours and grades issued in both occurrences **are** included in the HOPE attempted hours and HOPE GPA because **HOPE includes forgiven courses!**

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# STEM COURSEWORK

- **Beginning Fall term 2017**, specific degree-level science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) courses identified as leading to high demand career fields in Georgia, and taken at an eligible postsecondary institution will have an additional weight of 0.5 added to grades of B, C and D.

To review the GSFC approved institutional course directory go to [https://apps.gsfc.org/securenextgen/dsp\\_stem\\_course\\_listings.cfm](https://apps.gsfc.org/securenextgen/dsp_stem_course_listings.cfm)

Via

[www.gafutures.org](http://www.gafutures.org)

To view our STEM FAQs visit

<http://www.finaid.gatech.edu/hope-zell-stem-faq>







# ATTENDING ANOTHER SCHOOL

- Study Abroad
- Foreign Exchange
- Cross Enrollment
- Transient
  - Transient students must complete a HOPE Scholarship Transient Form to receive HOPE payment at the host institution  
([www.finaid.gatech.edu/forms](http://www.finaid.gatech.edu/forms))

....These credit hours count toward the HOPE GPA  
and HOPE attempted hours



# REMEMBER!

- If you register through another school
  - (Transient , Foreign Exchange or Cross Enrolled) you must request to have a transcript sent to the Office of the Registrar at the end of the term
  - HOPE will not pay for the next term of enrollment until a transcript has been received and processed by the Office of the Registrar
  
- If we do not have all your transcripts
  - We may award a “Predicted” HOPE award to allow time to have your transcripts received and processed by the Registrar’s Office
    - Defers your tuition up to 30 days



# APPEAL AND EXCEPTIONS

- GSFC Administrative Review of HOPE or Zell Miller Scholarship Program Eligibility
  - Submit written letter to GSFC for an Administrative Review
  - Submit transcript and/or test scores
    - Within 45 days
  
- GSFC Exceptions for Loss of Eligibility
  - Serious Injury
  - Serious Illness
  - Psychiatric Disorder
  - Death in Family
    - Must submit GSFC Request for an Exception Application
    - Submit any applicable supporting documents
      - Within 45 days



# CONTACT INFO

Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid

(404) 894-4160

Hours: M-F 8:00am – 4:30pm

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