



# HOPE



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**Georgia's Hope Scholarship and HOPE Grant**

**\$\$Planning for Life After High School\$\$**

# HOPE Scholarship

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- Can be used at Technical colleges, 2 year colleges or 4 year colleges
- Must be used in the state of Georgia. HOPE cannot be used out of state.
- Must graduate from high school with a 3.0 Core GPA (English, Math, Science, Social Studies and World Language)
- HOPE Scholarship amounts will be based on a percentage of lottery revenues that will change each year.

# College Costs

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## HOPE Covers these costs:

- Tuition-the cost of attending class!
- Tuition for remedial classes in **technical schools**
- The HOPE Scholarship & HOPE Grant amounts will be adjusted each year dependent upon lottery revenues.

## HOPE DOES NOT cover these costs:

- Tuition for remedial classes at 2 & 4
- Room and board
- Books
- Fees
- Spending money
- Transportation
- Tutoring help

# HOPE GPA vs Cumulative GPA

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## HOPE GPA

- Only academic core courses count towards the average
- Calculated by GSFC
- Located on [gacollege411.org](http://gacollege411.org)
- Additional quality point of .5 added to college level courses
- Average cannot exceed 4.0

## HCS Cumulative GPA

- All courses count towards GPA
- Calculated by HCS
- Located on HCS Transcript
- Additional 10 points added to AP & Dual Enrollment; Additional 5 points added to honors courses
- Average can exceed 4.0

# Calculating the HOPE GPA

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- Only the Georgia Student Finance Commission can calculate HOPE.
- You can check the preliminary calculation on your **GaCollege411** account at [www.gacollege411.org](http://www.gacollege411.org).
- The FINAL HOPE GPA is not determined until after graduation, so all of the academic grades count!
- **HOPE DOES NOT ROUND UP!** A 2.999999 HOPE GPA after graduation, is NOT a 3.0. It is a 2.999999.



# Calculating Quality Points

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- Quality points are given for AP and Dual Enrollment Classes
  - HOPE adds an additional .5 quality point
  - Example: a B in AP European History will earn 3.5 quality points.
  - Example: an A in Chemistry (non AP) will be calculated as 4 quality points and not 4.5.

# Rigor Requirements

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Students graduating on or after May 1, 2015, must meet these academic requirements to qualify for HOPE.

Graduating on or after:	Number of Rigorous courses required:
May 1, 2015	2
May 1, 2016	3
May 1, 2017	4

# Rigorous Courses

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- Advanced science courses such as Chemistry, Physics, or Human Anatomy
- Advances placement courses in core subjects
- Academic courses taken through Dual Enrollment (MOWR)
- Advanced Math such as CCGPS Advanced Algebra, CCGPS Pre-Calculus, Math III, Math IV or a higher math
- Advanced foreign language courses (second year or higher)
- For a complete list of all courses that meet HOPE rigor: [Hope Rigor List \(January 2016\)](#)

# HOPE Scholarship and **Private School**

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- Will HOPE cover private school tuition?



- Depending upon the private school, approximately \$3600 per year will be awarded via the HOPE Scholarship & Tuition Equalization portions of the HOPE Program.

# Zell Miller Scholarship

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- The Zell Miller Scholarship will pay the full tuition for:
  - The Valedictorian and the Salutatorian of each Georgia High School.
  - Students who graduate with both a 3.7 HOPE GPA and
    - A 1200 verbal & math combined score on the SAT (one administration)
    - **Or** a 26 composite on the ACT
    - These test scores must be earned before graduation.
  - The Zell Miller Scholarship will be renewable for the recipients who maintain a 3.3 GPA in college.

# HOPE Grant

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- Does not require a specific GPA (requires a high school diploma or GED)
- The HOPE Grant can be awarded to attend a Georgia public technical school.
- The HOPE Grant will cover most of the tuition at a Georgia public technical schools. However, over the next few years, the award amount will be a specific percentage dependent on lottery revenue.

# Review

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- **Question:** I want to attend Southern Crescent Technical College. My HOPE GPA is 2.1. How can I get my tuition paid?
- **Answer:** You will need to complete your FAFSA to determine eligibility for the HOPE Grant. It will fund the large majority of the first year's tuition at a technical college regardless of your high school GPA upon entry.

# Review

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- **Question:** I want to go to Spelman or Savannah College of Art & Design (SCAD), they are private and pricey! They are in Georgia, will the HOPE Scholarship pay all my tuition at these schools?
- **Answer:** No! These are private schools. This year the HOPE Scholarship will pay approximately \$3600 per year at a private school.

# Review

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- **Question:** I have been accepted at Kennesaw State University, but I am not eligible for the HOPE Scholarship. My HOPE GPA was 2.9999 How can I earn the HOPE Scholarship.
- **Answer:** You will have to pay your own tuition for your first year (i.e. scholarships, etc.) Earn 30 semester hours credit with a 3.0 GPA, and you will be eligible for the HOPE Scholarship.

# Review

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- **Question:** If I have the grades to earn the HOPE Scholarship, will it be automatically awarded?
- **Answer:** No, you must apply to be awarded the HOPE Scholarship. While some schools use the information from the FAFSA for HOPE, many others will not. Therefore, you may need to apply online at [gacollege411.org](http://gacollege411.org).