Let's Talk About Financial Aide...

- GACollege411 (Will Change to GAFutures)
- Scholarship Finders
- Announcements About Financial Aide Opportunities
- District/County Scholarships

Ways to pay for college...

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- Do **NOT** have to be repaid
- Based on specific requirements

LOANS

Need to be repaid after college

WORK-STUDY PROGRAMS

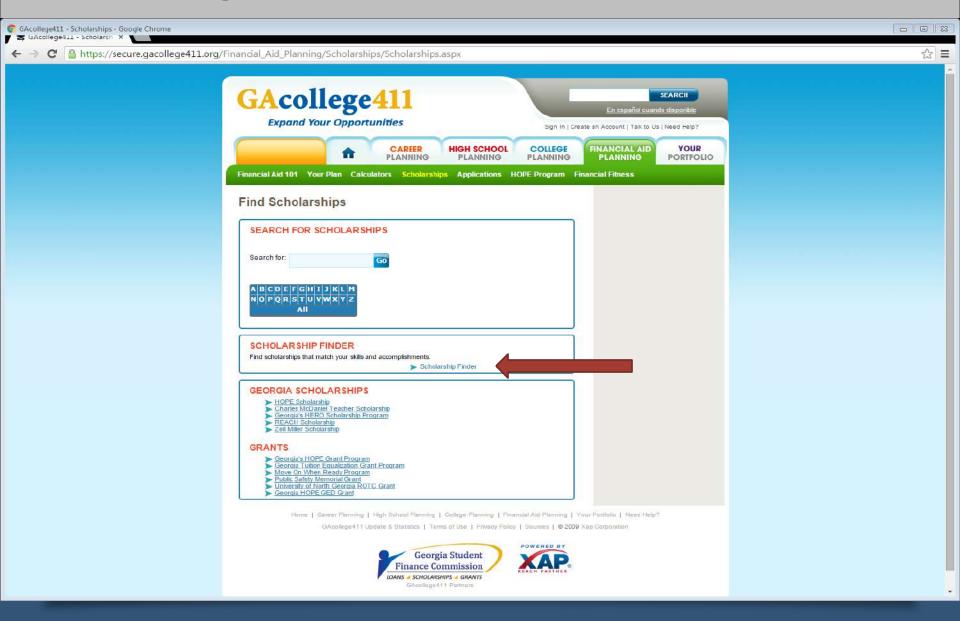
- Student has a job on campus
- Money earned helps pay for college

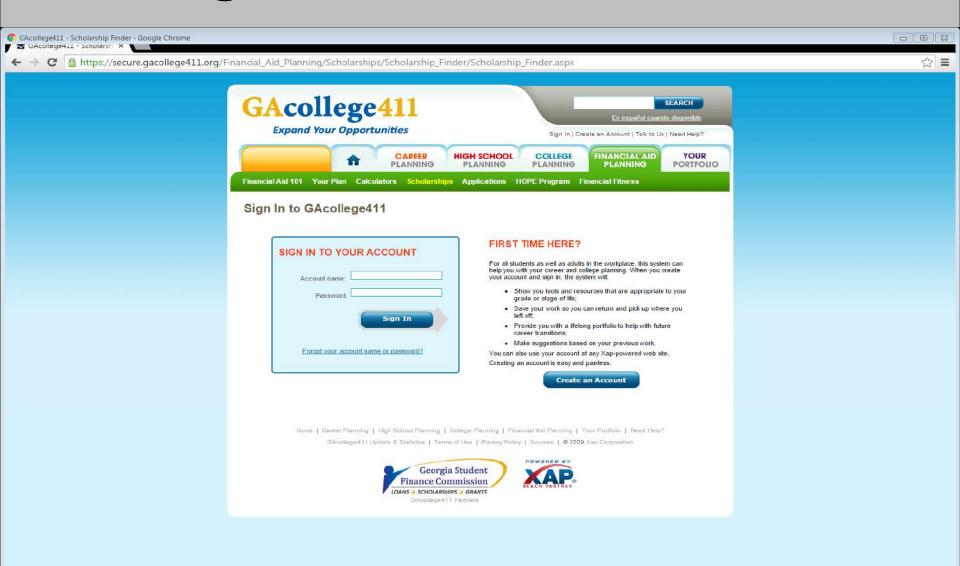
FINANCIAL AIDE
NIGHTS WILL BE
HELD DURING
THE 2015-16
SCHOOL YEAR

GACollege411 Financial Aide:









HOPE Scholarship (4 Rigorous Courses Required)

- Currently, the HOPE scholarship is determined by the calculation of <u>all</u> academic core courses that the student has taken and completed (grades 9-12). No middle school core course grades count.
- Georgia Student Finance Commission Rigorous Course Chart

https://apps.gsfc.org/main/publishing/pdf/2012/Course_List.pdf

- Both passing and failing grades in the core courses count. Thus, this is a merit based scholarship for eligible students.
- Changes in the eligibility guidelines are posted and updated on the GAfutures website (there are often annual changes in HOPE Scholarship regulations). For current HOPE tuition payments use this link:

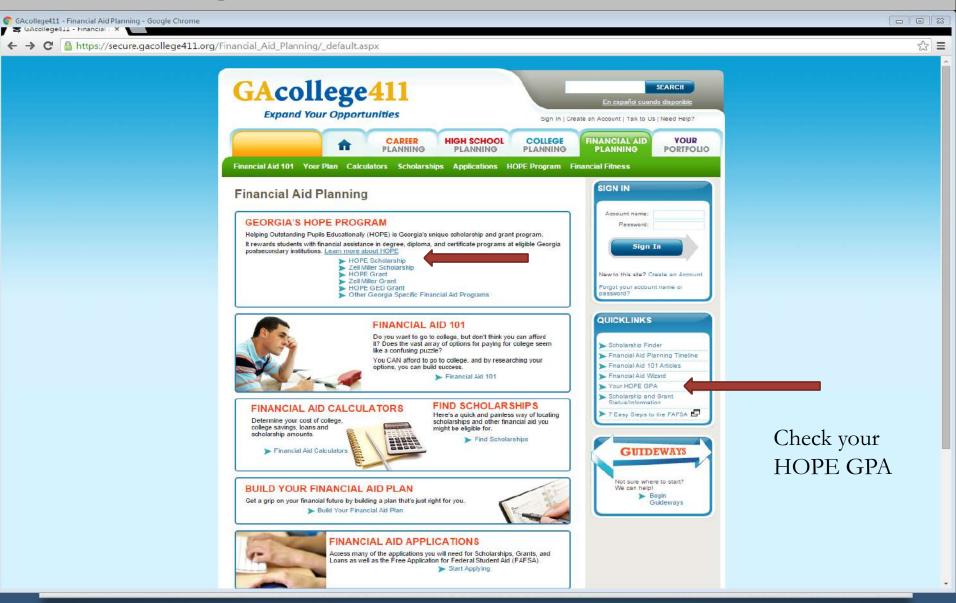
http://gsfc.georgia.gov/tuition-award-charts



HOPE GPA-3.0 GPA

- HOPE GPA is calculated on a traditional 4.00 grade point average scale to 2 decimal places without rounding. The following calculation is used as students graduate from high school who are on Tier 1 (first year of college):
 - An A is calculated as 4 quality points
 - A B is calculated as 3 quality points
 - A C is calculated as 2 quality points
 - An F is calculated as 0 quality points
- The HOPE GPA is calculated again at Tier 2 (after 30 college hours), Tier 3 (after 60 hours) and Tier 4 (after 90 hours)
- A student will lose the HOPE Scholarship if the student has lost HOPE at two checkpoints for Tier 2, 3, and 4 while attending college. The student cannot regain the HOPE Scholarship while in college, if the student has below a 3.0 at two checkpoints.





Zell Miller Scholar Program

- Seniors who graduate and meet <u>either</u> of the following criteria:
 - a 3.7 GPA for the HOPE eligible academic courses and have received an SAT score of 1200 (Critical Reading and Math scores) or a composite ACT score of 26 (on any single testing test date...can take test more than once)
 - Are the valedictorian or salutatorian of the Class of 2017
 - IMPORTANT: SAT or ACT test must be taken prior to student graduating from high school
- Maintain a 3.3 GPA at Tier 2, Tier 3, and Tier 4 checkpoints while in college
- A student will lose the ZELL Miller Scholarship if the student does not have a 3.3 GPA at two checkpoints...Tier 2, 3, and 4.

HOPE GRANT

- HOPE Grant funds pay for a maximum of 15 hours per semester.
- Students are eligible to receive the HOPE Grant as they graduate from high school.
- At 30 hours and again at 60 hours the grade point average is calculated. A 3.0 grade point average must be maintained to continue receiving the HOPE Grant.
- There is a maximum of 63 hours that the HOPE Grant pays for.

HOPE GPA



- If a student does not have these three key fields correct in our Student Information System as well as in the MyGafutures Profile on GAfutures, there will be no HOPE Scholarship:
 - Legal name that is on birth certificate
 - Social Security Number
 - Birth Date
- All of the above items must match on
 - Infinite Campus (Student Information System)
 - GAfutures
 - FAFSA
 - College Admissions Documents
 - SAT/ACT

MOWR and HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarships

- Core courses are included in the student's HOPE high school GPA for HOPE Scholarship and Zell Miller Scholarship eligibility determinations.
- Core coursework taken as dual enrollment meets Academic Rigor requirements and courses are given a weight of 0.5 toward HOPE Calculation. The HOPE GPA calculation has a cap of 4.0.
- Core DE courses are weighted 10 points on the local high school transcript.
- College transcript begins as MOWR student.
- MOWR hours do not count against HOPE hour cap.



Financial Aid 101 & Scholarships

