

# HOPE Grants At-a-Glance

**For:** Certificate or diploma programs

**Where:** Public colleges only. Most are technical college programs

**Georgia's 2018 budget:** \$109 million

**Awards cap:** 63 semester hours or 95 quarter hours. Students can receive more than one type of HOPE grant Exclusions: Students with bachelor's degrees are ineligible for HOPE grants. Students in default on student loans are also ineligible.

	How do you get the grant?	How do you keep the grant?	Award Amount	# Students Receiving
<b>HOPE Grant</b>	Enroll in an eligible certificate or diploma program	Maintain 2.0 GPA	Varies. About 75% tuition in 2015-2016, (for example, \$804 for 12 hours at technical colleges)	44,087, or 59% of certificate/diploma program students
<b>Zell Miller Grant</b>	Earn 3.5 GPA during program (up to one term of retroactive award)	Maintain 3.5 GPA	Full tuition	14,786, or 20% of certificate/diploma program students
<b>HOPE Career Grant (formerly Strategic Industries Workforce Development Grant)</b>	Enroll in approved programs of study, including computer programming, health science	Maintain 2.0 GPA and enrollment in approved program	Award ranges from \$125–\$500 per term, depending on enrolled hours, except commercial truck driving students get one-time \$1,000	14,026, or 19% of certificate/diploma program students

**The HOPE GED Grant program** awards \$500 one-time grants to students who earn a GED from a technical college and continue to any postsecondary program. About 870 students received the HOPE GED Grant in school year 2015-2016.

Sources: 2018 Budget (HB 44), as signed by governor; Technical College System of Georgia (AY 2016); Georgia Student Finance Commission Program Regulations 2016-2017 and Annual Report 2016. Student who received multiple awards are unduplicated. Percentages are calculated out of resident, "in-state" students.

## HOPE Scholarships At-a-Glance

**For:** Associate's or bachelor's degree programs

**Where:** Public and private colleges. Most programs are in the university system or private colleges

**Georgia's 2018 Budget:** \$620 million

**Awards cap:** 127 semester hours or 190 quarter hours

**Exclusions:** Students are ineligible if more than seven years from high school graduation, excluding military service; students in default on student loans are ineligible; scholarship does not cover remedial courses.

	How do you get the scholarship?	How do you keep the scholarship?	Award Amount	# Students Receiving
<b>HOPE Scholarship</b>	Earn 3.0 High School GPA <b>and</b> take four academically rigorous courses, such as advanced placement	Maintain 3.0 GPA	Varies. About 84% of tuition in 2015-2016 school year, for example \$1,272 for 12 hours at Georgia Gwinnett College	<i>Public colleges:</i> 65,938 bachelor's degree students, or 48%  12,929 associate's degree students, or 18%  <i>Private colleges:</i> 10,650
<b>Zell Miller Scholarship</b>	Earn 3.7 High School GPA <b>and</b> take four academically rigorous courses, including advanced placement, <b>and</b> score 1,200 on SAT or 26 on ACT <b>or</b> be class valedictorian or salutatorian	Maintain 3.3 GPA	<i>Public Colleges:</i> Full tuition  <i>Private Colleges:</i> Varies. Full-time semester award was \$2,174 in Fall 2016	<i>Public colleges:</i> 16,496 bachelor's degree students, or 12%  462 associate's degree students, or 0.6%  <i>Private colleges:</i> 1,990

Sources: Georgia's 2018 Budget (HB 44), signed by the governor; University System of Georgia, fall 2015; Technical College System of Georgia, 2016 amended budget; Georgia Student Finance Commission, program regulations 2016-2017 and annual report 2016. Percentages calculated from resident, in-state students. Associate's degree totals include both university and technical college systems.