HOPE Scholarships At-a-Glance

For Associate or Bachelor's Degree Programs at Public and Private Colleges and Universities

Georgia's 2022 Budget: \$829 million from the Georgia Lottery



HOPE Scholarships are Georgia's lottery-funded scholarships for students pursuing bachelor's (BA/BS) and associate degrees (AD). HOPE Scholarships do not consider family financial need. Eligibility is determined based on the requirements listed below. Georgia is one of two states in the country without broad need-based financial aid.

	HOPE Scholarship	Zell Miller Scholarship	
How do you get the scholarship?	Achieve 3.0 High School HOPE GPA (core courses only) Pass 4 academically rigorous courses, such as Advanced Placement	Achieve 3.7 High School HOPE GPA (core courses only) Pass 4 academically rigorous courses, such as Advanced Placement Score 1,200 on SAT or 26 on ACT or be class valedictorian or salutatorian	
How do you keep the scholarship?	Maintain 3.0 cumulative GPA - checked every 30 credit hours	Maintain 3.3 cumulative GPA - checked every 30 credit hours	
Award Amount (2021-2022)	Public Colleges: 75-94% of tuition, depending on school. No fee award Private Colleges: \$2,152 for one semester, full-time	Public Colleges: 100% of tuition. No fee award Private Colleges: \$2,808 for one semester, full-time	
Number of Students Receiving	University System of Georgia: BA/BS: 71,976 (37%) students AD: 8,788 (22%) students Technical Colleges: 6,075 (11%) AD students Private Colleges: 11,478 students	University System of Georgia: BA/BS: 27,512 (14%) students AD: 558 (1%) students Technical Colleges: 211 (<1%) AD students Private Colleges: 3,081 students	

Awards cap: 127 semester hours or 190 quarter hours (any combination of HOPE Grant or Scholarship hours) **Exclusions**: Students more than 10 years after high school graduation, excluding years of military service, and students in default on student loans are ineligible. Scholarship does not cover remedial courses.





HOPE Grants At-a-Glance

For Technical Certificate or Diploma Programs at Technical Colleges

Georgia's 2022 Budget: \$72 million from the Georgia Lottery



Some University System of Georgia colleges offer certificates and diplomas. Associate degree students at technical colleges are ineligible. High school Dual Enrollment students who reach the 30-credit-hour cap are eligible for the HOPE Grant. Credit hours are included in total awards caps.

	HOPE Grant	Zell Miller Grant	HOPE Career Grant Students get HOPE Career Grant on top of HOPE or Zell Miller Grant.
How do you get the grant?	Enroll in eligible certificate or diploma program	Maintain 3.5 GPA during program (up to one term of retroactive award)	Enroll in one of 17 approved HOPE Career Grant programs, including practical nursing, welding
How do you keep the grant?	Maintain 2.0 cumulative GPA - checked every 30 credit hours	Maintain 3.5 cumulative GPA - checked every 30 credit hours	Maintain 2.0 cumulative GPA - checked every 30 credit hours
Award Amount (2021-2022)	76% of tuition (\$76 per credit hour). No fee award	100% of tuition (\$100 per credit hour). No fee award	\$125 - \$1,000 per term, depending on hours and program. Combined with HOPE Grant, covers 100% or more of tuition
Number of Students (2019-2020)	29,680 (54%) of certificate/ diploma students	10,259 (20%) of certificate/ diploma students	25,971 (49%) of certificate/ diploma students

Awards cap: 63 hours (any combination of HOPE Grant or Scholarship hours)

Exclusions: Students with bachelor's degrees and students in default on student loans are ineligible.

The HOPE GED Grant awards \$500 one-time grants to students who earn a GED from a technical college and continue to any postsecondary program. About 845 students received the HOPE GED Grant in 2019-2020.



