

# HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarships

## Academic Eligibility from High School

### HOPE Scholarship

- Minimum 3.0 HOPE GPA as calculated by the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) in core curriculum courses (English, math, science, foreign language, social science)
- \*Rigor requirements

### Zell Miller Scholarship

\*Rigor requirements and one of the following:

Designated valedictorian or salutatorian	OR	Minimum 3.7 HOPE GPA as calculated by GSFC in core curriculum courses <b>AND</b> total test score of 1200 SAT on a single national administration or composite test score of 26 ACT on a single national or state/district administration
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\*Academic Rigor courses are determined by the course number. Refer to the full Academic Rigor Course List on [GAfutures.org](http://GAfutures.org).

## Award Amounts

	HOPE Scholarship*	Zell Miller Scholarship*
<b>Public Institution</b>	Portion of standard tuition <sup>†</sup>	Full standard tuition <sup>†</sup>
<b>Private Institution Full-time</b>	\$2,152 per semester (fall, spring, summer) \$1,436 per quarter (fall, winter, spring, summer)	\$2,808 per semester (fall, spring, summer) \$1,914 per quarter (fall, winter, spring, summer)
<b>Private Institution Half-time</b>	\$1,077 per semester (fall, spring, summer) \$719 per quarter (fall, winter, spring, summer)	\$1,404 per semester (fall, spring, summer) \$957 per quarter (fall, winter, spring, summer)

\*Complete award amounts available on [GAfutures.org](http://GAfutures.org). <sup>†</sup>Up to 15 credit hours.

## Maintaining

### HOPE Scholarship

Students must maintain a minimum cumulative 3.0 calculated HOPE GPA\* at designated checkpoints (end of every spring semester and at 30, 60 and 90 attempted semester hours; end of every spring quarter and at 45, 90 and 135 attempted quarter hours). If a student's calculated HOPE GPA falls below a 3.0, they will lose the HOPE Scholarship and will only be eligible to regain it once.

### Zell Miller Scholarship

Students must maintain a minimum cumulative 3.3 calculated HOPE GPA\* at designated checkpoints (end of every spring semester and at 30, 60 and 90 attempted semester hours; end of every spring quarter and at 45, 90 and 135 attempted quarter hours). If a student's calculated HOPE GPA falls below a 3.3, they will lose the Zell Miller Scholarship but may still be eligible for the HOPE Scholarship. Students can regain the Zell Miller Scholarship only once.

\*Calculated HOPE GPA refers to all attempted hours after high school graduation. Approved postsecondary STEM courses taken fall 2017 and later receive .5 weight to grade B, C or D. Approved courses can be found at [GAfutures.org](http://GAfutures.org). STEM courses taken during high school are not given the STEM weight for postsecondary GPA calculation.

## Losing Eligibility

A student will lose eligibility for the HOPE Scholarship and the Zell Miller Scholarship due to one of the following:

- Calculated HOPE GPA requirement not met
- Maximum attempted and/or paid hours reached (127 semester/190 quarter)
- Funds not used within ten years of high school graduation or equivalent
- Bachelor's degree received
- On the second loss, a student becomes permanently ineligible

### What are Rigor Requirements?

Rigor courses: Advanced Math, Advanced Science, Foreign Language, Advanced Placement (AP) in core subjects, International Baccalaureate (IB) in core subjects, degree-level Dual Credit Enrollment courses in core subjects taken at an eligible postsecondary institution.

Students graduating from high school must earn four full credits from the above list.

## HOPE & Zell Miller Scholarship Facts

- Your high school GPA is not the same as your HOPE GPA.
- The HOPE GPA calculation is used for both the HOPE Scholarship and the Zell Miller Scholarship.
- Your HOPE GPA is calculated using grades for core coursework in English, math, science, social studies, and foreign language.
- By law, the HOPE GPA is not rounded.
- The HOPE Scholarship minimum GPA requirement is 3.00 and the Zell Miller Scholarship minimum GPA requirement is 3.70.
- By law, there is no exception to the minimum 3.00 (HOPE)/3.70 (Zell Miller) GPA requirement. GSFC cannot alter or forgive grades issued by your high school.
- Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and core dual enrollment courses are weighted 0.5 for grades of B, C, D and F only
- You must earn a minimum of four full academic rigor credits in addition to the minimum HOPE GPA requirements for the HOPE Scholarship and the Zell Miller Scholarship.
- In addition to the minimum 3.7 HOPE GPA for Zell Miller Scholarship eligibility, you must earn, on a single test administration, a minimum score of 1200 on the SAT or a composite score of 26 on the ACT before your high school graduation.
- To have your SAT scores sent to the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) for scholarship eligibility, a request may be submitted at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) or by calling 866.630.9305.
- To have your ACT scores sent to GSFC for scholarship eligibility, a request may be submitted at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) or by calling 319.337.1270.
- Georgia high schools report preliminary 12th grade transcripts by Feb 15th and the final transcripts by June 30th.
- Georgia high schools annually report 9th, 10th and 11th grade transcript progress reports.
- If there is a discrepancy with a course and/or grade on your transcript, contact your high school.
- Your chosen college or university may have additional application requirements. Be sure to contact the admissions office for more information.

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