# 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:

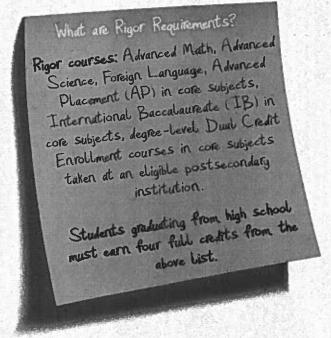
Designated valedictorian or salutatorian

Minimum 3.7 HOPE GPA as calculated by GSFC in core curriculum courses

AND

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

\*Academic Rigor courses are determined by the course number. Refer to the full Academic Rigor Course List on GAfutures.org.



#### **Award Amounts**

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

<sup>\*</sup>Complete award amounts available on GAfutures.org. \*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**. 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

## 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 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 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.

