Friendly Reminders

- Be social with GSFC
 - Like/Follow us and find tips, resources, event information and much more about planning, preparing and paying for college
- Create a GAfutures account
 - Students can check their HOPE GPA and find out more information on eligibility for the HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarship







Financial Aid 101: Federal and State Aid



Agenda

- Define Financial Aid
- Types of aid
- Federal Programs
- Georgia's Financial Aid Programs
- Application Process FAFSA
- Financial Aid Package

Financial Aid



Financial Aid

- Helps pay for educational expenses
 - Direct and Indirect Costs
- Costs of Attendance (COA)



Direct and Indirect Costs

Direct Costs

- Tuition and fees
- On-campus housing
- Meal plan
- Parking permits

Indirect Costs

- Books
- Rent for off-campus housing
- School supplies
- Groceries



Cost of Attendance (COA)

- Tuition and fees payable to the institution
- Books and supplies
- Room and board
- Personal costs
- Transportation to and from the institution



Types of Financial Aid



Financial Aid Types and Sources

- Financial aid comes in different forms:
 - Scholarships
 - Grants
 - Loans
 - Work-study programs
- From a number of different sources:
 - Federal and state government
 - Colleges and universities
 - Private foundations
 - Professional and service organizations
 - Employers and private companies



Types of Financial Aid

- Merit-based (HOPE Scholarship)
- Need-based (Pell Grant)
- Non-need based (HOPE Grant)
- Student or parent loans



- Military aid and grants (Georgia National Guard Service Cancelable Loan; UNG ROTC Grant)
- Savings plan (Path2College 529; traditional savings)



Scholarships and Grants

Scholarship examples:

- Height
- Ethnicity
- Religious affiliation
- Gender
- Being a multiple (twin, triplet, etc.)
- Left-handed
- Video on social media

Grants:

Need-based



GAfutures Scholarship Search

Scholarship Search Tips

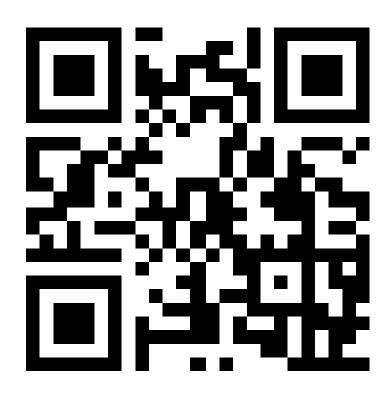
- Start search early
- Don't stop at one, two, or three
- Be creative
 - Consider family, hobbies, career interests, medical history, or college major
- Look for scholarships even after beginning college
- DO NOT PAY ANYONE TO HELP FIND OR APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS!



Federal Aid Programs



Paying for College



How to Get Federal Student Aid

- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Be a high school graduate or GED recipient
- Be enrolled in an eligible degree/certificate program
- Have a valid Social Security number
- Be registered with Selective Service if required
- Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress



Federal Financial Aid Programs Grants

- Pell Grant
 - Undergraduate student with financial need
 - Maximum amount for 2020-2021 is \$6,345

- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)
 - Undergraduate student with exceptional financial need
 - Pell Grant recipients receive priority
 - Up to \$4,000

Federal Financial Aid Programs Grants

- TEACH Grant
 - Undergraduate, post-baccalaureate, or graduate student
 - Enrolled in coursework to begin a career in teaching
 - Must agree to serve as a full-time teacher in a high-need field in a public or private elementary or secondary school that serves low-income students
 - Up to \$4,000; becomes a loan if you do not teach as required

Federal Financial Aid Programs Grants

- Federal Work Study Program
 - Full-time or part-time undergraduate or graduate student
 - Earn at least minimum wage
 - On-campus positions
 - Campus tour guide
 - Library
 - Sporting events
 - Office assistant



Federal Financial Aid Programs Federal Direct Loans

Direct Subsidized Loan

Direct Unsubsidized Loan

 Federal PLUS Loan – for parents of dependent undergraduate students

 Grad PLUS Loan – for graduate and professional students

Federal Financial Aid Programs Direct Subsidized Loans

- Direct Subsidized Loan
 - Available to undergraduate students with financial need
 - Interest is paid by the government while enrolled (at least half time)
 - Amount determined by institution and based on COA, financial need, other aid and loan limits
 - Current interest rate 2.75%

Federal Financial Aid Programs Direct Unsubsidized Loans

- Direct Unsubsidized Loan
 - Available to undergraduate/graduate students
 - Institution determines the amount based on COA, other financial aid awarded, and loan limits
 - Student responsible for paying the interest
 - Can choose to defer interest while enrolled at least half time, but interest will be added to the principal amount of loan
 - Current interest rate 2.75%

Federal Financial Aid Programs Direct Plus Loans

- Parent PLUS loan for a parent of dependent
 - Only one parent will be the borrower
 - Can have more than one loan for additional dependent student
- Grad PLUS loan for graduate or professional student
- Approval based on credit history
- Maximum amount is COA minus any other financial aid awarded
- Current interest rate is 5.30%

Federal Loan Program Limits

2020-2021 Academic Year

Initial Loan Amount for Dependent Students whose Parents are Eligible for a PLUS Loan	Base	Additional Unsubsidized	Annual Maximum Amount
Freshmen	\$3,500	\$2,000	\$5,500
Sophomore	\$4,500	\$2,000	\$6,500
Junior/Senior	\$5,500	\$2,000	\$7,500

Independent Students and Dependent Students whose Parents were Denied a PLUS Loan	Base	Additional Unsubsidized	Annual Maximum Amount
Freshmen	\$3,500	\$6,000	\$9,500
Sophomore	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$10,500
Junior/Senior	\$5,500	\$7,000	\$12,500

Georgia's Financial Aid Programs



HOPE Program Information



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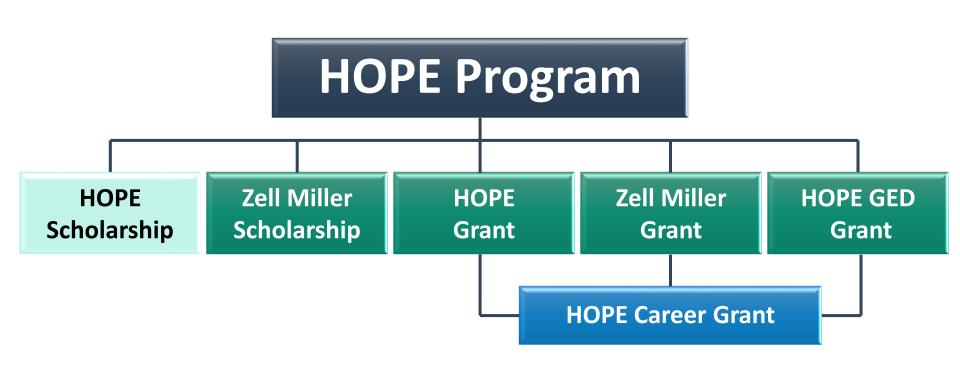


HOPE Program

- General Eligibility Requirements
 - Be a legal resident of Georgia
 - Be registered with the Selective Service, if required
 - Be in compliance with the Georgia Drug-Free Postsecondary Education Act of 1990
 - Meet U.S. citizenship or eligible non-citizen requirements
 - Be in good standing on all student loans and other financial aid programs
 - Attend an eligible postsecondary institution
 - Must be working toward the first undergraduate program



HOPE Scholarship



HOPE Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

- Students must pursue an associate or bachelor's degree
- Graduate with a 3.0 high school HOPE GPA
 - After high school graduation, may also be earned in college
- 4 academically rigorous course credits



Academically Rigorous Courses

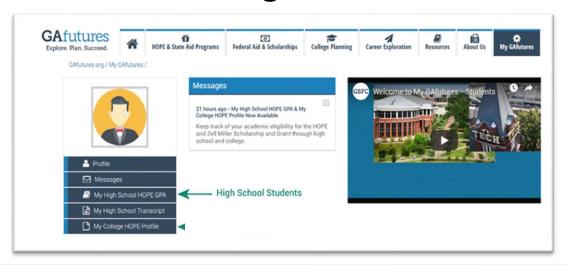
Courses must be on Academic Rigor Course List. This includes:

- Advanced Placement (AP)
- International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Dual Enrollment in degree level core subjects
- Advanced math
- Advanced science
- Foreign language II or higher



My High School HOPE GPA

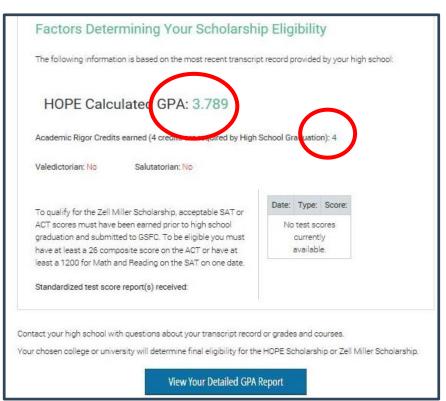
- ONLY calculated by GSFC
- Only core courses from 9th through 12th grade
- Transcripts are uploaded by the high school
- 4 academically rigorous course credits
- Log into GAfutures.org account to access HOPE GPA





My High School HOPE GPA

The HOPE GPA Calculation is used for HOPE Scholarship and Zell Miller Scholarship eligibility upon graduating high school Student Information Report Type: Preliminary SSN: XXX-XX-Student ID: Name: As of the most recent transcript data received at Based on your preliminary GPA calculation, you may be eligible for the HOPE Scholarship or Zell Miller Scholarship. A final GPA will be calculated when the high school submits your final transcript. If you have a minimum 3.7 calculated GPA and required ACT or SAT scores at the time of high school graduation, you may be academically eligible for the Zell Miller Scholarship. Date High School Submitted Transcript Record:



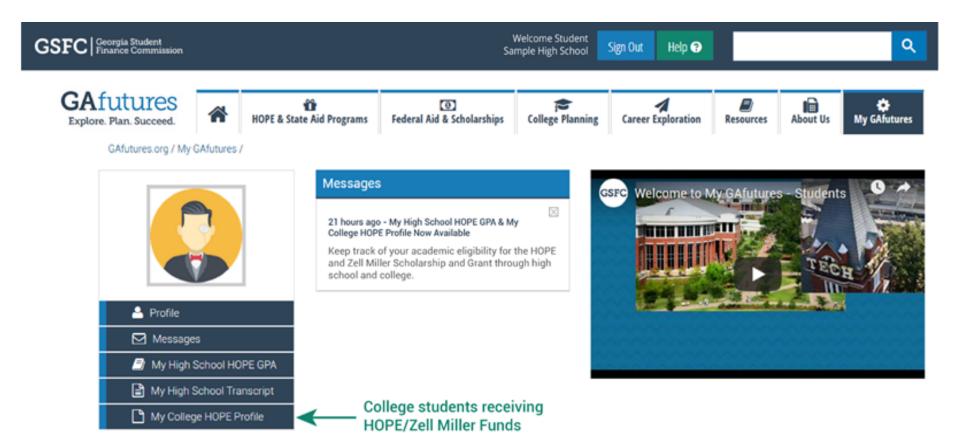
Maintaining the HOPE Scholarship

Students must maintain 3.0 college HOPE GPA at all checkpoints including:

- End of every Spring semester/quarter
- 30/45 attempted semester/quarter hours
- 60/90 attempted semester/quarter hours
- 90/135 attempted semester/quarter hours
- Three-Term Checkpoint, if enrolled less than full time for first three semesters/quarters



College HOPE GPA

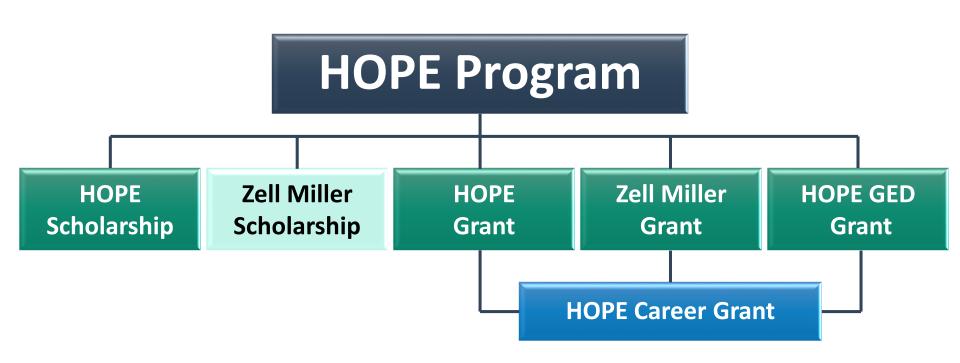


College HOPE GPA

- ONLY calculated by GSFC
- Calculated every semester/quarter
- STEM courses are weighted .5 for all grades except an A and F
- High school Dual Enrollment courses are not included



Zell Miller Scholarship



Eligibility Requirements

Rigor Requirements and one of the following:

Designated valedictorian or salutatorian

AND

 Meet minimum HOPE eligibility requirements





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

AND

1200 SAT total test score

OR

• 26 ACT composite score

Maintaining the Zell Miller Scholarship

- Students must maintain 3.3 college HOPE GPA at following checkpoints:
 - End of every Spring semester/quarter
 - 30/45 attempted semester/quarter hours
 - 60/90 attempted semester/quarter hours
 - 90/135 attempted semester/quarter hours
 - Three-Term Checkpoint, if enrolled less than full time for first three semesters/quarters



HOPE & Zell Miller Scholarships

- Students lose eligibility due to one of the following:
 - GPA requirement not met (3.0 for HOPE; 3.3 for Zell Miller)
 - Reaching maximum attempted hours
 - 127 semester
 - 190 quarter
 - Failing to use funds within ten years of high school graduation or equivalent
 - Exception for active duty military service in United States Armed Forces
 - Received bachelor's or first professional degree

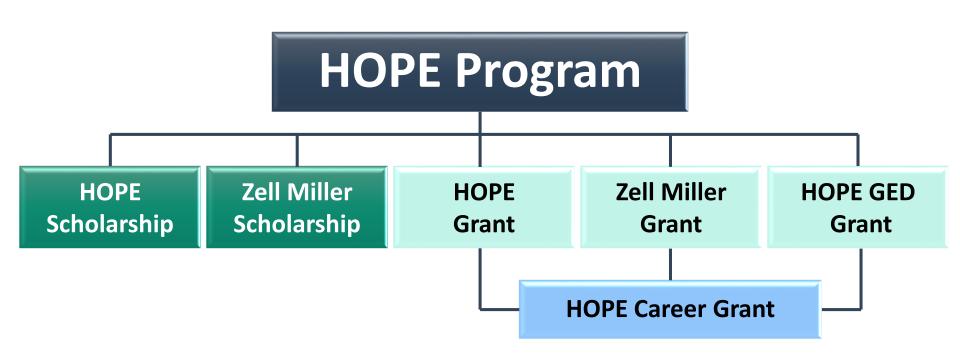








Grants



HOPE Grant

Eligibility Requirements:

- Enrolled in certificate or diploma program
- High school diploma/GED not required
- High school GPA and/or test scores not considered

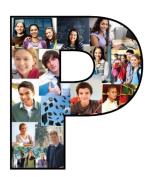


Maintaining the HOPE Grant

- Students must maintain a 2.0 college cumulative GPA at the following checkpoints:
 - 30 HOPE Grant paid semester hours
 - 60 HOPE Grant paid semester credit hours
- Maximum 63 paid semester hours









Zell Miller Grant

Eligibility Requirements:

- Minimum 3.5 college cumulative GPA
- Checkpoints occur at the end of every term of enrollment
- Must be a HOPE Grant recipient initially
- May be paid retroactively for first term
- Maximum 63 combined paid hours Zell Miller and HOPE Grants



HOPE Career Grant

- HOPE Grant and Zell Miller Grant recipients eligible for HOPE Career Grant
- Joint or Dual Credit Enrollment students not eligible
 - Movie Production and Set Design
 - Computer Programming
 - Computer Technology
 - Practical Nursing
 - Early Childhood Care and Education
 - Welding and Joining Technology
 - Precision Manufacturing
 - Certified Engineer Technician
 - Commercial Truck Driving
 - Health Sciences

- Diesel Equipment Technology
- Industrial Maintenance Technology
- Automotive
- Aviation
- Construction
- Electrical Line Worker
- Logistics

Award Amounts

	HOPE Scholarship	Zell Miller Scholarship
Public Institutions	portion of tuition	full standard tuition
Private Institutions 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)

	HOPE Grant	Zell Miller Grant
Public Institutions	portion of tuition	full standard tuition

HOPE Career Grant

Enrolled Semester Hours	Award Amounts
1-2 hours	\$125
3-8 hours	\$250
9+ hours	\$500
9+ hours	\$1,000 award per truck driving program

Student Access Loan Program



Student Access Loan Program

 Available at HOPE-eligible post secondary institutions in Georgia

- Fixed interest rate 1% for life of loan, including repayment
 - In event of default, interest rate reverts irrevocably to 5%

- Monthly Keep In Touch (KIT) payment
 - Monthly minimum KIT payments of \$10 while enrolled at least half time (6 hours or more) and in grace period

Student Access Loan ProgramUSG and Private Postsecondary Institutions

Application Process

- 1. Current HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarship recipients in random selection based on available funds
- 2. Followed by random selection of remaining applicants based on available funds
- Loan Amounts
 - \$500 minimum; \$8,000 maximum; \$36,000 aggregate limit
 - \$4,000 maximum per term
- Eligible Programs
 - Certificate, diploma and degree at eligible postsecondary institution

Student Access Loan ProgramUSG and Private Postsecondary Institutions

- Other Requirements
 - Must meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) and residency requirements
 - May not decline other state and federal aid or VA educational benefits
 - May decline federal and institutional work-study
 - May decline Parent Plus loan
 - Must not be in default on federal loan or previous SAL
 - Must not be delinquent on previous SAL
- Service Cancellation Options
 - STEM teachers
 - Public service



Student Access Loan Program TCSG Postsecondary Institutions

Application Process

- 1. Current HOPE and Zell Miller Scholars and recipients
- 2. Followed by prior year SAL recipients, in good standing
- Remaining applicants selected on first-come, first-served basis based on available funds

Loan Amounts

- \$300 minimum; \$3,000 maximum; \$12,000 aggregate limit
- \$1,500 maximum per term

Eligible Programs

Certificate, diploma and degree at eligible postsecondary institution

Student Access Loan Program TCSG Postsecondary Institutions

- Other Requirements
 - Must meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) and residency requirements
 - May not decline federal or state scholarships, grants or VA educational benefits
 - May decline federal loans or federal or institutional workstudy
 - Must not be in default on federal loan or previous SAL
 - Must not be delinquent on previous SAL
- Loan Discharge Option
 - Graduate from program of study for which SAL at TCSG was received with cumulative postsecondary GPA of 3.5 or higher

SAL Application and Selection Cycles

- Application cycle announced annually early summer
- Application cycle will be open while funds are available
- Institutions will be notified and certify the selections
- Institutions will notify students
- Institutions do have the authority to implement institutional policies to decline eligibility of student for SAL, or reduce requested loan amount

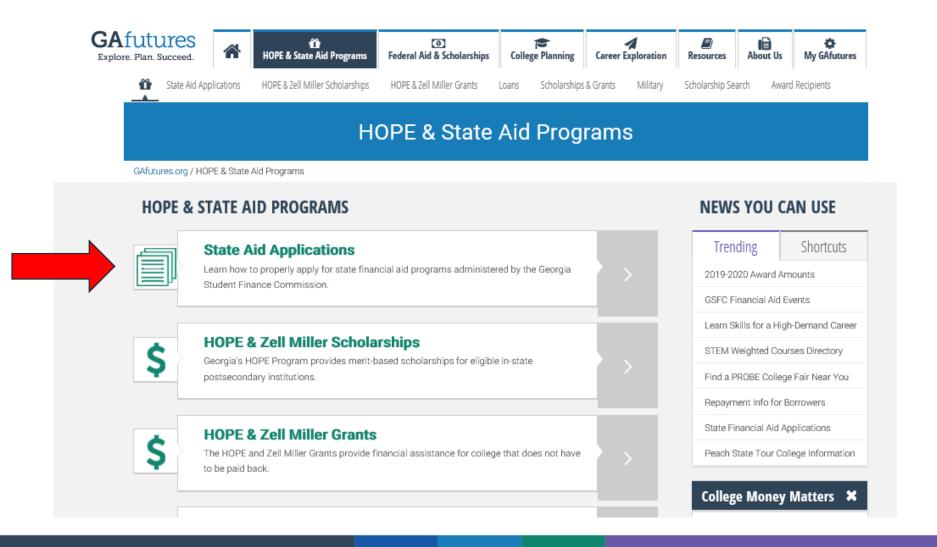
Other State Programs

- Georgia National Guard Service Cancelable Loan
 - Provides tuition assistance to eligible members of the Georgia National Guard for undergraduate and graduate programs; member agrees to service repayment
- Public Safety Memorial Grant
 - Provides assistance to the dependent children of Georgia public safety officers who were permanently disabled or killed in the line of duty
- Tuition Equalization Grant (TEG)
 - Provides grant assistance toward educational costs to Georgia residents enrolled full-time at an eligible private college or university

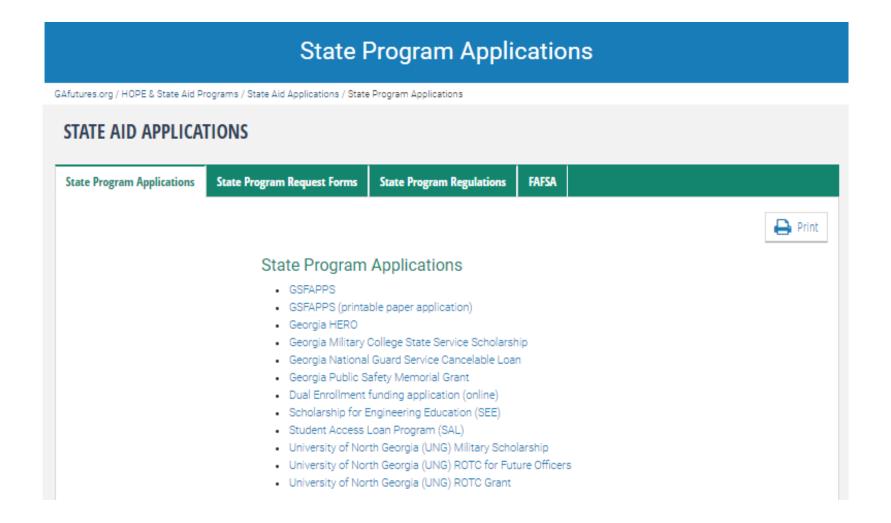
Other State Programs

- Georgia Military College State Service Scholarship
- HERO Scholarship
- REACH Scholarship (scholars selected during middle school)
- Scholarship for Engineering Education (SEE)
- University of North Georgia Military Scholarship
- University of North Georgia ROTC Grant
- University of North Georgia ROTC Grant for Future Officers

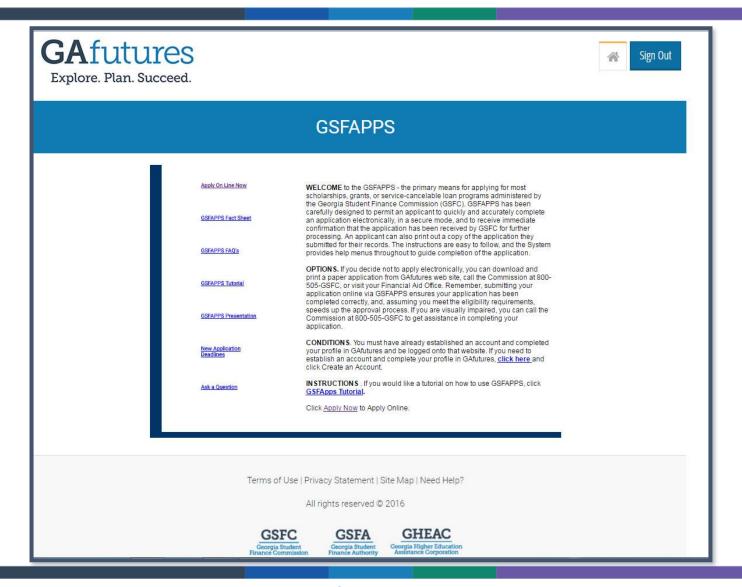
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The Georgia Student Finance Application (GSFAPPS)





Completing the FAFSA



FAFSA Checklist



Completing the FAFSA

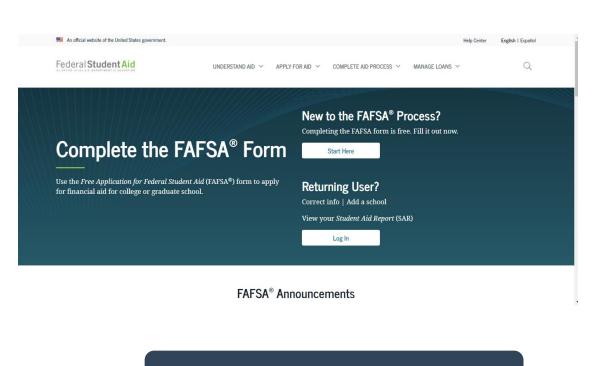
(Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

- First step in financial aid search
- Application is free
- FAFSA for upcoming aid year opens October 1
- Begin by creating FSA ID
 - Use to sign your FAFSA
 - If dependent student, parent will also need an FSA ID
- Find a FAFSA Completion event for help
 - Check with school counselor for financial aid nights or FAFSA workshops
 - Visit GAfutures for events nearby
- Do not pay anyone to complete FAFSA

Completing the FAFSA

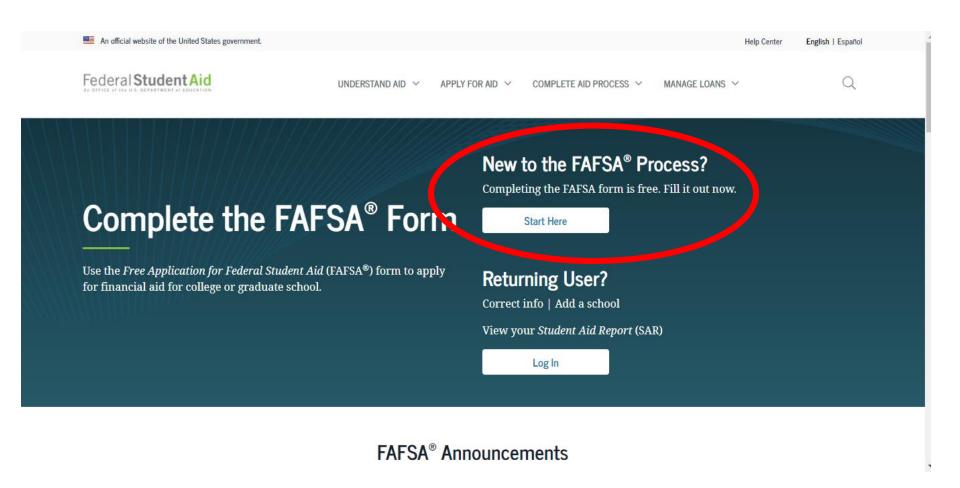
myStudentAid – fafsa app that can be downloaded onto a mobile device





www.fafsa.gov website

FAFSA Homepage: FAFSA.gov



When to Submit the FAFSA

FAFSA 2020-2021

If attending:

Fall 2020 Spring 2021

Summer 2021

Use 2018 tax returns

Available October 1, 2019 FAFSA 2021 - 2022

If attending:

Fall 2021
Spring 2022
Summer 2022

Use 2019 tax returns

Available October 1, 2020

What Is Needed to Complete the FAFSA

• Social Security number (Alien Registration Number, if not a U.S. citizen)

 Federal income tax returns, W-2s and other records of money earned

- Bank statements and investment records (if applicable)
- Records of untaxed income (if applicable)
- An FSA ID to sign electronically
- Order Spanish FAFSA at edpubs.gov



Steps to Creating an FSA ID

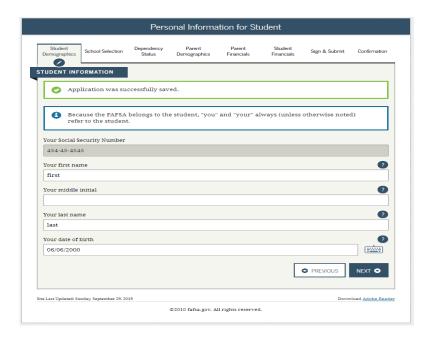
- Go to fafsa.gov and click the link to create an FSA ID
- Create a username and password, and enter email
- Enter demographic information and select challenge questions and answers
- Review information and read and accept the terms and conditions
- Confirm cell number and email address by using the secure code
- For additional help, visit StudentAid.gov/fsaid

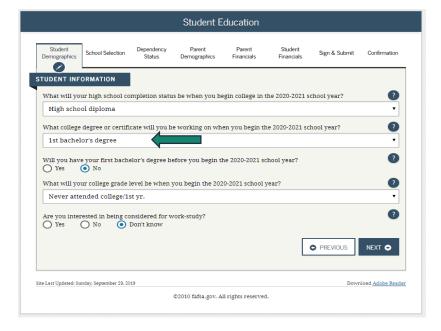
FSA ID Tips

- Create your own FSA ID
- Never share FSA ID
- Keep and remember FSA ID
- Use FSA ID each year to fill out FAFSA and for lifetime of any loans
- Parents may need to create FSA ID as well
- Email address can be associated with only one FSA ID

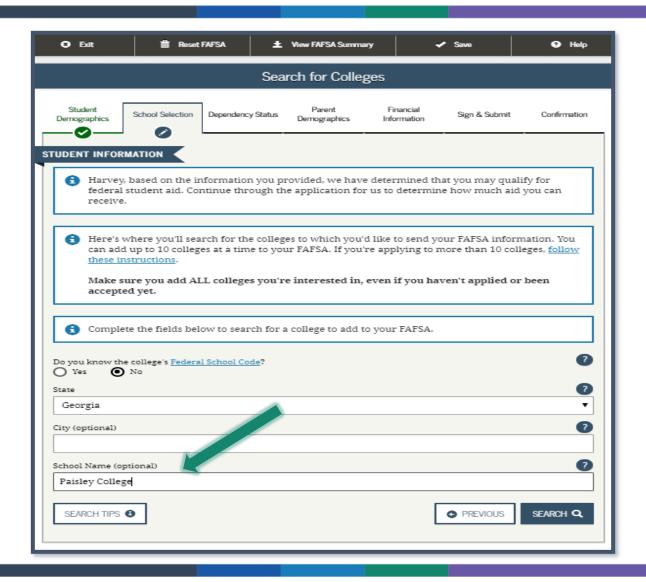


Student Demographics

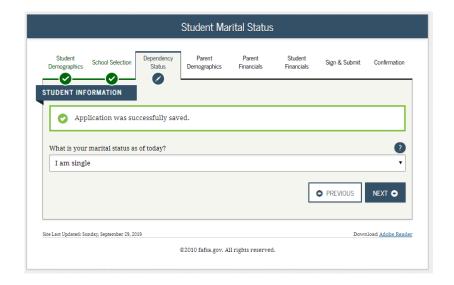


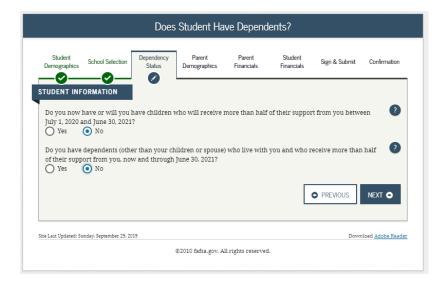


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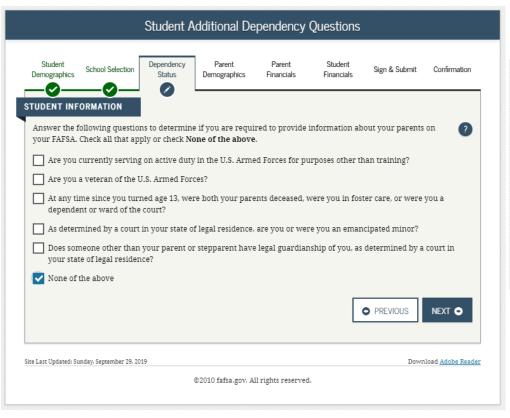


Dependency Status



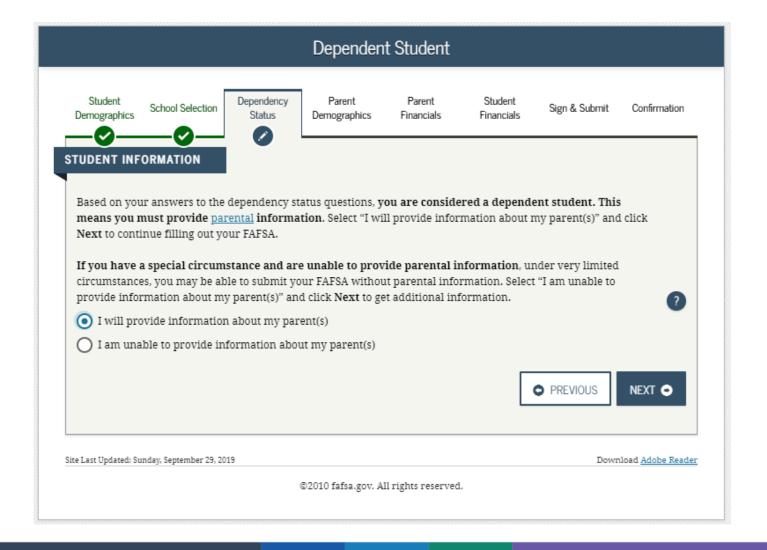


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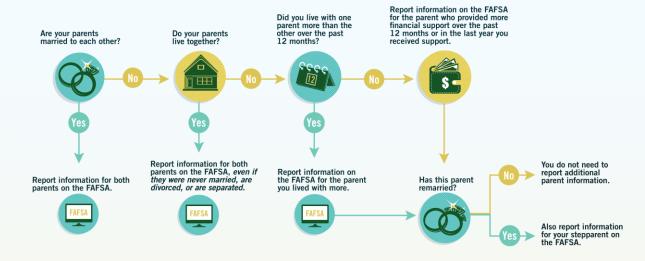


Who's My Parent?

WHO'S MY PARENT WHEN I FILL OUT MY FAFSA?

Dependent students are required to report parent information on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). For reporting purposes, "PARENT" means your legal (biological or adoptive) parent or stepparent, or a person that the state has determined to be your legal parent.

Use this guide to figure out which parent's information to include (depending on your family situation).



The following people are not your parents unless they have legally adopted you:













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If you're not sure whom to report as a parent, you can visit StudentAid.ed.gov/fafsa/filling-out/parent-info or call 800-4-FED-AID (800-433-3243).

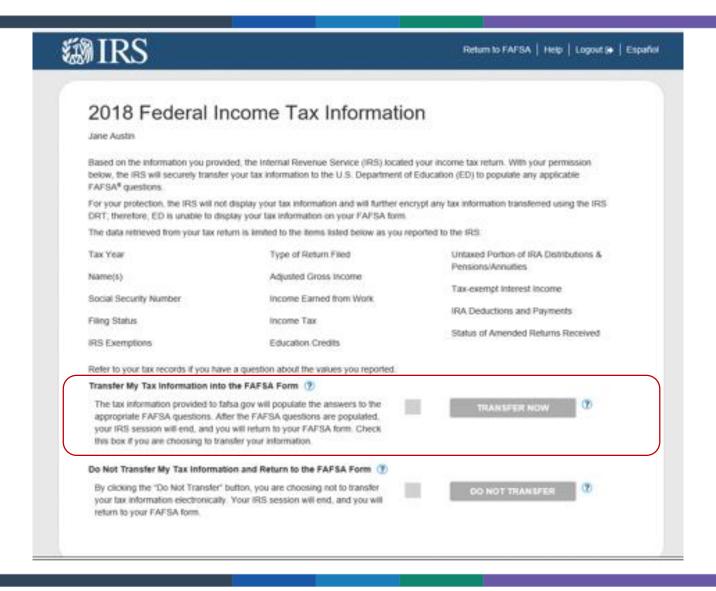
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Federal Student Aid

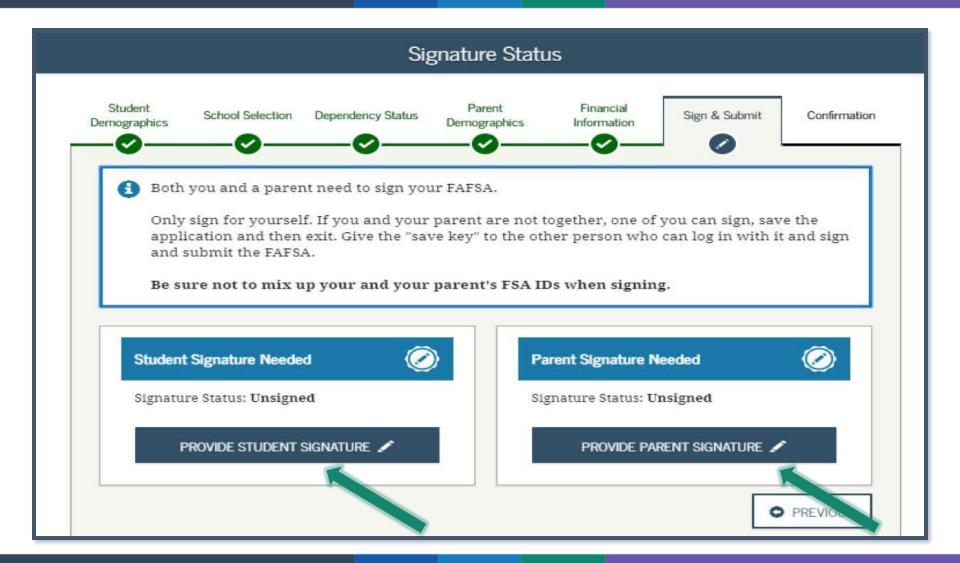
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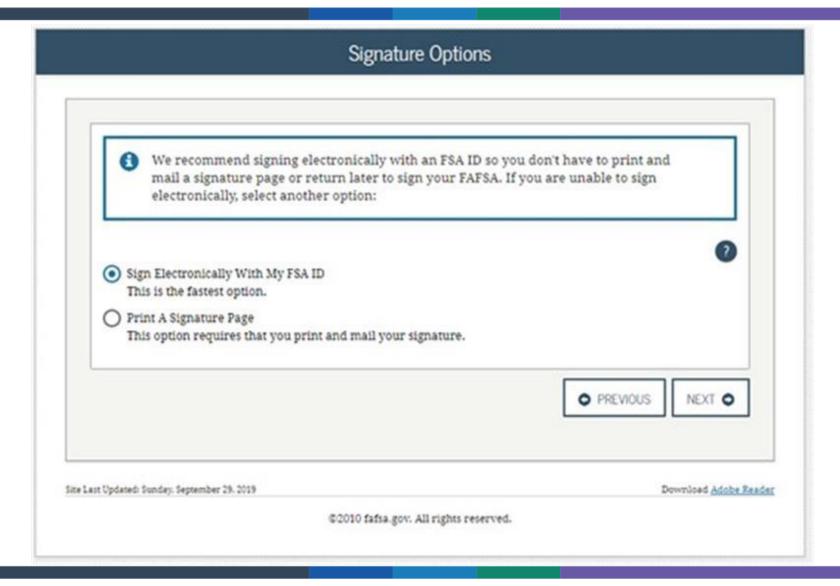
IRS Data Retrieval Tool



Sign & Submit

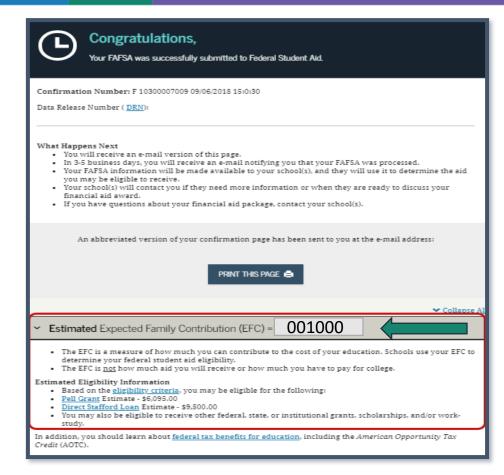


Sign & Submit

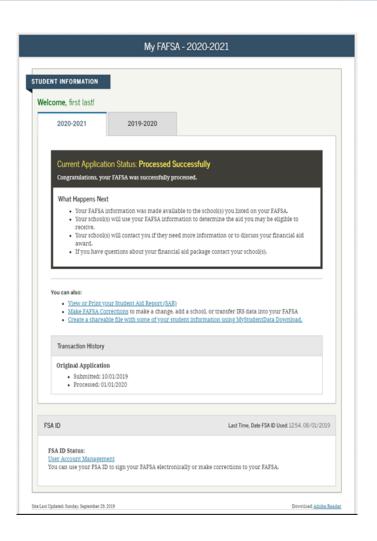


Confirmation Page

- Expected Family Contribution (EFC)
 - A measure of how much can be contributed to the student's education
 - Based on financial information and other information provided in the FAFSA
 - Not the amount of money the family or student will have to pay
 - Determines how much financial aid for which a student may qualify



My FAFSA View



You can also:

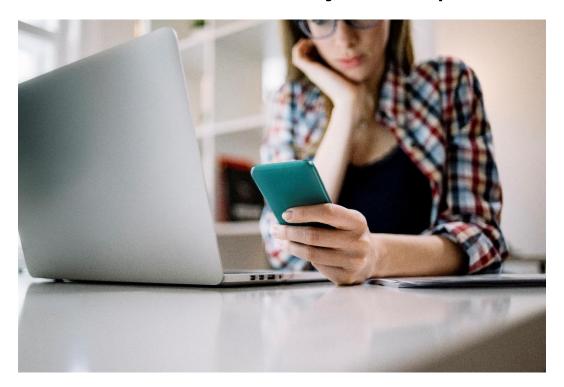


View or Print your Student Aid Report (SAR)

- Make FAFSA Corrections to make a change, add a school, or transfer IRS data into your FAFSA
- Create a shareable file with some of your student information using MyStudentData Download.

Student Aid Report (SAR)

- Processed within 3-5 days
- Review the Student Aid Report (SAR)
- Additional documentation may be requested



Special Circumstances

Examples of Special Circumstances:

- Change in employment status
- Medical expenses not covered by insurance
- Change in parent marital status
- Unusual dependent care expenses
- Student cannot obtain parent information

Comparing Financial Aid Packages

Comparing Financial Aid Packages

To receive a Financial Aid Package, a student must:

- List the institution on the FAFSA
- Complete verification process, if selected
- Apply for admission
- And at some institutions, be accepted

Each institution is different. For more information, check with the Institution's financial aid office.

Financial Aid Award Offers

- Financial aid awards will all have basically the same information included:
 - How much it will cost to attend the institution for the year
 - The amount of financial aid the institution is providing
 - The amount family is expected to contribute
 - Any additional need to be funded through other sources

Compare Award Offers





GOTHAM UNIVERSITY								
Housing: On Campus Residency: In-State	Estimat Expecte	\$28,086 - 1000						
	Established Financial Need (EFN)							
Type of Aid	Fall	Spring	Summer	Total	Accept?			
Pell Grant	\$2,697	\$2,698	\$0	\$5,395	Yes or No			
HOPE Scholarship	\$3,840	\$3,840	\$0	\$7,680	Yes or No			
Band Scholarship	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$2,000	Yes or No			
Volunteer Organization	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$2,000	Yes or No			
Something Church	\$200	\$200	\$0	\$400	Yes or No			
Subsidized Loan	\$1,750	\$1,750		\$3,500				
Unsubsidized Loan	\$1,000	\$1,000		\$2,000				
Total for Academic Year	\$22,975							

Paisley College									
Housing: On Campus Residency: In-State	Estimat Expecte	\$19,185 - 1000							
	Establis		\$18,185						
Type of Aid	Fall	Spring	Summer	Total	Accept?				
Pell Grant	\$2,697	\$2,698	\$0	\$5,395	Yes or No				
Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$4,000	Yes or No				
Federal Work Study	\$790	\$790	\$0	\$1,580	Yes or No				
HOPE Scholarship	\$1,335	\$1,335	\$0	\$2,670	Yes or No				
Volunteer Organization	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$2,000	Yes or No				
Something Church	\$200	\$200	\$0	\$400	Yes or No				
Subsidized Loan	\$1,070	\$1,070	\$0	\$2,140					
Unsubsidized Loan	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$1,000					
Total for Academic Year	\$19,185								

The Best Order to Accept Aid

1. Scholarships and Grants

- Understand all the conditions
- Make sure it is truly free

2. Work Study

- Doesn't have to be paid back
- Money is paid through a paycheck based on hours worked
- Consider class schedule and study time

3. Federal Student Loans

- Must be paid back with interest
- Consider a subsidized loan first interest doesn't accrue until repayment

4. State Government or College Loans

- Must be paid back with interest
- · Understand all the conditions

5. Private Loans

- Must be paid back with interest
- Usually higher interest and less favorable terms
- Understand all the conditions



Additional Resources

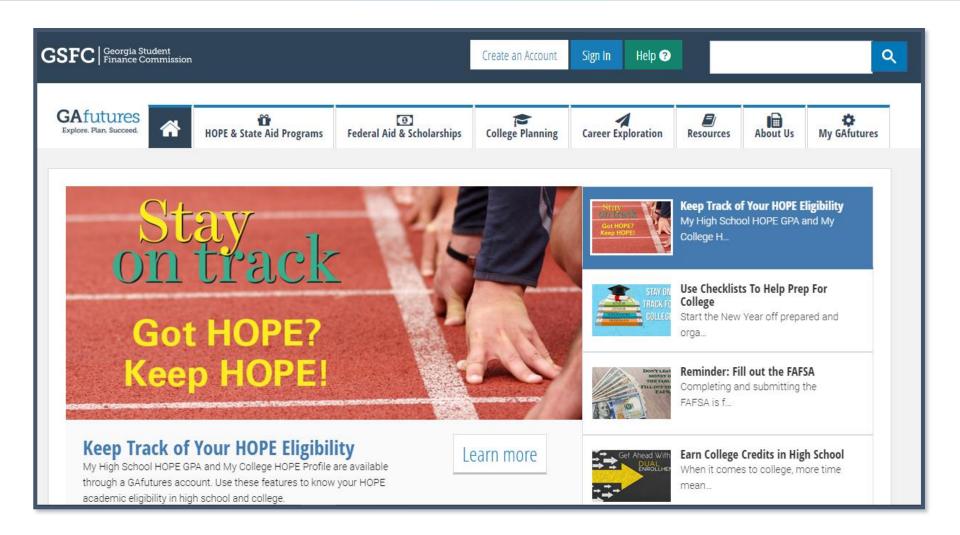


Additional Resources

- GAfutures.org
- GSFC.org
- FAFSA.gov
- StudentAid.gov
 - Prepare for College
 - Types of Aid
 - Who Gets Aid
 - Apply for Aid
 - Repay Your Loans



GAfutures.org



Your Next Steps

- Create account at GAfutures.org
- Check your HOPE GPA to see if you are on track to be eligible for the HOPE or Zell Miller Scholarship
- Seniors: Complete the FAFSA beginning October 1



More Information - Checklists

• 11th Grade Checklist

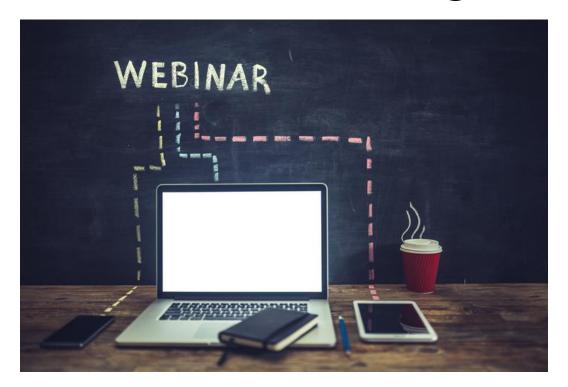


• 12th Grade Checklist



Upcoming Webinars

Visit GAfutures.org



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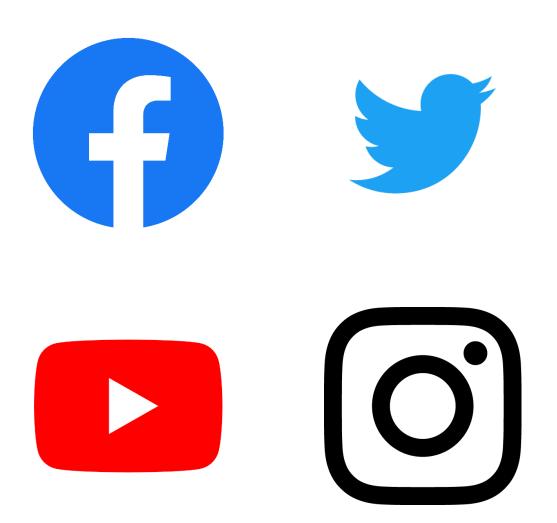
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Our Mission

To promote and increase access to education beyond high school for Georgians

Friendly Reminders

- Be social with GSFC
 - Like/Follow us and find tips, resources, event information and much more about planning, preparing and paying for college
- Create a GAfutures account
 - Students can check their HOPE GPA and find out more information on eligibility for the HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarship



