

**Executive Summary of Substantive Changes**  
FY 2022 State Program Regulations

The below summarizes substantive changes to each program regulation and is not indicative of minor edits for consistent regulatory language and regulation formatting.

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**State of Georgia Programs Definitions**

Below highlights the changes to the State of Georgia Programs Definitions Regulations.

- Revised – Definition of Eligible High School to add the Georgia Independent School Association to the list of approved accrediting agencies – *pending the Governor’s Signature*
  - Clarified – Definition of Eligible Postsecondary Institution to add the newly required *Application of Postsecondary Institution to Participate in Student Aid Programs*
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**HOPE Scholarship at Public and Private and Zell Miller Scholarship**

Below highlights the changes to the HOPE Scholarship and Zell Miller Scholarship Regulations.

- New – ADA Limited Extension for Scholars with a seven or ten year eligibility limit and have a qualifying disability, as defined in the federal Americans with Disabilities Act, which prevents full time enrollment (12 hours or more) each term, may request an extension – *pending the Governor’s Signature*
  - Clarified – Requesting an Exception time frame for recipients to request during the first term of re-enrolling or within 15 hours of the Attempted Hours and/or Paid Hours limit
  - Revised – Emergency regulation due to CVOD-19 to assist affected students
    - Graduating Class of 2021 (January 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021) unable to sit for the ACT or SAT due to cancellations are given the opportunity to test and scores through June 30, 2022
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**HOPE and Zell Miller Programs**

Below highlights the changes to the HOPE Grant Program Regulations.

- Clarified – Requesting an Exception time frame for recipients to request during the first term of re-enrolling or within 15 hours of the Attempted Hours and/or Paid Hours limit
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**Student Access Loan**

Below highlights the changes to the Student Access Loan Regulations.

- Revised – Loan Documents to allow for electronic signature option
- Revised– Emergency regulation due to CVOD-19 to assist affected students
  - Graduating Class of 2021 (January 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021) with an eligible Zell Miller

- Scholarship GPA, without the required test score
- May apply for a FY 2022 SAL totaling the difference between HOPE Scholarship award and Zell Miller Scholarship award
  - If the student submits a Zell Miller Scholarship eligible ACT or SAT test score by June 30, 2022, may have the SAL canceled

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### **HERO Scholarship**

Below highlights the changes to the HERO Scholarship Regulations.

- Clarified – Length of Eligibility of the timeframe when an applicant can apply for funding
  - Within 24 months of enrollment at an eligible postsecondary institution
  - Awards are based upon available funds

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### **Tuition Equalization Grant**

Below highlights the changes to the Tuition Equalization Grant Regulations.

- Clarified – Application Deadline Date is on or before the last day of term in which funds are sought

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### **Georgia Military College State Service Scholarship**

Below highlights the changes to the Georgia Military College State Service Scholarship Regulations.

- Revised – Payment of Invoices to 4 terms per award year, due to GMC's Milledgeville campus transition

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### **University of North Georgia Military Scholarship**

Below highlights the changes to the University of North Georgia Military Scholarship Regulations.

- Revised – Georgia Residency to include GA National Guard and Reservists members stationed in Georgia
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