

Accel Program
FY 2015 Regulations
Executive Summary of Substantive Changes

The list below highlights the changes to the Accel Program Regulations for FY 2015.

- The formatting of the regulation updated for translucent reading.
- Removed definitions from specific program regulations. Created the *State of Georgia Programs Definitions* document.
- Added Summer Pilot Program at the University of North Georgia.

Charles McDaniel Teacher Scholarship Program
FY 2015 Regulations
Executive Summary of Substantive Changes

The list below highlights the changes to the Charles McDaniel Teacher Scholarship Program Regulations for FY 2015.

- The formatting of the regulation updated for translucent reading.
- Removed definitions from specific program regulations. Created the *State of Georgia Programs Definitions* document.

Georgia Military College State Service Scholarship Program
FY 2015 Regulations
Executive Summary of Substantive Changes

The list below highlights the changes to the Georgia Military College State Service Scholarship Program Regulations for FY 2015.

- The formatting of the regulation updated for translucent reading.
- Removed definitions from specific program regulations. Created the *State of Georgia Programs Definitions* document.
- The section related to the Fulfillment of State Service Scholarship Obligation was revised to indicate the Commission will cancel and forgive a former recipient's cash repayment obligation due to bona fide reason of health or permanent and total disability. Military documentation required, not a physician's affidavit.
- The section related to the student's service cancellation options was updated to indicate that the student will not receive a refund of cash payments made prior to approval of service obligation.

Georgia Residency Requirements for State Programs at Private Institutions
FY 2015 Regulations
Executive Summary of Substantive Changes

The list below highlights the changes to the Georgia Residency Requirements for State Programs at Private Institutions Regulations for FY 2015.

- The formatting of the regulation updated for translucent reading.
- Removed definitions from specific program regulations. Created the *State of Georgia Programs Definitions* document.

HERO Scholarship Program
FY 2015 Regulations
Executive Summary of Substantive Changes

The list below highlights the changes to the HERO Scholarship Program Regulations for FY 2015.

- The formatting of the regulation updated for translucent reading.
- Removed definitions from specific program regulations. Created the *State of Georgia Programs Definitions* document.

HOPE GED Grant Program
FY 2015 Regulations
Executive Summary of Substantive Changes

The list below highlights the changes to the HOPE GED Grant Program Regulations for FY 2015.

- The formatting of the regulation updated for translucent reading.
- Removed definitions from specific program regulations. Created the *State of Georgia Programs Definitions* document.

HOPE Grant Program
FY 2015 Regulations
Executive Summary of Substantive Changes

The list below highlights the changes to the HOPE Grant Program Regulations for FY 2015.

- The formatting of the regulation updated for translucent reading.
- Removed definitions from specific program regulations. Created the *State of Georgia Programs Definitions* document.
- The section related to Tuition Award has been clarified to state new award amounts become effective beginning with the Fall term.

- The section related to SWIDG revised to include approved programs of study and award amounts effective Fall FY 2015.

HOPE Scholarship Program at Private Institutions

FY 2015 Regulations

Executive Summary of Substantive Changes

The list below highlights the changes to the HOPE Scholarship Program at Private Institutions Program Regulations for FY 2015.

- The formatting of the regulation updated for translucent reading.
- Removed definitions from specific program regulations. Created the *State of Georgia Programs Definitions* document.
- The section related to Academic Rigor Requirements revised to specify a student must have two credits from the academically rigorous course list in 2015, three credits in 2016 and four credits in 2017.
- The section related to Academic Rigor Requirements revised to remove the footnote used in FY14 and incorporated Dual Credit Enrollment, in core subjects to the existing list.
- The section related to First Tier Requirements clarified, with a chart indicating the weighting value of AP, IB and Dual Credit Enrollment Coursework and the year the weighting became effective.
- The section related to First Tier Requirements clarified when 30 semester or 45 quarter Attempted-Hours must be completed for students who attend an Ineligible High School or complete an Ineligible Home Study Program and are requesting First Tier eligibility status.
- The section related to First Tier Requirements revised to exclude the Summer term as it pertains to the timeframe for students who submit a request for a retroactive HOPE payment.
- The Section related to First Tier Requirements has been changed regarding a single test administration national composite test score requirement of eightieth percentile for home schooled students and graduates of ineligible high schools.
- The sections related to Full-Time and Half-Time Awards clarified to include new award amounts become effective with the Fall term.
- The section related to Award Requirements updated to indicate the increase in the award amount for students attending private eligible institutions.

HOPE Scholarship Program at Public Institutions
FY 2015 Regulations
Executive Summary of Substantive Changes

The list below highlights the changes to the HOPE Scholarship Program at Public Institutions Program Regulations for FY 2015.

- The formatting of the regulation updated for translucent reading.
- Removed definitions from specific program regulations. Created the *State of Georgia Programs Definitions* document.
- The section related to Academic Rigor Requirements revised to specify a student must have two credits from the academically rigorous course list in 2015, three credits in 2016 and four credits in 2017.
- The section related to Academic Rigor Requirements revised to remove the footnote used in FY14 and incorporated Dual Credit Enrollment, in core subjects to the existing list.
- The section related to First Tier Requirements clarified, with a chart indicating the weighting value of AP, IB and Dual Credit Enrollment Coursework and the year the weighting became effective.
- The section related to First Tier Requirements clarified when 30 semester or 45 quarter Attempted-Hours must be completed for students who attend an Ineligible High School or complete an Ineligible Home Study Program and are requesting First Tier eligibility status.
- The section related to First Tier Requirements revised to exclude the Summer term as it pertains to the timeframe for students who submit a request for a retroactive HOPE payment.
- The Section related to First Tier Requirements has been changed regarding a single test administration national composite test score requirement of eightieth percentile for home schooled students and graduates of ineligible high schools.
- The sections related to Full-Time and Half-Time Awards clarified to include new award amounts become effective with the Fall term.

John R. Justice Student Loan Repayment Program
FY 2015 Regulations
Executive Summary of Substantive Changes

The list below highlights the changes to the John R. Justice Student Loan Repayment Program Regulations for FY 2015.

- The formatting of the regulation updated for translucent reading.

- Removed definitions from specific program regulations. Created the *State of Georgia Programs Definitions* document.

Public Safety Memorial Grant Program
 FY 2015 Regulations
 Executive Summary of Substantive Changes

The list below highlights the changes to the Public Safety Memorial Grant Program Regulations for FY 2015.

- The formatting of the regulation updated for translucent reading.
- Removed definitions from specific program regulations. Created the *State of Georgia Programs Definitions* document.

REACH Scholarship Program
 FY 2015 Regulations
 Executive Summary of Substantive Changes

The list below highlights the changes to the REACH Scholarship Program Regulations for FY 2015.

- The formatting of the regulation updated for translucent reading.
- Removed definitions from specific program regulations. Created the *State of Georgia Programs Definitions* document.
- GSFC to select school systems based on specific criteria; geographic region, school system size, percentage of students on Free or Reduced Lunch Program, partnerships in the community, school system’s ability to grow, scale and sustain the program, presence of a mentoring program and academic coach in the school system, willingness of a coordinating partner to work with school system to support the REACH program, available funding and school system leadership.
- School systems with five or more high schools may select up to eight REACH Scholars, participating school systems with fewer than five high schools may select up to five REACH Scholars. The number of REACH Scholars for subsequent years is dependent upon the school system’s ability to provide funding for REACH Scholars.
- GSFC to provide funding for each REACH Scholar the first year. Each year thereafter, the Participating School System is responsible for a proportionate share of scholarship funding. The funding will be no less than its county’s Georgia Department of Community Affairs current Job Tax Credit: Tier 1 \$1,500, Tier 2 \$2,500, Tier 3 \$3,500 and Tier 4 \$5,000.
- The section related to Program Participation Requirements has been revised to include schools must agree to raise funds for scholarships in year two and beyond.

- The section related to Program Participation Requirements has been revised to include all raised scholarship funds must be transferred to GSFC or its designee within 10 days of receipt of such funds.
- The section related to Program Participation Requirements has been revised to include an executed Program Participation Agreement between the Participating School System and GSFC or its designee, whereas both parties agree to abide by the REACH Programs financial and program requirements.
- The section related to Affiliate Program School System has been added to state Affiliate Program School Systems may be permitted to allow students to enter the REACH Program as 8th, 9th or 10th graders upon approval from GSFC.
- The section related to Academic Achievement has been added which states School Systems should nominate and select students who have exhibited persistence and interest in learning. Giving preference to those who, with the assistance of an Academic Coach and mentor, have the ability to earn A and B grades in Core courses.
- The section related to Preferences has been updated to include students who have a potential to succeed at the postsecondary level.
- The section related to Enrollment Requirements has been added to state REACH Scholars who transfer out of a Participating School System during 8th, 9th and 10th grade or anytime during the 11th grade Academic Year are no longer eligible to participate in the REACH program and will not receive the scholarship upon high school graduation.
- The section related to Discipline and Behavior Requirements has been added to include a REACH Scholar convicted of committing certain felony offenses involving marijuana, controlled substances and/or dangerous drugs is immediately ineligible for further participation in the REACH Program.
- The section related to Mentoring and Academic Coaching has been added to include a REACH Scholar is expected to meet with his or her assigned mentor once every two weeks and meet with his or her assigned Academic Coach once a month, during the Academic Year.
- The section related to Default and Refund Due has been added to include a student may resolve a State of Georgia refund due by paying the refund due to the eligible postsecondary institution at which the over-award occurred and the institution forward the payment to GSFC.
- The section related to Incarceration has been added to include a student is ineligible to participate or receive REACH funding while incarcerated. A REACH Scholars funding will cease at the time of incarceration and all remaining funds are to be returned to GSFC or its designee.
- The section related to Award Amounts has been added to include upon receipt of a REACH Scholar payment form GSFC, the eligible postsecondary institution shall credit the funds to the Scholar's account and deliver any remaining funds, not to exceed Cost of Attendance, directly to the scholar.

- The section related to Collection of Refunds has been added to include nothing shall prohibit GSFC or the eligible postsecondary institution from using all available legal and equitable remedies to collect the refund due, including, but not limited to garnishment of pay, loss of professional license, offset of lottery winnings and offset of state tax refund.
- The section related to Reconciliation Requirements has been added to include an eligible postsecondary institution must conduct a term-reconciliation by the end of each term and a Fiscal Year End Reconciliation must be submitted by July 15 following the completion of the Fiscal Year.

Scholarship for Engineering Program
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 Executive Summary of Substantive Changes

The list below highlights the changes to the Scholarship for Engineering Program Regulations for FY 2015.

- The formatting of the regulation updated for translucent reading.
- Removed definitions from specific program regulations. Created the *State of Georgia Programs Definitions* document.
- The section related to Cash Repayments updated to indicate any cash payments received by the student will not be refunded should the student enter into the service obligation after cash payments have been made.
- The section related to Cancellation of Repayment Obligation clarified to include the Commission will cancel and forgive a former recipient's cash repayment obligation on the basis of a sworn affidavit from a physician that the recipient is unable to fulfill the obligation due to bona fide reason of health or permanent and total disability.

Student Access Loan Program
 FY 2015 Regulations
 Executive Summary of Changes

The list below highlights the changes to the Student Access Loan Program Regulations for FY 2015.

- The formatting of the regulation updated for translucent reading.
- Removed definitions from specific program regulations. Created the *State of Georgia Programs Definitions* document.
- The section related to the Application Process has been updated to indicate TCSG applicants must have applied for the SALT prior to consideration for SAL.

- The section related to Award Adjustments has been revised to require a notice of five (5) business days to GSFA for any disbursement adjustment.
- The section of Keep In Touch Payment Requirement While Enrolled in School is a new section relating to the borrower's requirement to make a minimum monthly payment while in school.
- The section of Repayment While Not Enrolled In School was revised regarding the minimum monthly payment while in Repayment is fifty (\$50) dollars.
- The section related to Interest Rate is updated to reflect the interest rate of the loan is one (1%) percent.
- The section related to Default is updated to reflect the default interest rate of the loan is five (5%) percent.

Tuition Equalization Grant Program
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- The formatting of the regulation updated for translucent reading.
- Removed definitions from specific program regulations. Created the *State of Georgia Programs Definitions* document.
- The section related to Application Forms has been updated to include the FAFSA.
- The section related to Award Amounts has been clarified to state new award amounts become effective beginning with the Fall term.

University of North Georgia Military Scholarship Program
FY 2015 Regulations
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- Removed definitions from specific program regulations. Created the *State of Georgia Programs Definitions* document.
- The section related to the student's Fulfillment of Military Scholarship Obligation was revised to indicate the Commission will cancel and forgive a former recipient's cash repayment obligation due to bona fide reason of health or permanent and total disability. Military documentation required, not a physician's affidavit.

- The section related to the student's Service Cancellation options was updated to indicate that the student will not receive a refund for cash payments made prior to approval of service obligation.

University of North Georgia ROTC Grant for Future Officers Program
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University of North Georgia ROTC Grant Program
FY 2015 Regulations
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Zell Miller Scholarship Program at Public and Private Institutions
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