

Executive Summary of Substantive Changes FY 2024 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.

State of Georgia Programs Definitions

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

- **Revised** – Accelerated Career Diploma, formerly High School Graduation Option B.
- **Clarified** – Distance Learning – Education using one or more technology tools to deliver instruction to students, may include courses offered through use of audio/computer conferencing and the internet.

Behavioral Health Professions Service Cancelable Loan

Below highlights the new Behavioral Health Professions Service Cancelable Loan Program

- Students must be enrolled in an eligible advanced degree program at an eligible USG or private institution.
- Annual maximum loan amounts:
 - Full-time, 9 or more hours, maximum is \$20,000 and term maximum is \$10,000
 - Half-time, 5-8 hours, maximum is \$10,000 and term maximum is \$5,000
 - Aggregate loan limit is \$120,000 with six years of eligibility maximum
- Service cancellation is available for borrowers earning a licensure or credential and are employed or practicing full-time in Georgia in an approved behavioral health profession providing service to Georgia residents.
- Twelve consecutive months of qualified employment can service cancel one year loan.

Georgia Medical Examiners Loan Repayment Program

Below highlights the new Georgia Medical Examiners Loan Repayment Program

- Recipients must work full-time on or after January 1, 2023 for the Division of Forensic Sciences of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation as a medical examiner.
- Loan repayment available after twelve consecutive months of qualified employment.
- Graduated loan repayment award amounts are based on eligible participating year in the repayment program:
 - First year maximum amount is \$12,000
 - Second year maximum amount is \$18,000
 - Third year maximum amount is \$24,000
 - Fourth year maximum amount is \$30,000
 - Fifth year maximum amount is \$36,000
 - Aggregate maximum limit is \$120,000 with five years of qualifying employment

HOPE Career Grant Program

Below highlights the changes to the HOPE Career Grant Program Regulations.

- **New** – Eligible Law Enforcement programs award increase
 - Full-time award increase from \$3,500 to \$3,750
 - Half-time award increase from \$1,750 to \$1,875
- **New** – Commercial Truck Driving program award increase
 - Full-time award increase from \$1,000 to \$1,100
 - Half-time award increase from \$667 to \$733
 - Less than half-time award increase from \$333 to \$367

HOPE Grant and Zell Miller Grant Programs

Below highlights the HOPE and Zell Miller Grant Programs

- **Revised** – Georgia public high school students pursuing their high school graduation through the Accelerated Career Diploma, formerly known as Option B, and enrolled in a technical college may qualify for the HOPE Grant prior to utilizing Dual Enrollment funding. The technical colleges must indicate the students in the applicable invoice reporting.

HOPE Scholarship for Eligible Private Institutions

Below highlights the changes to the HOPE Scholarship Private Regulations.

- **New** – HOPE Scholarship at Private Postsecondary Institutions to reflect an increase to tuition awards beginning Fall term 2023 (FY 2024).
 - Full-time award increase from \$2,282 to \$2,496 per semester
 - Full-time award increase from \$1,523 to \$1,664 per quarter
 - Half-time award increase from \$1,141 to \$1,248 per semester
 - Half-time award increase from \$762 to \$832 per quarter

Inclusive Postsecondary Education Grant Program

Below highlights the new Inclusive Postsecondary Education Grant Program.

- Students must have a qualifying intellectual and developmental disability and be enrolled in an approved inclusive postsecondary education (IPSE) program at a USG or TCSG institution.
- Award amount per term is equal to the institution's standard undergraduate tuition.
- The award may be used for tuition, student fees or program fees.
- A USG or TCSG institution must request to GSFC in writing no later than March 1, for program approval for the upcoming fiscal year.

Tuition Equalization Grant Program

Below highlights the changes to the Tuition Equalization Grant Regulations.

- Increase annual award amount from \$900 to \$1,000
- Semester award increase from \$450 to \$500 per semester
- Quarter award increase from \$300 to \$333/\$334 per quarter

REACH Scholarship Program

Below highlights the changes to the REACH Scholarship Program.

- **Clarified** – Students serving in the military, within two years of high school graduation may request an eligibility extension up to seven years or time served, whichever is less.
- **Clarified** – Students changing programs of study may maintain academic eligibility and will have status checked at the next scheduled checkpoint.

University of North Georgia Military Service Scholarship

Below highlights the changes to the UNG Military Service Program

- **New** – Georgia Military State Service Scholarship recipients may qualify to transfer and participate in the University of North Georgia Military Service Scholarship program.
- Students must have successfully completed an associate degree at Georgia Military College.
- Students must agree to serve four years in the Georgia Army National Guard after graduation from UNG.

Zell Miller Scholarship

Below highlights the changes to the Zell Miller Scholarship at Private Institutions Regulations.

- **New** – Zell Miller Scholarship at Private Postsecondary Institutions to reflect an increase to tuition awards beginning Fall term 2023 (FY 2024).
 - Full-time award increase from \$2,977 to \$2,985 per semester
 - Full-time award increase from \$2,029 to \$2,034 per quarter
 - Half-time award increase from \$1,489 to \$1,493 per semester
 - Half-time award increase from \$1,015 to \$1,017 per quarter
- **Revision** – Beginning January 1, 2024 the Zell Miller Scholarship ACT score requirement will be equivalent to the 1200 SAT. GSFC will use the available concordance guide each January to set the ACT score for the upcoming award year, effective FY 2025.