



DUAL ENROLLMENT

Georgia's Dual Enrollment program allows high school students (9th – 12th grade) to earn college credits, or even a certificate, diploma or associate degree, while working on their high school diploma. Dual Enrollment is designed to make it easier for students to take advantage of all the options to enroll in college courses while still in high school.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

- Any student attending a public or private high school in Georgia or an eligible home study program.
- Student's high school or home study program has completed a Participation Agreement.
- 9th through 12th grade (eligibility ends four years after the student first enters 9th grade).
- No residency requirement.
- Students must sign an advisement form with their high school or home study program.
- Participating students can attend more than one postsecondary institution at a time; however, Dual Enrollment funding is only available for a maximum of 15 hours or 12 credit hours per term.
- Admissions requirements at the chosen postsecondary institution(s) must be met.
- Students must meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) as required by the postsecondary institution(s).
- Students that complete high school graduation requirements prior to officially graduating may continue participation in Dual Enrollment until the date of official high school graduation.

COURSE OPTIONS

Students must select eligible courses from the *Dual Enrollment Course Directory* on **GAfutures.org**. The Course Directory includes comparable required courses such as degree and non-degree level core courses (English, math, science, social studies, foreign language), career, technical and agricultural education courses, as well as electives. Course selections must be approved for high school credit by the student's high school counselor.

Dual Enrollment courses are available for fall, spring and summer semesters and fall, winter, spring and summer quarters.

TUITION, MANDATORY FEES AND BOOKS

The specific Dual Enrollment award amount will vary based on the postsecondary institution and the number of credit hours in which a student is enrolled. Complete Dual Enrollment award amounts are available on **GAfutures.org**. In most cases, the program covers all required standard tuition, mandatory fees and required book expenses. In some instances, students may be responsible for lost or damaged books, books that are considered optional, or specific course-related fees, such as a lab fee.

BENEFITS OF DUAL ENROLLMENT FOR STUDENTS

- Earning college credits while still in high school may enable students to graduate early and/or possibly even earn an associate degree, diploma or certificate.
- Dual enrollment can help students adjust to certain aspects of the college experience (e.g., classes, coursework, instruction, being on a college campus) so the transition from high school to college may be easier.
- Students who participate in a dual enrollment program are more likely to go to college and earn a degree.
- Students may be able to take classes that are not offered at their high school, especially in subject areas they are interested in for a potential career.
- Taking college-level classes while still in high school may build confidence and encourage those students who may not be thinking about college to reconsider.

Program requirements and eligibility are subject to change

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Eligible public and private high school students should fill out the online Dual Enrollment funding application on **GAfutures.org**.
- Home study students should fill out the paper version that can be printed from **GAfutures.org**.
- Applications are term-specific; students should complete a new application each term.
- The application has three parts:
 - Part 1: Student/Parent portion
 - Part 2: High school/Home study portion
 - Part 3: Postsecondary institution portion
- All three sections must be completed and submitted to GSFC.
 - Online applications are submitted through **GAfutures.org**.
 - Paper applications should be mailed to:
Georgia Student Finance Commission
Attention: Student Aid Services
2082 East Exchange Place
Tucker, GA 30084
- Application deadlines may vary. Check with your high school and postsecondary institution for the application deadline for each term.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **What do students have to do to participate in Dual Enrollment?**

To participate in Dual Enrollment, students must sign an advisement form with their high school or home study program, meet the admissions requirements and be accepted at the postsecondary institution(s) of their choice, and make satisfactory academic progress. Interested students should see their high school counselor and visit **GAfutures.org** for complete program information and to access the Dual Enrollment funding application.
- **What expenses does the Dual Enrollment program cover for eligible participants?**

Students who meet all eligibility requirements will receive a student-specific award amount to be applied to tuition, mandatory fees and required books for a maximum of 15 semester or 12 quarter hours per term. The postsecondary institution must provide the required textbooks for the approved Dual Enrollment courses. How the books are provided to the Dual Enrollment student is determined by the postsecondary institution.

The award amounts for Dual Enrollment can be found on **GAfutures.org** and are paid directly to the postsecondary institution.
- **What expenses are not covered by the Dual Enrollment program?**

Students may be responsible for course-related fees and supplies required for a particular course or optional fees charged by the postsecondary institution. If the postsecondary institution provided the textbooks through a lending program, students may be charged a lost or damaged book fee if the book is not returned in the required condition. Contact the postsecondary institution selected for more information.

Students are responsible for tuition and fees for any course(s) taken that is not listed in the *Dual Enrollment Course Directory* and listed on their Dual Enrollment funding application.
- **Can a Dual Enrollment student attend more than one postsecondary institution in one term?**

Yes, a Dual Enrollment student may take courses at more than one postsecondary institution. The Dual Enrollment funding application must be completed for each participating Eligible Postsecondary Institution. The student is eligible to receive Dual Enrollment funds for tuition, mandatory fees and book allowance for a maximum of 15 semester or 12 quarter hours per term.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **Is there a limit to the number of credit hours a student may enroll during one term?**

An eligible Dual Enrollment student may enroll and receive funding for courses up to the maximum of 15 semester or 12 quarter hours per term.

- **What classes/courses are available to students?**

Approved courses for Dual Enrollment are listed in the *Dual Enrollment Course Directory*. Approved classes may include degree level or non-degree level courses in the five main academic areas (English, math, science, social studies and foreign language), as well as elective, career, technical and agricultural offerings. The Course Directory can be found on **GAfutures.org**.

The courses a student chooses each term must be listed on his or her Dual Enrollment funding application and must be approved by the high school and postsecondary institution(s) he or she will be attending.

- **Are online courses available to students participating in Dual Enrollment?**

Yes, Dual Enrollment students can enroll in online courses if the course is on the approved course list. Students should carefully consider whether an online course is a good fit for them before enrolling.

- **Can students participate in Dual Enrollment if they will be in high school longer than four years?**

A student may request an extension in eligibility by completing the Length of Eligibility Extension form. Students may only request an extension if they are pursuing a diploma through the High School Postsecondary Graduation Opportunity in accordance with O.C.G.A. §20-2-149.2 or on an Individualized Educational Plan or 504 Plan that includes an extended amount of time to graduate high school. Each request must be verified by the high school and approved on a case-by-case basis by GSFC.

OTHER STATE FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

GSFC administers other state financial aid programs for the state of Georgia. These programs are designed to assist students with the cost of their postsecondary education. For more information, visit **GAfutures.org**.

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| ● Georgia Military College State Service Scholarship | ● Scholarship for Engineering Education |
| ● Georgia National Guard Service Cancelable Loan | ● Scholarship for Engineering Education for Minorities |
| ● HERO Scholarship | ● Student Access Loan |
| ● HOPE Career Grant | ● Tuition Equalization Grant |
| ● HOPE GED Grant | ● University of North Georgia Military Scholarship |
| ● HOPE Grant | ● University of North Georgia ROTC Grant |
| ● HOPE Scholarship | ● University of North Georgia ROTC Grant for Future Officers |
| ● Public Safety Memorial Grant | ● Zell Miller Grant |
| ● REACH Scholarship | ● Zell Miller Scholarship |