During Fiscal Year 2019, the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) reaffirmed its mission and doubled down on its role in ensuring Georgia’s workforce is well-educated and prepared to meet the demands of the 21st century. We continued our steadfast and diligent administration of the funds with which we are entrusted, and we sought new and creative ways to reach students and families. Our mission in action is to make sure that every Georgian knows an affordable postsecondary education in Georgia is possible.

In addition to our normal day-to-day operations, we celebrated the completion of several innovative projects last year. The College HOPE Eligibility Calculation Service, or CHECS, was launched in December and modernized the manner and method by which college grade point averages are calculated, reviewed, and shared for HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarship eligibility. GSFC also continued its focus on FAFSA completion and launched a digital marketing campaign pilot project, urging students to check their eligibility for federal Pell grants by completing the FAFSA with personalized assistance from GSFC. And, to ensure students and families have access to college financial aid planning assistance when they need it the most, GSFC also launched online chat technology and appointment scheduling. We are excited about the data and outcomes we have gained from these efforts and look forward to using those insights as we develop new projects.

As GSFC plans for FY 2020 and beyond, we will continue to focus on innovation and efficiency. New technologies will be utilized to provide faster, easier customer experiences that will also be self-service oriented. GSFC is proud of the programs it administers, and we constantly strive to serve the best interests of our primary constituents – the students and families of Georgia. Through sound program policy, design, implementation, and operational effectiveness, we aim to provide every student seeking a postsecondary education with access to affordable options and best-in-class service.

Our work would not be possible without the support we receive from our Board of Commissioners, staff, and statewide partners. As always, thank you for your ongoing commitment to GSFC and the students of Georgia.

**Fiscal Year 2019 Highlights**

- GSFC administered more than **$888 million in scholarships, grants, and loans** to over 240,000 Georgians to help pay for higher education expenses.

- **GAfutures.org** website usage increased to over **2 million visits**, an increase of 500,000 users over the previous year. Currently the site has **921,724 active account users**, allowing GSFC to provide HOPE GPA calculations to students and distribute timely financial aid information.

- The Outreach team has nine representatives across the state, and this year they provided financial aid and college planning information and assistance to **110,799 students, parents, and community members**.

- **51,000 students** across the state were enrolled in the **Dual Enrollment** program, making the most of the opportunity to work towards obtaining a college credential while in high school. In FY 2019, students in the program earned over 660,000 college credits.

- The **Path2College 529 Plan** reached a milestone of **$3 billion** in assets under management in FY 2019, resulting in lower plan fees for participants.

- The **REACH Program** expanded into **32 additional school districts** and signed scholarship commitments for **over 600 new scholars**.
FISCAL YEAR 2019

How GSFC Helps Students Pay for College

GSFC Use of Funds for Fiscal Year 2019:
$888,931,659

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* University System of Georgia and Technical College System of Georgia institutions.
** 2018-2019 Totals for the HOPE Program are unduplicated. Students who received multiple awards and/or enrolled in more than one type of institution were only counted once.
About the Georgia Student Finance Commission

The Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) is the state’s single education finance entity and is responsible for administering nearly 20 state and lottery-funded scholarship, grant, and student loan programs totaling nearly $1 billion annually. Founded in 1965, GSFC strives to promote and increase access to education beyond high school for Georgians. In addition to providing awards to nearly 240,000 students each year, GSFC also provides free financial aid and college planning counseling to students, parents and community organizations across the state. To learn more about our programs and services or to find an Outreach Representative in your area, visit gsfc.georgia.gov, gafutures.org, or call 1-800-505 GSFC (4732).

Services & Programs

Services

- FAFSA Completion
- Financial Literacy
- GAfutures.org

Programs

- Dual Enrollment
- Georgia Military College State Service Scholarship
- Georgia National Guard Service Cancelable Loan Scholarship
- Georgia Veterinary Education Loan Repayment Program
- HERO Scholarship
- HOPE Career Grant
- HOPE GED Grant
- HOPE Grant
- HOPE Scholarship
- John R. Justice Program
- Public Safety Memorial Grant
- K-12 and Postsecondary Outreach
- Loan Servicing
- State Financial Aid Information Services
- Path2College 529 Plan
- REACH Georgia Scholarship
- Scholarship for Engineering Education
- Scholarship for Engineering Education for Minorities
- Student Access Loan
- Tuition Equalization Grant
- University of North Georgia Military Scholarship
- University of North Georgia ROTC Grant
- University of North Georgia ROTC Grant for Future Officers
- Zell Miller Grant
- Zell Miller Scholarship

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