

Executive Summary of Substantive Changes
FY 2019 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. Changes are subject to the Governor's signature or passage into law.

HOPE Scholarship at Public and Private

Below highlights the changes to the HOPE Scholarship regulations.

- Revised to reflect the 3% increase to tuition awards effective beginning fall term 2018 (FY 2019).
 - New Georgia National Guard members and members of a reserve component of the United States Armed Forces assigned to a reserve unit located in Georgia shall be treated as a Georgia resident for purposes of HOPE Scholarship eligibility (SB 82).
 - Removed references of obtaining a GED "after June 30, 1993" as it is no longer needed due to the Seven-Year Limit and the 24 month expiration date of the GED voucher.
 - Clarified first Three-Term Checkpoint and subsequent Checkpoints when a student continues to enroll less than Full-Time (CHECS)
 - New, College HOPE Eligibility Calculation Service (CHECS) section notifying eligible postsecondary institutions of requirement to submit student academic transcript data for HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarship and Grant GPA calculation, checkpoint and hours.
 - Clarified Dual Enrollment coursework taken 2011 (not 2015) or later is not counted in the Attempted-Hours Calculation.
 - Clarified a student may request an Exception if the student or immediate family member experiences a Serious Illness, Psychiatric Disorder or Serious Injury.
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Zell Miller Scholarship at Public and Private

Below highlights the changes to the Zell Miller Scholarship regulations.

- Revised Zell Miller Scholarship at Private Postsecondary Institutions to reflect the 3% increase to tuition awards effective beginning fall term 2018 (FY 2019).
- New Georgia National Guard members and members of a reserve component of the United States Armed Forces assigned to a reserve unit located in Georgia shall be treated as a Georgia resident for purposes of Zell Miller Scholarship eligibility (SB 82).
- Removed footnote no longer needed due to approaching Seven-Year expiration date of June 30, 2018.
- Clarified first Three-Term Checkpoint and subsequent Checkpoints when a student continues to enroll less than Full-Time (CHECS)
- New, College HOPE Eligibility Calculation Service (CHECS) section notifying eligible postsecondary institutions of requirement to submit student academic transcript data for HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarship and Grant GPA calculation, checkpoint and hours.
- Clarified Dual Enrollment coursework taken 2011 (not 2015) or later is not counted in the Attempted-Hours Calculation.

- Clarified a student may request an Exception if the student or immediate family member experiences a Serious Illness, Psychiatric Disorder or Serious Injury.
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HOPE Grant

Below highlights the changes to the HOPE Grant Program Regulations.

- Reflects 3% increase to tuition awards effective beginning fall term 2018 (FY 2019).
 - New Georgia National Guard members and members of a reserve component of the United States Armed Forces assigned to a reserve unit located in Georgia shall be treated as a Georgia resident for purposes of HOPE Grant eligibility (SB 82).
 - Removed references of obtaining a GED “after June 30, 1993” as it is no longer needed due to the Seven-Year Limit and the 24 month expiration date of the GED voucher.
 - New, College HOPE Eligibility Calculation Service (CHECS) section notifying eligible postsecondary institutions of requirement to submit student academic transcript data for HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarship and Grant GPA calculation, checkpoint and hours.
 - Clarified coursework for which a student may receive HOPE Grant payment and application of awards.
 - Clarified a student may request an Exception if the student or immediate family member experiences a Serious Illness, Psychiatric Disorder or Serious Injury.
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Zell Miller Grant

Below highlights the changes to the Zell Miller Grant Program Regulations.

- New Georgia National Guard members and members of a reserve component of the United States Armed Forces assigned to a reserve unit located in Georgia shall be treated as a Georgia resident for purposes of Zell Miller Grant eligibility (SB 82).
 - New, College HOPE Eligibility Calculation Service (CHECS) section notifying eligible postsecondary institutions of requirement to submit student academic transcript data for HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarship and Grant GPA calculation, checkpoint and hours.
 - Clarified coursework for which a student may receive Zell Miller Grant payment and application of awards.
 - Clarified a student may request an Exception if the student or immediate family member experiences a Serious Illness, Psychiatric Disorder or Serious Injury.
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HOPE GED Grant

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

- New Georgia National Guard members and members of a reserve component of the United States Armed Forces assigned to a reserve unit located in Georgia shall be treated as a Georgia resident for purposes of Zell Miller Grant eligibility (SB 82).
- New, College HOPE Eligibility Calculation Service (CHECS) section notifying eligible postsecondary institutions of requirement to submit student academic transcript data for HOPE

and Zell Miller Scholarship and Grant GPA calculation, checkpoint and hours.

Georgia Residency Requirements for State Programs at Private Institutions

- New Georgia National Guard members and members of a reserve component of the United States Armed Forces assigned to a reserve unit located in Georgia shall be treated as a Georgia resident for purposes of HOPE eligibility (SB 82).
 - New members of a reserve component of the United States Armed Forces assigned to a reserve unit located in Georgia shall be treated as a Georgia resident for purposes of HOPE Grant eligibility (SB 82).
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Dual Enrollment Program

Below highlights the changes to the Dual Enrollment Program Regulations.

- New 15 semester or 12 quarter hours per term maximum Dual Enrollment funding limit (HB 684).
 - Removed Dual Enrollment Transportation Grant section as the grant is no longer offered (HB 684).
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State of Georgia Programs Definitions

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

- Revised the definition of “Eligible Postsecondary Institution” to include previously approved institutions which do not have SACS accreditation can remain eligible to participate in the State of Georgia Programs (HB 432).
 - Clarified “Academic Excellence” and “Required Academic Standards” definitions for reference to Georgia Military College State Service Scholarship and University of North Georgia Military Scholarship.
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Scholarship for Engineering Education and Scholarship for Engineering Education for Minorities

Below highlights the changes to the Scholarship for Engineering Education and the Scholarship for Engineering Education for Minorities.

- Clarified references of “accredited engineering programs of study approved by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accrediting Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET)” for consistency.
 - Clarified a borrower must “graduate from an approved ABET degree program” to qualify for service cancellation.
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Georgia National Guard Service Cancelable Loan

Below highlights the changes to the Georgia National Guard Service Cancelable Loan Program.

- New enrollment status to include Graduate Degree coursework (HB700)
 - New student agrees to a two (2) year service commitment in the Georgia National Guard following the last term of enrollment (HB 700).
 - New length of eligibility to a maximum of 120 semester or 180 quarter Paid-hours (HB 700).
 - New eligible and ineligible coursework section to include Graduate coursework.
 - New undergraduate applicants must complete a FAFSA (HB 700).
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Georgia Military College State Service Scholarship

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

- Removed references of obtaining a GED “after June 30, 1993” as it is no longer needed due to the Seven-Year Limit and the 24 month expiration date of the GED voucher.
 - Revised to allow applicant to have previous collegiate credits prior to applying for the GMC State Service Scholarship.
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Economic Development Scholarship

Below highlights activation of the Economic Development Scholarship Program.

- Provides academic scholarship for recommended candidates by the Department of Economic Development
 - Enrollment at least half time in an associate or baccalaureate degree at an eligible postsecondary institution
 - Award at a public institution is equal to the HOPE Scholarship rate
 - Award at a private institution is \$136 per semester hour and \$113 per quarter hour
 - Award Limit: 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours
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