

Executive Summary of Substantive Changes
FY 2020 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 pending the Governor's signature.

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 2019 (FY 2020) – pending Governor's signature.
 - New - HOPE Scholarship ten year expiration of eligibility limit, for students who receive their first HOPE Scholarship payment in Summer term 2019 (FY2020) or later (HB 218).
 - Clarified – first Three-Term Checkpoint applied if the student received HOPE Scholarship funds and enrolls less than full-time for the first three terms.
 - Clarified - a student who failed to earn the minimum required 3.00 postsecondary cumulative GPA at an End-of-Spring Checkpoint after the 90 semester or 135 quarter Attempted-Hours Checkpoint cannot regain eligibility.
 - Clarified – a student may qualify for an exception for a term during which HOPE funds were received.
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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 \$500 per semester/\$375 per quarter increase to tuition awards effective beginning fall term 2019 (FY 2020) – pending Governor's signature.
 - New - Zell Miller Scholarship ten year expiration of eligibility limit, for students who receive their first HOPE Scholarship payment in Summer term 2019 (FY2020) or later (HB 218).
 - Clarified – first Three-Term Checkpoint applied if the student received Zell Miller Scholarship funds and enrolls less than full-time for the first three terms.
 - Clarified - a student who failed to earn the minimum required 3.00 postsecondary cumulative GPA at an End-of-Spring Checkpoint after the 90 semester or 135 quarter Attempted-Hours Checkpoint cannot regain eligibility.
 - Clarified - a student may qualify for an exception for a term during which Zell Miller funds were received.
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HOPE Grant

Below highlights the changes to the HOPE Grant Program Regulations.

- Revised - to reflect the 3% increase to tuition awards effective beginning fall term 2019 (FY2020)

- pending Governor’s signature.
 - Clarified - a student must be enrolled, 9 hours or more, in an eligible CDL program, to receive the one time HOPE Career Grant award
 - Clarified - a student may qualify for an exception for a term during which HOPE funds were received.
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Zell Miller Grant

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

- Clarified - a student must be enrolled, 9 hours or more, in an eligible CDL program, to receive the one time HOPE Career Grant award
 - Clarified - a student may qualify for an exception for a term during which Zell Miller funds were received.
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Dual Enrollment

Below highlights the changes to the Dual Enrollment regulations.

- New – effective Fall term 2019 (FY2020), GSFC will publish annually approved award rates to be paid for Tuition, Mandatory Fees and Book costs. The rates may vary based on course type, course delivery site, institution sector or term of enrollment.
 - Clarified - Eligible Postsecondary Institutions have the authority to implement institutional policies of admission acceptances and course offerings for dual enrollment student participation.
 - Clarified - Eligible Postsecondary Institution must utilize the College HOPE Eligibility Calculation Service (CHECS) to report student transcript data for the Dual Enrollment student.
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REACH Program

Below highlights the changes to the REACH Regulations.

- Revisions based on program codified – pending Governor’s signature.
- Revised – Annual student selection approval based on available funding.
 - Up to twelve Scholars for Participating School Systems with five or more high schools.
 - Up to seven Scholars for Participating School Systems with fewer than five high schools.
- School Systems will be notified annually of the approved funding and number of students for selection with the Annual Student Selection Approval Form.
- Revised – Based on available funding, the Participating School System’s responsibility of the proportionate share will be specified on the Annual Student Selection form.

State of Georgia Programs Definitions

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

- Revised – removed definitions which reference Student Access Loan Technical (SALT) program
 - Program now referred to as Student Access Loan (SAL)
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University of North Georgia Military Scholarship Loan

Below highlights the changes to the University of North Georgia Military Scholarship Loan.

- Clarified - a borrower's service obligation, upon graduation, is based on the One-Year, Two-Year, Three-Year or Four-Year award the borrower received.
 - Clarified – a borrower, upon surrender or loss of Military Scholarship eligibility, enters into cash repayment and cannot re-enter service obligation.
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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 - upon graduation from an Eligible Postsecondary Institution *and* from an eligible approved engineering Baccalaureate Degree program, a borrower is eligible for service repayment.
 - Clarified - within six years of graduation, the borrower must fulfill service cancellation requirements.
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