

Executive Summary of Substantive Changes
FY 2022 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 – Definition of Eligible High School to add the Georgia Independent School Association to the list of approved accrediting agencies – *pending the Governor's Signature*
 - Clarified – Definition of Eligible Postsecondary Institution to add the newly required *Application of Postsecondary Institution to Participate in Student Aid Programs*
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HOPE Scholarship at Public and Private and Zell Miller Scholarship

Below highlights the changes to the HOPE Scholarship and Zell Miller Scholarship Regulations.

- New – ADA Limited Extension for Scholars with a seven or ten year eligibility limit and have a qualifying disability, as defined in the federal Americans with Disabilities Act, which prevents full time enrollment (12 hours or more) each term, may request an extension – *pending the Governor's Signature*
 - Clarified – Requesting an Exception time frame for recipients to request during the first term of re-enrolling or within 15 hours of the Attempted Hours and/or Paid Hours limit
 - Revised – Emergency regulation due to CVOD-19 to assist affected students
 - Graduating Class of 2021 (January 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021) unable to sit for the ACT or SAT due to cancellations are given the opportunity to test and scores through June 30, 2022
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HOPE and Zell Miller Programs

Below highlights the changes to the HOPE Grant Program Regulations.

- Clarified – Requesting an Exception time frame for recipients to request during the first term of re-enrolling or within 15 hours of the Attempted Hours and/or Paid Hours limit
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Student Access Loan

Below highlights the changes to the Student Access Loan Regulations.

- Revised – Loan Documents to allow for electronic signature option
- Revised– Emergency regulation due to CVOD-19 to assist affected students
 - Graduating Class of 2021 (January 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021) with an eligible Zell Miller

- Scholarship GPA, without the required test score
- May apply for a FY 2022 SAL totaling the difference between HOPE Scholarship award and Zell Miller Scholarship award
- If the student submits a Zell Miller Scholarship eligible ACT or SAT test score by June 30, 2022, may have the SAL canceled

HERO Scholarship

Below highlights the changes to the HERO Scholarship Regulations.

- Clarified – Length of Eligibility of the timeframe when an applicant can apply for funding
 - Within 24 months of enrollment at an eligible postsecondary institution
 - Awards are based upon available funds

Tuition Equalization Grant

Below highlights the changes to the Tuition Equalization Grant Regulations.

- Clarified – Application Deadline Date is on or before the last day of term in which funds are sought

Georgia Military College State Service Scholarship

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

- Revised – Payment of Invoices to 4 terms per award year, due to GMC's Milledgeville campus transition

University of North Georgia Military Scholarship

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

- Revised – Georgia Residency to include GA National Guard and Reservists members stationed in Georgia