

Executive Summary of Substantive Changes
FY 2023 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.

All Programs

Below highlights the changes to all Program Regulations.

- Revised – Selective Service requirements for state financial aid eligibility
 - Student Selective Service registration and exemption status information to be maintained by GSFC and made available to PSIs in order to make an eligibility determination
 - Required male applicants must have registration on file with GSFC to be eligible for state aid programs
 - Revised - References of GED replaced with High School Equivalency (HSE) diploma
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State of Georgia Programs Definitions

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

- New Definition - Direct Cost - Educational costs that are institutional charges incurred by the student and must be paid directly to the postsecondary institution. Educational costs considered direct costs vary at institutions, but may include, but is not limited to, tuition and fees (mandatory and/or course related), books and supplies, room and board, meal plans, etc. The charges or fines incurred due to actions by a student such as parking tickets, library fines, or late fees are not considered direct educational costs.
 - New Definition - Regulation Z implements the Federal Truth in Lending Act
 - New Program - Georgia College Completion Grant Program
 - New Program - HOPE High School Equivalency Examination Grant Program
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HOPE GED Grant

Below highlights the change to the HOPE GED Grant Regulations.

- The HOPE GED Grant Program is no longer funded effective Fiscal Year 2023.
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HOPE High School Equivalency Grant

Below highlights the new High School Equivalency Examination Grant Program

- Eligible Georgia residents sitting for a State approved High School Equivalency Examination offered by TCSG
 - Approved exams - GED and HiSet

- o Sit for an exam July 1, 2022 or later
 - Lifetime maximum award of \$200 toward exam fees
 - Applicant must complete TCSG's precertification and meet all program eligibility requirements
 - TCSG determines eligibility and invoices GSFC
 - TCSG must adhere to invoice and reconciliation requirements and subject to compliance reviews
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HOPE Scholarship Private

Below highlights the changes to the HOPE Scholarship Private Regulations.

- New – Revised HOPE Scholarship at Private Postsecondary Institutions to reflect the 6% increase to tuition awards effective beginning Fall term 2022 (FY 2023)
 - o Full-Time award increase from \$2,152 to \$2,282 per semester
 - o Full-Time award increase from \$1,436 to \$1,523 per quarter
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Zell Miller Scholarship for Private Institutions

Below highlights the changes to the Zell Miller Scholarship at Private Institutions Regulations.

- New - Revised Zell Miller Scholarship at Private Postsecondary Institutions to reflect the 6% increase to tuition awards effective beginning Fall term 2022 (FY 2023)
 - o Full-Time award increase from \$2,808 to \$2,977 per semester
 - o Full-Time award increase from \$1,914 to \$2,029 per quarter
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HOPE Career Grant Program

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

- New – Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Programs category approved
 - New - Eligible Basic Law Enforcement (BL11) program has a maximum award of \$3,500
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Tuition Equalization Grant

Below highlights the changes to the Tuition Equalization Grant Regulations.

- Increase annual Award Amount from \$850 to \$900
 - o Semester award increase from \$425 to \$450 per semester
 - o Quarter award increase from \$283 to \$300 per quarter
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Georgia College Completion Grant Program

Below highlights the new Georgia College Completion Grant Program

- The student must:
 - Be an eligible Georgia resident enrolled at a USG, TCSG or eligible private non-profit institution in a certificate, diploma, undergraduate program
 - Complete a current year FASFA
 - Have completed 80% of credit requirements for credential of student's major/program of study
 - Have an outstanding balance of direct educational costs with the institution
 - The postsecondary institutions to be granted an allocation of funds to award to eligible students
 - The institution has the authority to write institutional policy for eligibility requirements
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Student Access Loan

Below highlights the changes to the Student Access Loan Regulations.

- Clarified – Borrower has 30 days to submit signed Promissory Note and Disclosure
 - Clarified – Disbursements will be made after receipt of the Promissory Note and three business days after the cancellation period pursuant to Regulation Z
 - Clarified - Delinquent borrowers may be reported to a consumer reporting company
 - Clarified – Entering into a Deferment nor Forbearance will not alter consumer reporting of borrower's existing account status
 - Clarified – Request for cancellation due to total and permanent disability must be certification from physician made under oath
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