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Dear Colleague:

The Board of Commissioners of the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) and the Georgia Student Finance Authority (GSFA) approved revisions to the 2016-2017 Program Regulations at their November 4, 2016 Board meeting. Both revisions are effective Fall Term 2016.

2016-2017 Move On When Ready Program (MOWR) Regulations

This revision is a clarification of Section 1605.2 – Length of Eligibility – to clarify the length of a student's eligibility for the MOWR program. Students are eligible to participate in MOWR for four years of high school enrollment. The change clarifies that the four years of eligibility is calculated based upon years of high school enrollment, rather than just four calendar years. This clarification provides additional eligibility flexibility for students that were not enrolled for a semester or more between their 9th-12th grade years for any number of reasons (unenrolled due to medical issues, traveling abroad, dropped out, etc.).

2016-2017 Zell Miller Scholarship Program Regulations

This change adds a footnote in Section 4005.6, pertaining to second tier eligibility requirements. The footnote states that graduates of an ineligible high school prior to 2016, that scored in the 93rd percentile on the SAT or ACT prior to high school graduation, and that have maintained a postsecondary cumulative GPA of at least 3.3 as of the beginning of Fall 2016, and that meet all other Zell Miller Scholarship requirements, may receive the scholarship beginning Fall Term 2016. A provision for new high school graduates in 2016 or later was added during the 2016 legislative session.

The revised Program Regulations will be posted at www.gsfc.org by November 10, 2016. A link to the Program Regulations can also be found at www.GAfutures.org under "Shortcuts."

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact Pennie Strong, Vice President, Student Aid Services, at 770.724.9014 or email at pennies@gsfc.org.

Sincerely,



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