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The following information items are program updates for Move On When Ready, HOPE Scholarship, HOPE Grant and REACH Georgia.

Move On When Ready Name Change

Effective Fall 2017, Move On When Ready (MOWR) has been renamed Dual Enrollment. The eligibility requirements, award amounts, application process and other aspects of the program remain the same. The MOWR application will be referred to as the Dual Enrollment funding application. The new email address for the program is dualenrollment@gsfc.org.

HOPE Grant

Based on section 304.9, Alternative Graduation Option, of the 2017-2018 (FY 2018) Program Regulations, students graduating high school through the SB2 Option and who chose to pursue an associate degree under SB 186, will be identified in SURFER. Eligibility for the HOPE Grant in a student's first 30 semester hours of pursuing an associate degree at a Technical College System of Georgia institution will be indicated on the Student Demographics screen with a "Yes" indicator. Additionally, field 38 of the GAD file will be populated with a "Y", indicating yes.

HOPE Scholarship

The 11th Grade Progress GPA File will be provided in your SURFER Inbox by mid-October. This file provides the unverified GPA provided by high schools for students completing the 11th grade. The GPAs contained in this file are not considered the Preliminary or Final GPA provided for 12th graders. The use of this GPA is not considered official eligibility of the HOPE Scholarship. The file is provided annually.

REACH Georgia Program

New notifications are being provided to identify REACH high school students. In SURFER, the Student Demographics screen will include a "Yes" indicator when the student graduates as a REACH Scholar and is eligible for the REACH Scholarship. Additionally, the GAD file will utilize Field 36. A value of "IP" indicates a senior in the REACH Program who meets the Preliminary Eligibility requirements, while "C" indicates the student is officially a REACH Scholar graduating from high school and is eligible for the REACH Scholarship.

Additionally, each year by mid-October, a REACH Scholar file will be provided in your SURFER Inbox listing the current 11th and 12th graders currently participating in the REACH Georgia Scholarship Program who are scheduled to graduate high school as a REACH Scholar. The status is preliminary information only. The use of this information is not considered official eligibility of the REACH Scholarship. The student's name, mailing address and high school will be provided. This file was requested by institutions that would like to mail college information to the students.

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