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# MOVE ON WHEN READY

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Move On When Ready (MOWR) is Georgia's dual enrollment program that allows high school students (9th – 12th grade) to earn college credits, or even a certificate, diploma or associate degree, while working on their high school diploma. MOWR replaces Accel, HOPE Grant for dual enrollment and the previous Move on When Ready. MOWR is designed to make it easier for students to take advantage of all the options to enroll in college courses while still in high school.

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## STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

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- Any student attending a public or private high school in Georgia or an eligible home study program
- Student's high school or home study program has completed a Participation Agreement
- 9th through 12th grade (eligibility ends four years after the student first enters 9th grade)
- No residency requirement
- Students must sign an advisement form with their high school or home study program
- Participating students can attend more than one postsecondary institution at a time and receive awards at both
- Admissions requirements at the chosen postsecondary institution(s) must be met
- Students must meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) as required by the postsecondary institution(s)
- Students that complete high school graduation requirements prior to officially graduating may continue participation in MOWR until the date of official high school graduation

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## COURSE OPTIONS

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Students must select eligible courses from the *Move On When Ready Course Directory* on **GAfutures.org**. The Course Directory includes comparable required courses such as degree and non-degree level core courses (English, math, science, social studies, foreign language), career, technical and agricultural education courses, as well as electives. Course selections must be approved for high school credit by the student's high school counselor.

MOWR courses are available for fall, spring and summer semesters and fall, winter, spring and summer quarters.

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## TUITION, MANDATORY FEES AND BOOKS

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The specific MOWR award amount will vary based on the postsecondary institution and the number of credit hours in which a student is enrolled. Complete MOWR award amounts are available on **GAfutures.org**. In most cases, awards will cover all required standard tuition, mandatory fees and required book expenses. In some instances, students may be responsible for lost or damaged books, books that are considered optional, or specific course-related fees, such as a lab fee.

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### BENEFITS OF DUAL ENROLLMENT FOR STUDENTS

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- Earning college credits while still in high school may enable students to graduate early and/or possibly even earn an associate degree, diploma or certificate.
- Dual enrollment can help students adjust to certain aspects of the college experience (e.g., classes, coursework, instruction, being on a college campus) so the transition from high school to college may be easier.
- Students who participate in a dual enrollment program are more likely to go to college and earn a degree.
- Students may be able to take classes that are not offered at their high school, especially in subject areas they are interested in for a potential career.
- Taking college-level classes while still in high school may build confidence and encourage those students who may not be thinking about college to reconsider.

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## APPLICATION PROCESS

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- Eligible public and private high school students should fill out the online application on **GAfutures.org**
- Home study students should fill out the paper version which can be printed from **GAfutures.org**
- Applications are term-specific; students should complete a new application each term
- The application has three parts
  - Part A: Student/parent portion
  - Part B: High school/home study portion
  - Part C: Postsecondary institution portion
- All three sections must be completed and submitted to GSFC
  - Online applications are submitted through **GAfutures.org**
  - Paper applications should be mailed to
    - Georgia Student Finance Commission
    - Attention: Student Aid Services
    - 2082 East Exchange Place
    - Tucker, GA 30084
- Application deadlines may vary. Check with your high school and postsecondary institution for the application deadline for each term.

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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- **What do students have to do to participate in MOWR?**

To participate in MOWR, students must sign an advisement form with their high school or home study program, meet the admissions requirements and be accepted at the postsecondary institution(s) of their choice and make satisfactory academic progress. Interested students should see their high school counselor and visit **GAfutures.org** for complete program information and to access the application.

- **What expenses does the MOWR program cover for eligible participants?**

Students who meet all eligibility requirements will receive a student-specific award amount to be applied to tuition, mandatory fees and required books. The postsecondary institution cannot charge the student any additional tuition or mandatory fee costs for approved MOWR courses. The postsecondary institution must provide the required textbooks for the approved MOWR courses. The manner by which books are provided to the MOWR student is determined by the postsecondary institution.

The aid is paid directly to the postsecondary institution. The award amounts for MOWR can be found on **GAfutures.org**.

- **What expenses are not covered by the MOWR program?**

Students may be responsible for course-related fees and supplies required for a particular course or optional fees charged by the postsecondary institution. If the postsecondary institution provided the textbooks through a lending program, students may be charged a lost or damaged book fee if the book is not returned in the required condition. Contact the postsecondary institution selected for more information.

Students are responsible for tuition and fees for any course(s) taken that is not listed in the *Move On When Ready Approved Course Directory* and listed on their MOWR application.

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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### ● What classes/courses are available to students?

Approved courses for MOWR are listed in the *Move On When Ready Approved Course Directory*. Approved classes may include degree level or non-degree level courses in the five main academic areas (English, math, science, social studies and foreign language), as well as elective, career, technical and agricultural offerings. The Course Directory can be found on [GAfutures.org](http://GAfutures.org).

The courses a student chooses each term must be listed on his or her MOWR application and must be approved by his or her high school and the postsecondary institution(s) he or she will be attending.

### ● Are online courses available to students participating in MOWR?

Yes, MOWR students can enroll in online courses if the course is on the approved course list. Students should carefully consider whether an online course is a good fit for them before enrolling.

### ● Can students participate in MOWR if they will be in high school longer than four years?

A student may request an extension in eligibility by completing the Length of Eligibility Extension form. Students may only request an extension if they are in a documented Alternative Graduation Plan or on an Individualized Educational Plan or 504 Plan that includes an extended amount of time to graduate high school. Each request must be verified by the high school and approved on a case-by-case basis by GSFC.

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## OTHER STATE FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

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GSFC administers other state financial aid programs on behalf of the state of Georgia designed to assist students with the cost of education beyond high school. For more information about these programs and eligibility requirements, visit [GAfutures.org](http://GAfutures.org).

- Georgia Military College State Service Scholarship
- Georgia National Guard Service Cancelable Loan
- HERO Scholarship
- HOPE Career Grant
- HOPE Grant
- HOPE GED Grant
- HOPE Scholarship
- Public Safety Memorial Grant
- REACH Scholarship
- Scholarship for Engineering Education
- Scholarship for Engineering Education for Minorities
- Student Access Loan
- Tuition Equalization Grant
- University of North Georgia Military Scholarship
- University of North Georgia ROTC Grant
- University of North Georgia ROTC Grant for Future Officers
- Zell Miller Grant
- Zell Miller Scholarship