



Financial Aid Requirements for **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Potential **SCHOLARSHIPS** applicants *must* apply for federal and state financial aid and submit proof of award or denial. **SCHOLARSHIPS** awards qualified applicants a stipend **even if tuition and fees are covered by another source**.

Financial aid is available as follows:

Credential/Degree	Available Financial Aid
Technical Certificate of Credit	HOPE Grant (converts to Zell Miller Grant with 3.5 GPA) HOPE Career Grant
Technical College Diploma	HOPE Grant (converts to Zell Miller Grant with 3.5 GPA) HOPE Career Grant Pell Grant
Associates or bachelor's degree	
<i>At a public institution</i>	HOPE Scholarship Pell Grant
<i>At a private institution</i>	HOPE Scholarship Georgia Tuition Equalization Grant Pell Grant

How do I apply for financial aid?

- You may fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) either online at www.fafsa.ed.gov or through the financial aid office of the college/university you plan to attend.
- Based on the results of your application, your school will determine your eligibility for **both** federal and state aid.
- If you are attending a **private** educational institution, you must also fill out the HOPE Scholarship/Tuition Equalization Grant form online at www.gacollege411.org or through your school's financial aid office to be considered for state aid.
- If you are applying for HOPE only, the form is also available online at www.gacollege411.org.

You are currently *ineligible* for the HOPE Scholarship if:

- It has been more than ten years since high school graduation, and you have never received the HOPE Scholarship.
- You received a HOPE Scholarship payment between Summer term 2011 and Spring term 2019, then you become ineligible after 7 years.
- You graduated from an ineligible high school, home study or GED program less than 10 years ago and do not have at least 30 semester or 45 quarter hours completed with a 3.0 cumulative GPA.
- You did not have a 3.0 GPA at the time you graduated.
- You have previously received the HOPE Scholarship, but your GPA has dropped below 3.0.

Under these circumstances, you must apply for the Pell Grant to determine how much, if any, aid you might receive before also applying to the **SCHOLARSHIPS** program.

What documents do I send with my **SCHOLARSHIPS** application?

- A printout of your student financial aid award information (available on your student portal) **OR** your Student Aid Report (SAR) sent to you by the Department of Education. Your EFC (Expected Family Contribution) number indicates how much Pell you can receive.
- If you have exceeded the number of eligible credit hours covered by HOPE or Pell, or you have previously earned a degree, you are permanently ineligible for these programs. In lieu of a financial aid letter, you may submit your transcript reflecting the total number of hours you have taken or the award date of your degree as proof of your ineligibility for HOPE and Pell.

SCHOLARSHIPS participants must provide financial aid information each new academic year (the fall semester).