
HOPE Overview

HOPE Grant

Eligibility: Georgia's HOPE Grant is available to residents of Georgia who are attending eligible colleges or universities in Georgia to earn a certificate or diploma regardless of high school graduation date or grade point average.

HOPE SCHOLARSHIP

Eligibility: Available to students who graduate from a HOPE-eligible high school with a 3.0 grade point average that are seeking a college degree . Students are eligible to receive the HOPE Scholarship until seven years from the date of the student's high school graduation or successful GED test.

Award: HOPE Grant or Hope Scholarship award amount will cover a portion of the student's tuition (90% of the previous year's tuition rate) at a public institution or up to \$1800 per semester at an eligible private institution. HOPE does not cover fees or books.

Pell Grant Overview

Eligibility: This grant requires that each applicant: is an undergraduate student who has not yet earned a bachelor's degree, a United States citizen or an eligible non-citizen, has a high school diploma or a GED or can demonstrate the ability to benefit from the program. The U.S. Department of Education has a standard formula used to evaluate the information that each person supplies when applying for the Pell Grant. This formula produces a number called the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) which determines an applicant's eligibility.

Award: The amount funded is from \$550 to \$5,550 per academic year. The maximum amount of the grant usually depends on the EFC and several other factors, including cost of attendance (tuition and different fees including room and board, books, and meal plans) and the amount of time the student plans to attend college, whether it is a full academic year and whether one is a full time or part time student.

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Eligibility: Applicant must be teacher or assistant teacher at least 25 hours per week or director, assistant director or family day care provider at least 40 hours per week in a licensed facility working with children birth through PreK. Tenure ranges from three months to one year depending on the level of ECE credential/degree pursued. Applicant can be enrolled in any of Georgia's technical colleges, or any SACS-accredited, HOPE-eligible public or private institution pursuing a credential or degree in early childhood education, child development or childcare administration.

Award: 80% of tuition and mandatory fees not covered by HOPE or Pell at public institutions and up to \$1,800 per semester (\$1,350 per quarter) at private institutions. In addition, the approved applicant receives a \$200 support stipend per semester (\$150 per quarter) enrolled.