

HOPE Grant (Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally)

The HOPE Grant - <http://www.GAfutures.org> - is a state funded award which will pay a percentage of tuition based on a factor rate set by the Georgia Legislature each year for all eligible students enrolled in diploma and technical certificate of credit programs. Continuing Education courses are not covered by the HOPE Grant. Georgia residency documents are required as proof to be considered for eligibility of this grant. There are two eligibility checkpoints: first when a student reaches 30 semester hours and second after 60 semester hours, based on HOPE Grant Paid Hours. To continue receiving HOPE, a student must have a 2.0 HOPE GPA at the 30th hour. Students who lose eligibility at the 30th hour can regain eligibility once at the 60th hour with a 2.0 GPA. Learning support coursework and dual enrollment coursework are excluded from the HOPE GPA calculation and checkpoints. HOPE Paid Hours prior to the implementation of the HOPE cap (prior to July 2003) do not count in HOPE Grant GPA or checkpoint calculations. Students with baccalaureate degrees cannot receive HOPE. HOPE Grant awards are limited to paying for a total of 63 semester credit hours beginning with courses taken in July 2003.