

# GUIDE TO THE HOPE SCHOLARSHIP

HOPE Scholarship (Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally) provides students with funds for tuition and fees. HOPE also provides for book allowance to eligible Georgia residents.

## HOPE Check-Points for Continued Eligibility

Students are evaluated to insure they attained a “B” average at the following checkpoints:

30 attempted semester hours 60 attempted semester hours 90 attempted semester hours At the end of every Spring Semester ( <i>except for beginning Freshmen enrolled below full-time</i> )	<b>HOPE attempted hours include:</b> All regular coursework attempted after high school graduation, non-credit course work (LSS and Regents). All attempted transfer coursework, withdrawals, and dropped courses.
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*NOTE: Students can only lose their eligibility at the End-of-Spring check point. To regain eligibility, students must be at 30, 60 or 90 attempted hours.*

## Limit of Eligibility

Students are eligible to receive the HOPE Scholarship up to 127 Attempted or Paid hours whichever is reached first.

Students are not eligible to receive HOPE Scholarship funds if they have **attempted** 127 semester hours or more.

Students are eligible for a combined payment maximum of 127 semester hours. Hours for which students received payment from the HOPE Scholarship, HOPE Grant and the Accel program are included in calculating the total Paid hours.

## HOPE Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) Calculation

### HOPE GPA includes:

- All earned grades (including both grades when a course is repeated)
- Grades for non-credit coursework when given
- Grades from all transfer work (even if courses are not accepted at GC&SU)

### HOPE GPA does not include:

- Grades given of S, U, IP, W
- Grades earned in college courses prior to high school graduation
- Grades earned by examination (i.e., AP credit and CLEP)

**Note:** In some instances, the HOPE GPA may not be reflected on the student’s official transcript.

## Second Chance to Regain HOPE

Students who lose the HOPE scholarship after 30 attempted hours or an End-of-Spring check-point may regain eligibility if they have a “B” average at the point of attempting 60 or 90 semester hours.

## Non-Traditional Students

Students that graduate from high school prior to 1993 or who were not HOPE eligible upon high school graduation may become eligible for HOPE if they have a “B” average at the point of attempting 30, 60, or 90 semester hours.