

TUITION, FEES, AND REFUND INFORMATION

TUITION AND FEES

The amount of tuition assessed each term varies based on program of study, residency, and the number of credit hours enrolled. Tuition and fees are assessed in accordance with the policies set forth by the State Board for the Technical College System of Georgia and are subject to change without notice. The most current tuition and fee schedule may be obtained on the college website. Continuing education and business contract training fees are assessed differently based on the course content or individual needs of the business requesting development of the course.

Credit hour tuition charges may be different for some non-standard certification programs.

CREDIT COURSE TUITION AND FEES EFFECTIVE FALL SEMESTER 2014

Credit Hours	Tuition	Registration	Accident Insurance	Activity	Technology	Facilities	Instructional Fee	Total Tuition & Fees
01	\$89.00	\$50.00	\$4.00	\$30.00	\$105.00	\$10.00	\$50.00	\$338.00
02	178.00	50.00	\$4.00	30.00	105.00	10.00	50.00	427.00
03	267.00	50.00	\$4.00	30.00	105.00	10.00	50.00	516.00
04	356.00	50.00	\$4.00	30.00	105.00	10.00	50.00	605.00
05	445.00	50.00	\$4.00	30.00	105.00	10.00	50.00	694.00
06	534.00	50.00	\$4.00	30.00	105.00	10.00	50.00	783.00
07	623.00	50.00	\$4.00	30.00	105.00	10.00	50.00	872.00
08	712.00	50.00	\$4.00	30.00	105.00	10.00	50.00	961.00
09	801.00	50.00	\$4.00	30.00	105.00	10.00	50.00	1,050.00
10	890.00	50.00	\$4.00	30.00	105.00	10.00	50.00	1,139.00
11	979.00	50.00	\$4.00	30.00	105.00	10.00	50.00	1,228.00
12	1,068.00	50.00	\$4.00	30.00	105.00	10.00	50.00	1,317.00
13	1,157.00	50.00	\$4.00	30.00	105.00	10.00	50.00	1,406.00
14	1,246.00	50.00	\$4.00	30.00	105.00	10.00	50.00	1,495.00
15+	1,335.00	50.00	\$4.00	30.00	105.00	10.00	50.00	1,584.00

COMMERCIAL TRUCK DRIVING COURSE

Total - \$1,622 (Tuition \$1,188, Registration \$50, Accident Insurance \$4, Activity \$30
Technology \$105, Facilities \$10, Instructional \$50, Fuel Surcharge \$185)

- Out-of-state students pay double tuition.
- International students pay four times tuition.
- State residents age 62 or older are responsible for fees but are not required to pay tuition (*on a space available basis*).

ADDITIONAL FEES

Late Registration	\$45.00
Application	\$20.00 (one time fee)
Returned Check	\$30.00 Minimum (or 5% face value if greater)
Commencement Participation	\$35.00
Retest Fee	\$5.00 per section
Drop/Add Fee	\$15.00
Student Liability Insurance	\$4.00 (clinical portions of medical, cosmetology, and childcare)
Replacement ID Card	\$5.00
Change of Program	\$10.00 (for 2nd and all subsequent changes)
Exemption Test	25% of tuition for course being exempted
Test Proctoring - Online Students	(No charge if proctored by WGTC or other college within the Technical College System of Georgia. Students are directly responsible for any costs associated with securing outside proctors.)
Drug/Alcohol Testing	\$35.00 All Health related program courses (subject to change).

PROGRAM SPECIFIC FEES:

Drug/Alcohol Testing	\$35.00	All Health related program courses (subject to change).
Hesi Lab	\$131.00	Practical Nursing
RN Lab Fee	\$92.00	Associate of Science Nursing
RADT Review	\$100.00	Radiologic Technology
Dental lab Fee	\$50.00	Dental Assisting and Hygiene
EMT Lab	\$35.00	Online resource for EMS Programs
Paramedic Lab	\$45.00	Online resource for Paramedic Programs
Virtual Lab	\$65.00	BUSN 2370

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Commercial Truck Driving Program Tuition and Fees

Tuition of \$1,188 (\$1,622 total including fees - \$20 Application, \$185 Fuel Surcharge, \$50 Registration, \$4.00 Accident Insurance, \$105 Technology, \$50 Instructional, \$10 Facilities, and \$30 Activity Fee). Students will be responsible for fees associated with obtaining the motor vehicle report, physical/drug screening, and licensure.

Students enrolled in Commercial Truck Driving must acquire Aps by the 6th day of class to receive credit for CTDL 1010. In addition, students may pay the surcharge fee by the 6th day to continue into CTDL 1020/1030. Beginning with the third attempt, students will be assessed a testing fee of \$50 for the CDL licensure exam.

Payment Deadlines

All tuition and fees are due by the stated deadlines and may be paid by cash, check, credit/debit card, money order, or approved financial aid. See the "Other Financial Assistance" section of this catalog for additional aid options, including payment plans via Nelnet.

Financial Obligations

A student with a balance due to the college for any reason is subject to being dropped from classes or having a hold placed on his/her student account. The hold will prevent the student from obtaining grades, transcripts, or registering for future classes until all financial obligations have been cleared.

TYPES OF FEES

Note: *Fees are not covered by HOPE. Some fees are eligible to be paid by Pell or third-party assistance.*

Application Fee: This one-time, non-refundable fee of \$20 is due when the individual applies for a technical certificate, diploma, or associate of applied science degree program.

Student Activity Fee: All students, with the exception of strictly online students, are required to pay an activity fee of \$30 each semester. The fee supports student activities sponsored by the Student Leadership Council.

Registration Fee: Students are required to pay a \$50 registration fee each semester.

Technology Fee: Students are required to pay a technology fee of \$105 each semester. Transient students enrolled in more than one college will only pay the fee at their home college.

Instructional Fee: Students are assessed a \$50 instructional fee each semester to support the costs of supplies and other instructional needs not covered by tuition.

Facilities Fee: Students are assessed a \$10 fee each semester to support maintenance and improvement of campus facilities including lighting, security, and parking.

Parking Decals: Parking Decals are required for all vehicles. In order to obtain a parking decal, students must present WGTC student identification along with current registration information. On the Valdosta campus, decals may be obtained in the security office located in The Upper Crust; decals may be obtained on the other campuses at the receptionist area.

Liability/Malpractice Insurance Fee: All students enrolled in clinical portions of cosmetology, child care, and Allied Health programs must pay a liability/malpractice insurance fee of \$4 each semester.

Accident Insurance Fee: A \$4 fee is charged to every student each semester. The insurance includes partial coverage for accidents that occur while on campus or while participating in activities sponsored and supervised by the college.

Fuel Surcharge: Students in the Commercial Truck Driving program are responsible for a \$185 non-refundable fuel surcharge when they begin CTDL 1020.

ID Card Fee: Students are assessed a \$5 fee for replacement ID cards.

Transcript Fee: Students may obtain one official transcript at no charge. Subsequent copies are available at a fee of \$5 each. Students may obtain an unofficial copy at no charge by logging into their BanWeb account.

Commencement Participation Fee: A fee of \$35 is assessed for graduates participating in the commencement ceremony.

Returned Check Fee: Personal checks will be accepted for the amount of tuition, fees and some services. Returned checks will be assessed a \$30 return check fee or five (5) percent of the face value, whichever is greater.

Books and Supplies: Textbooks and other required supplies may be purchased at the bookstore prior to the beginning of the semester by cash, check, and credit/debit card. Students eligible for Pell, WIA, or third party scholarships may charge the cost of books and supplies to these funds.

Uniforms: Students in programs such as cosmetology, culinary arts, and most allied health areas must purchase college-approved uniforms according to program specifications.

Auditing Fees: Students who wish to take a class without receiving credit may audit the course and pay the normal tuition and fees. Audited classes are not eligible for financial aid.

Exemption Test Fee: Students may take an exemption test to obtain credit for a given course without having to register for and attend the class. The test fee is equal to 25% of the normal tuition for the class being exempted (i.e. 4 credit hours = \$89, 3 credit hours = \$66.75).

Late Registration Fee: Students who do not register prior to the designated registration deadlines are subject to a \$45 late fee.

Change of Program Fee: A fee of \$10 will be assessed for the second and all subsequent changes of program.

PROGRAM SPECIFIC FEES:

Drug & Alcohol Test: Students enrolled in all health programs are required to pay a fee of \$35 (subject to change).

HESI (Nursing Lab Fee): This fee of \$131.00 is charged to students enrolled in Practical Nursing to cover the cost of standardized exams used to evaluate student learning and assess student readiness for licensure examinations.

RN Lab: A fee of \$92.00 is charged to students enrolled in the Associate of Science Nursing program to cover the cost of standardized exams used to evaluate student learning and assess student readiness for licensure examinations.

RADT Review: A fee of \$100.00 is charged each fall semester to students enrolled in the Radiologic Technology program for online access to program materials.

HIMT Virtual Lab: Students enrolled BUSN 2370 are charged a fee of \$65 for access to an internet-based, practical work environment.

EMT and Paramedic Labs: A fee of \$35 for EMT and \$45 for Paramedic are charged each semester for access to online testing resources.

Dental Lab: \$50 is charged each semester for Dental Assisting and Dental Hygiene to cover costs of dosimeters, lab supplies, and use/rental of laboratory equipment.

REFUND POLICY

Individual Payment: Students who are no-shows or withdraw from a course by the end of the third instructional day of the semester shall receive a 100 percent refund, excluding the application fee. Students who withdraw after the third instructional day of the semester shall receive no refund.

Federal Title IV Financial Aid: The Department of Education regulations require that unearned portions of Title IV funds (Pell grant, FSEOG) be returned if a student withdraws from classes prior to the 60 percent attendance point in the term. When a student withdraws prior to completion of 60 percent of the term, the financial aid award must be reduced. The amount of the student's Title IV aid earned is calculated as follows:

Number of days student completed ÷ number of days in term = percent of Title IV aid earned

100 percent of Title IV aid is earned if the student completes more than 60 percent of the term. No Title IV funds are earned if number of class days completed is three or less.

If funds are remaining after tuition and fees are deducted from earned Title IV funds, the business office will issue payment to the student for the remaining balance after the fourth week of the term. Any student who is issued a Title IV refund and then found to have dropped or withdrawn from classes prior to completion of the 60 percent attendance point in the term must return the unearned funds back to the college. Students who have amounts due will not be allowed to receive grades, transcripts, or register for classes until the amount owed is paid in full.

Disbursement of Refunds: Students may choose to receive refunds of tuition, fees, or excess Pell grant by direct deposit to a checking, savings, or prepaid debit card. Students not enrolling in direct deposit will automatically receive a paper check by mail at the current address on the BanWeb account. Students enrolled in direct deposit are responsible for notifying the Business Office in writing to cancel the process or to update bank account information. This information must be received within the first two weeks of the term to be effective for the current term refund.

Refunds of Books and Supplies: The bookstore issues refunds for previously purchased books and supplies under certain conditions. Bookstore refund policies are outlined below:

- Original receipt required for all refunds or returns. Students are responsible for keeping the original receipt provided at time of purchase.
- Valid student ID required for refunds, returns, and purchases to financial aid.
- Textbooks may be returned within 10 days of purchase. Returns in excess of 10 days may be allowed with valid drop form or if class is canceled due to low enrollment. Books must be in original condition, with no writing, and shrink wrapping that has not been removed.
- No returns on general merchandise, supplies, or equipment unless defective. Must be returned within 10 days of purchase.
- Defective used books may be exchanged for another used book if available. Otherwise, student must pay the difference for a new book.
- Refunds issued per the method of payment indicated on the original receipt (subject to cash availability).
- Cash, check, or credit/debit card purchases will not be reversed to Pell after purchase. Students receive refunds for any unused Pell balances.

Continuing Education Classes: Refunds are given if a student cancels at least 48 hours prior to the beginning of the program. No refunds will be given with less than 48 hours notice, but fees may be transferred to a colleague or tuition credit may be granted for another continuing education course within the current academic year. Full refunds are given if the college cancels a course.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION

Wiregrass Georgia Technical College believes that the primary purpose of student financial aid is to provide assistance to students who, without such assistance, would be unable to attend college. The main responsibility for educational financing is the obligation of the student and his or her family.

In most cases, financial aid is awarded to eligible students on the basis of financial need. Exceptions are scholarships, which have been provided by donors for the purpose of recognizing academic promise or achievement, and the Georgia HOPE Scholarship and Grant. Students may be eligible for more than one type of financial aid. Special Admit students are ineligible for any federal or state financial aid.

Wiregrass Georgia Technical College does not participate in the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program. WGTC will certify private loans that are disbursed to the college from a student's private lender.

Students may apply online for the Federal Pell Grant and Georgia's HOPE Program at <http://fafsa.gov>. High school students and other applicants with a FAFSA waiver should apply for HOPE at <http://www.gacollege411.org>. Applications, computers, and assistance are available in the Office of Financial Aid, or designated area, on each campus.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The determination of financial need is provided to Wiregrass Georgia Technical College electronically through the use of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Financial aid is available in the form of federal and state grants, scholarships, federal work-study, and private sources. Information may be obtained online at <http://federalstudentaid.ed.gov> or www.gacollege411.org.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the preferred application for students applying for financial aid. High school students and applicants who elect not to use the FAFSA will apply for the HOPE Scholarship and Grant program by using the Georgia Student Financial Aid Application System (GSFAPPS) online at <http://www.gacollege411.org>. A FAFSA booklet may be requested by calling 1-800-433-3243 or the TTY line at 1-800-730-8913 for the hearing impaired. The completed application must be mailed in the envelope provided. The FAFSA can also be filed electronically at www.fafsa.gov (which is the fastest and recommended method). The information reported must be accurate and is subject to verification. High school students should apply for financial aid by completing the GSFAPPS application.

An application for student financial aid must be completed each academic year. Wiregrass Georgia Technical College's academic year consists of Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters. All applications for the upcoming academic year should be completed preferably by May 1; but no later than the WGTC priority date. Students may access all necessary forms for financial aid in the Office of Financial Aid or by download at http://www.wiregrass.edu/admissions/finaid_forms.php.

General Eligibility Requirements – Who Gets Aid?

Most students receive some type of financial aid. To receive federal and/or state financial aid, a student must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Be enrolled as a regular or provisional student in an eligible technical certificate, diploma, or degree program of study and meet all specific program requirements;
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen;
- Demonstrate financial need;
- Be at least 16 years of age;
- Have earned a high school diploma or equivalent;
- Not hold a bachelor's degree
- Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP);
- Be able to prove registration with the Selective Service (Males 18 years of age or older – unless able to prove exemption);

- Not be in default on a federal student loan or owe a refund on a previously received grant; or have completed all requirements of a satisfactory payment arrangement (this option will not restore HOPE eligibility); completed an acceptable rehabilitation plan, or have an approved loan consolidation;
- Agree to use any funds received for educationally related purposes only;
- Certify that he or she will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, possession, or use of a controlled substance while receiving financial aid;
- Cannot be recently convicted on felony drug related charges.

NOTE: Students receiving Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) should not apply for a loan unless they no longer desire to receive TAA. TAA participants are advised of this during orientation sessions, in the trade act handbooks, and in the DOL 2417 Application for training participant acknowledgements that, “students may not use loans or personal funds to pay any part of their direct training costs.”

Federal Financial Aid Programs

Federal Pell Grant

Wiregrass Georgia Technical College participates in the Federal Pell Grant program. The Pell grant is awarded to students who do not have a bachelor’s or professional degree and who are enrolled in a degree, diploma, or eligible technical certificate. The Federal Pell Grant Program is the largest federal student aid program available. Unlike educational loans, grants do not have to be repaid. To have eligibility determined, students must submit an application for federal student aid once a year, no later than 6 to 8 weeks before fall semester. The Department of Education uses a standardized formula, which is revised and approved annually by Congress, to evaluate the information reported by students when they apply for the Pell Grant Program. The amount actually awarded will depend on a student’s enrollment status (full-time or part-time), length of annual enrollment, and the cost of education. **Early application is encouraged to ensure availability of funds for enrollment.** The Pell Grant is not available to students who are accepted with a Special Admit or Developmental admission status, or those who are concurrently attending two or more colleges as a regular student. The amount of Federal Pell Grant funds a student may receive over his or her lifetime is limited by a new federal law to be the equivalent of six years (12 semesters) of Pell Grant funding. Since the maximum amount of Pell Grant funding a student can receive each year is equal to 100%, the six-year equivalent is 600%. Once a student has exceeded the 12 semester maximum, Pell eligibility will end.

STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE A FAFSA EACH YEAR

Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)

Grant recipients with exceptional financial need may be eligible for the FSEOG which is a campus-based program administered through the Financial Aid Office. The award amount is contingent upon the availability of FSEOG funds, and the amount of other aid received by the student. Eligible students are processed first by selection of those with the lowest Expected Family Contributions (EFC) attending at least half-time and making satisfactory academic progress. The FSEOG Grant is not available to students whose admission status is learning support or students who are concurrently attending two or more colleges as a regular student.

Federal Work-Study (FWS)

Federal Work-Study (FWS) is a campus-based program that provides Pell Grant applicants with part-time employment to assist with the cost of their college education. Students must be enrolled in an eligible technical certificate, diploma, or an associate degree program and attending classes to be eligible. Students must be enrolled at least half time and demonstrate financial need based on their official EFC and the cost of attendance. Students normally work 19 hours per week and income from work study and all other aid cannot exceed their cost of attendance for any given semester. FWS pay rate may vary based on place of employment and type of work. If at all possible, students are employed on campus in jobs related to their area of study. Any interested students should check the Wiregrass Georgia Technical College Job Listings and apply online at the Employment link on the home page. The FWS is not available to students whose admissions status is learning support or students who are concurrently attending two or more colleges as a regular student.

Strategic Industrial Workforce Development Grant (Effective Fall Semester 2014)

The Strategic Industries Workforce Development (SIWDG) Grant is a state funded grant. Students within the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) receiving Hope Grant funds and enrolled in Commercial Truck Driving, Early Childhood Care & Education, Healthcare Technologies, Information Technology, or Practical Nursing may be eligible for SIWDG. The SIWDG is available for one term only for Commercial Truck Driving. Students with a bachelor's degree are not eligible for the SIWDG.

State Aid Programs

HOPE Scholarship and Grant Program – Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally

The HOPE Grant program, funded by the Georgia Lottery for Education and administered by the Georgia Student Finance Commission, provides financial assistance to qualified Georgia students and active duty military personnel stationed in Georgia and their dependents. (See *Georgia Residency Requirements* section below for more information on residency eligibility requirements.)

Beginning Fall semester 2014, the HOPE Grant will pay for tuition at the rate of \$65 per credit hour. The HOPE Grant will continue to pay for remedial coursework (Learning Support courses) and dual enrollment coursework at the \$65 per credit hour rate for the 2014-2015 academic year.

The HOPE Grant will pay for up to 63 semester hours of study. A student must meet a GPA requirement of 2.0 at the point that the student has accumulated 30 semester of courses toward a diploma or certificate for which the student received HOPE Grant funds.

This applies to currently enrolled students. Students with 30 semester grant paid hours must have a 2.0 GPA based on previously paid HOPE Grant hours to continue their Grant eligibility into Fall Semester. There will be two eligibility checkpoints for the HOPE Grant: 30th semester hour and 60th semester hour based on HOPE Grant paid hours.

Students can regain HOPE Grant eligibility once at the second check point. Any coursework paid for by HOPE, with the exception of Learning Support and Dual Enrollment coursework, will apply to the GPA calculation and checkpoints. However, such credit hours for which a student received HOPE Grant payment prior to his or her high school graduation must be counted as Paid-Hours, if the student was participating in Joint Enrollment, rather than Dual Enrollment.

Students with a bachelor's degree are not eligible for the HOPE Grant.

The Zell Miller HOPE Grant is an expansion of the HOPE Grant program, this grant pays 100% of tuition for technical college students that are HOPE Grant eligible in a technical certificate or diploma program with a GPA of 3.5 or greater.

The HOPE Scholarship program, also funded by the Georgia Lottery for Education and administered by the Georgia Student Finance Commission, is a merit-based scholarship program available to Georgia residents seeking associate degree level programs or higher, who have demonstrated specific academic achievements.

HOPE Scholarship will pay for tuition at the rate of \$65 per semester hour.

There are several ways to gain eligibility for the HOPE Scholarship: graduate from high school as a HOPE Scholar, earn it while in college, or those who graduated from an ineligible high school, completed an ineligible home study program, or earned a GED® credential, can score in the national composite 80th percentile or higher on the SAT or ACT tests.

Eligibility for the HOPE Scholarship is determined in the Office of the Registrar by designated staff. Applications for HOPE Scholarship Evaluation must be submitted to the Office of the Registrar. Final, official transcripts must be received from all previously attended postsecondary schools prior to the HOPE Scholarship Evaluation being processed. All previous degree-level coursework counts in a student's Attempted-Hours and towards their GPA. Students may be required to provide additional residency verification for HOPE Scholarship. (See *Georgia Residency Requirements* section below for more information on residency eligibility requirements.) Students who did not graduate from a Georgia high school or home school program must be Georgia residents for 24 months prior to the first day of the term. Active duty military service members, spouses, or dependent children stationed in Georgia must meet residency requirements.

Eligible freshmen students receive HOPE assistance for the first 30 semester hours attempted. First time recipients of this award on or after July 1, 2011, MUST use the Scholarship within seven years (excludes Military service time) of graduating high school, receiving their GED credential (or within seven years of when their high school class graduated, whichever comes first), or completing a home school program. Students who have not received HOPE Scholarship prior to July 1, 2011, and who graduated from high school more than seven years ago cannot receive HOPE Scholarship. (HOPE Grant recipients changing to a degree-level program meeting these criteria will not be eligible for HOPE Scholarship.)

HOPE Scholarship eligibility is checked at the 30th, 60th, and 90th semester hour marks, called tiers, to see if the student is still meeting HOPE Scholarship standards. Additionally, GPA is checked at the end of each spring semester. If the student loses the HOPE Scholarship at their first check point due to GPA dropping below 3.0, he or she is eligible to reapply for HOPE Scholarship once at the next check point, provided the cumulative Attempted-Hour GPA is a 3.0 (see Attempted-Hour definition below). Students can only regain eligibility one time after losing it.

This provision takes into account prior eligibility status. If a student had lost eligibility in the past and has since regained it, another loss of eligibility would be permanent.

A student that is not eligible during the term in which they have accumulated 90 Attempted-Hours (Tier 4 check-point) cannot regain HOPE Scholarship eligibility. Regardless of the funding source, once a degree seeking student has accumulated 127 semester Attempted-Hours of degree credit, or has received any combination of HOPE Scholarship, HOPE Grant, and/or Accel Program payment for a Combined-Paid total of 127 semester hours, or has earned a baccalaureate (four-year) degree, the student is no longer eligible for the HOPE Scholarship/Grant programs.

Attempted-Hours: Credit hours are counted as Attempted-Hours regardless of whether the course was completed, the hours were earned, or a letter grade was recorded on the student's official academic transcript. Credit hours are counted as Attempted-Hours regardless of whether the student receives payment for those hours from HOPE. There is not an expiration date for Attempted-Hours. Credit hours are counted regardless of whether they transfer towards the new degree or are still considered valid. HOPE Scholarship will not pay for remedial coursework (Learning Support courses); however, all remedial coursework previously counted in attempted hours will remain counted in the attempted hours calculation.

Combined-Paid Hours: Means the total number of Paid-Hours a student has accumulated from any combination of the HOPE Scholarship Program, HOPE Grant Program, and Accel Program.

The Zell Miller Scholarship

Students graduating from an eligible Georgia high school with a grade point average of 3.7 (determined by GSFC) and having a SAT score of 1200 (critical reading and math) or ACT score of at least 26 may apply for the Zell Miller Scholarship. Zell Miller Scholarship pays 100% of current academic year standard tuition amount. Students who entered college as a freshman between July 1, 2007, and June 30, 2011, may be eligible as a recipient at the sophomore, junior, or senior levels. The Zell Miller Scholarship will also be awarded to the top two graduates from each high school (must still meet HOPE Scholarship eligibility requirements excluding the SAT/ACT test score and the 3.7 high school GPA). Recipients must maintain a 3.3 grade point average for all check points (30/60/90 semester hour check points).

If the student's GPA falls below 3.3, but is at least a 3.0, the student would be eligible for the HOPE Scholarship. If a student loses eligibility for any reason, they may regain eligibility one time if they re-qualify at one of the checkpoints. This provision takes into account prior eligibility status.

If a student had lost eligibility in the past and has since regained it, another loss of eligibility would be permanent.

For complete regulations and additional definitions regarding the HOPE Scholarship/Grant program, go online to, https://www.gsfc.org/gsfnew/SandG_regs_2009.cfm, or gacollege411.org, or call the customer contact center at 1-800-505-GSFC (4732) or (770) 724-9000 in Metro Atlanta. GSFC's mailing address is 2082 East Exchange Place, Tucker, GA 30084.

Other Financial Assistance

Nelnet Payment Plan Option

Wiregrass Georgia Technical College offers students a payment plan option through Nelnet Business Solutions for a small enrollment fee of \$30, \$35 or \$40. A minimum down payment is required with the remaining balance due in 2 or 3 monthly installments. The amount of the down payment, number of monthly payments, and the enrollment fee are determined by the date of enrollment in the plan. For more information, contact Nelnet at 800-609-8056.

Private Loans

Private loans are credit-based loans to help students “bridge the gap” between the financial aid they have been awarded and any additional amounts that may be needed to pay for outstanding educational expenses, such as tuition, fees, books, or supplies.

Student Access Loan - Technical (SALT) and Student Access Loan (SAL)

Student Access Loan – Technical (SALT) - Available for Fall Semester 2014, the SALT is a new Student Access Loan for eligible Georgia students attending an institution within the Technical College System of Georgia.

SAL has a random selection process based on available funds.

SALT/SAL will offer eligible students a 1% interest loan to assist in meeting the educational costs of a technical college education. Students must have a 2014-15 FAFSA on file. Selected SALT/SAL applicants will be notified by email. The application for SALT/SAL is available online at <https://www.gsfc.org/secure/lg/>.

Workforce Investment Act (WIA)

The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) is a federal program that pays training costs for economically disadvantaged individuals and dislocated workers. Training costs can include tuition, books, insurance, tools, and uniforms. In addition, a stipend is available to help defray the cost of childcare and transportation. The WIA scholarship may be received in conjunction with Pell and HOPE. Applicants must complete the assessment, eligibility, and selection process with a WIA representative at Wiregrass Georgia Technical College WIA Office.

Veterans Benefits

Wiregrass Georgia Technical College is approved for veterans training under U.S. Code 38. Eligible persons should complete the application for veteran’s education benefits using VA Form 22-1990 through their local or regional Veterans Administration Office or online through the Veterans On-line Application (VONAPP) at vabenefits.vba.va.gov.

Students applying for Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment Program use VA Form 22-1900. The VA Certifying Official in the Veterans Support Services Office is available to assist applicants in filing for education benefits.

Students receiving financial aid from the VA are personally responsible for paying tuition and fees at the time of registration if they are not eligible for other financial aid.

In order to receive benefits, students must meet VA attendance requirements. If a student drops or is dropped from a class, termination is forwarded to the VA Regional Office in Atlanta. However, the student may continue attending other classes without veteran benefits. The VA will not pay for any courses that are not listed in the student’s program curriculum. Students receiving VA benefits are required to notify the School Certifying Official as soon as possible in regards to enrollment status (i.e. adding/dropping classes, withdrawals, or transfer or school), change in program of study, and graduation.

Students receiving VA educational benefits are required to provide the School Certifying Official a copy of their Certificate of Eligibility from the VA for the following financial aid benefits:

- Post 9/11 GI Bill- Chapter 33
- Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty- Chapter 30
- Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve- Chapter 1606
- Reserve Educational Assistance Program- Chapter 1607

- Veterans' Educational Assistance Program- Chapter 32
- Dependents' Educational Assistance Program- Chapter 35
- Veterans Retraining Assistance Program

In addition, Chapter 1606 and 1607 students are required to obtain a Notice of Basic Eligibility (NOBE) from their Commanding Officer to be provided to the School Certifying Official.

For students receiving benefits under the Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment Program, a copy of the Authorization and Certificate of Entrance into Vocational Rehabilitation (VA Form 28-1905) must be provided to the School Certifying Official.

VA students should contact the VA Education and Training Office at 1-888-GIBILL-1 or online at <http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/> for more information.

Georgia's HERO Scholarship

Helping Educate Reservists and their Offspring (HERO) is a non-need based scholarship to provide educational scholarship assistance to members of the Georgia National Guard and U.S. Military Reservists who served in combat zones, and the children and spouses of such members of the Georgia National Guard and U.S. Military Reserves. Eligible recipients may receive up to \$2,000 per academic school year. Award amounts are prorated for school terms in which recipients are enrolled for less than full time (12 hours).

Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant (IASG)

The IASG is available to eligible students whose parents or guardians died as a result of U.S. military service in Iraq or Afghanistan after September 11, 2001, and who are not eligible for the Pell Grant. If your parent(s) or guardian(s) died as a result of U.S. military service in Iraq or Afghanistan after September 11, 2001 and you are eligible for the Pell Grant, you may qualify for an increase.

Vocational Rehabilitation

Individuals with disabilities who qualify may receive financial assistance while attending Wiregrass Georgia Technical College. Contact your local vocational rehabilitation counselor for assistance.

Georgia's Public Safety Memorial (GPSM) Grant

The GPSM grant funded by the Georgia Lottery for Education and administered by the Georgia Student Finance Commission was created to provide educational assistance to the dependent children of public safety officers permanently disabled or killed in the line of duty. The Georgia General Assembly appropriates funds each year during the preceding legislative session. For more information contact the WGTC Financial Aid Office or GSFC.

SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED THROUGH THE WIREGRASS GEORGIA TECHNICAL COLLEGE FOUNDATIONS NORTH AND SOUTH

John Henry Dorminy, Jr. Scholarship provides two graduating seniors from Ben Hill, Irwin, and Wilcox counties are selected to receive the John Henry Dorminy, Jr. Scholarship each year. Each respective high school shall be responsible for student selection. The proceeds of the scholarship shall be used only for expenses associated with educational cost at Wiregrass Georgia Technical College. Acceptance of this award will not preclude the student from receiving other financial aid for which he/she may be eligible. This is a \$500 scholarship to be presented in increments of \$250 for two consecutive semesters. For more information on the regulations and application process for this scholarship, please visit the Wiregrass Georgia Technical College website at: <http://www.wiregrass.edu/about/scholarships.php>.

The 100 Black Men of Valdosta Inc. Scholarship is awarded to students enrolled in the Clinical Laboratory Technology program who are attending a minimum of ten credit hours. This scholarship is available to students at the Valdosta campus only. For more information on the regulations and application process for this scholarship, please visit the Wiregrass Georgia Technical College website at: <http://www.wiregrass.edu/about/scholarships.php>.

The Ben Copeland Scholarship provides endowments of \$1,500 each to two students who reside in Lanier County. Student must show proof of residence and must not be more than 25 years of age. This scholarship is available to students at the Valdosta or Cook campuses only. For more information on the regulations and application process for this scholarship, please visit the Wiregrass Georgia Technical College website at: <http://www.wiregrass.edu/about/scholarships.php>.

The Benjamin James Herron Memorial Scholarship provides \$1,000 to a student enrolled full-time in the EMS, Criminal Justice, or Fire Science program. Student must have at least a 2.0 and must be on the Valdosta Campus. For more information on the regulations and application process for this scholarship, please visit the Wiregrass Georgia Technical College website at: <http://www.wiregrass.edu/about/scholarships.php>.

The Brogdon EMS Scholarship provides \$250 to an EMS student enrolled full-time. Student must also have at least a 3.0 GPA and must be on the Valdosta campus. For more information on the regulations and application process for this scholarship, please visit the Wiregrass Georgia Technical College website at: <http://www.wiregrass.edu/about/scholarships.php>.

The Carolyn King Panizzi Scholarship is available to an accounting student who needs financial assistance for the cost of a Certified Bookkeeper Exam and/or the American Payroll Association Exam. This scholarship is available to students at the Valdosta campus only. For more information on the regulations and application process for this scholarship, please visit the Wiregrass Georgia Technical College website at: <http://www.wiregrass.edu/about/scholarships.php>.

The Carolyn King Panizzi Scholarship #2 provides \$500 to an accounting student that is enrolled full time. This scholarship is available to students at the Valdosta campus only. For more information on the regulations and application process for this scholarship, please visit the Wiregrass Georgia Technical College website at: <http://www.wiregrass.edu/about/scholarships.php>.

The Carolyn Zeigler Memorial Scholarship provides \$250 to a student in any program enrolled full-time. Student must also have at least a 3.0 GPA and must be on the Valdosta campus. For more information on the regulations and application process for this scholarship, please visit the Wiregrass Georgia Technical College website at: <http://www.wiregrass.edu/about/scholarships.php>.

The CJB Industries Scholarship provides \$250 to a student who is enrolled full-time or enrolled part-time with a full-time job. This scholarship is available to students at the Valdosta or Cook campuses only. For more information on the regulations and application process for this scholarship, please visit the Wiregrass Georgia Technical College website at: <http://www.wiregrass.edu/about/scholarships.php>.

The Dan Hatfield, Jr. Scholarship is open to students in all programs of study. This scholarship award provides \$1000 to any full-time student with a minimum 2.0 GPA who is selected by the committee. This scholarship is available to students at the Valdosta campus only. For more information on the regulations and application process for this scholarship, please visit the Wiregrass Georgia Technical College website at: <http://www.wiregrass.edu/about/scholarships.php>.

The David Apperson Memorial Scholarship provides \$250 to a student in any program enrolled full-time. Student must also have at least a 3.0 GPA and can be registered at any campus. For more information on the regulations and application process for this scholarship, please visit the Wiregrass Georgia Technical College website at: <http://www.wiregrass.edu/about/scholarships.php>.

The Howard Jordan Scholarship is a \$500 scholarship awarded to a full-time student at Wiregrass Georgia Tech who resides in either Atkinson, Ben Hill, Coffee, Irwin, or Wilcox County. Applications are due no later than two weeks prior to the beginning of the semester. For more information on the regulations and application process for this scholarship, please visit the Wiregrass Georgia Technical College website at: <http://www.wiregrass.edu/about/scholarships.php>

Recipient of the **Joe and Audis Compton Scholarship** must be a graduating senior from Fitzgerald High School or Irwin County High School and enrolled at Wiregrass Georgia Tech. The scholarship is for \$500 and applications are due no later than two weeks prior to the beginning of the semester. For more information on the regulations and application process for this scholarship, please visit the Wiregrass Georgia Technical College website at: <http://www.wiregrass.edu/about/scholarships.php>

The Kevin DeMarcus Acree Scholarship provides \$500 to a student enrolled full-time in the Culinary Arts Program. This scholarship is for Valdosta campus students only. For more information on the regulations and application process for this scholarship, please visit the Wiregrass Georgia Technical College website at: <http://www.wiregrass.edu/about/scholarships.php>.

The Non-Traditional Program Tool and Textbook Assistance Scholarship (NPTTA) supports students in non-traditional programs and helps pay for tools and/or textbooks required for their program. Each semester, one female and one male student will be awarded a bookstore credit of \$150 to be used toward required items for their program. This scholarship is available to students at the Valdosta or Cook campuses only. For more information on the regulations and application process for this scholarship, please visit the Wiregrass Georgia Technical College website at: <http://www.wiregrass.edu/about/scholarships.php>.

The Omega Scholarship Fund is given by a donor who prefers to remain anonymous. The scholarship is \$250 and is to be given based on need to a student living in Ben Hill, Irwin, or Tift counties. This scholarship will be awarded at the discretion of Wiregrass Georgia Technical College Foundation North. The proceeds of the scholarship shall be used only for expenses associated with educational cost at WGTC. Acceptance of this award will not preclude the student from receiving other financial aid for which he/she may be eligible. For more information on the regulations and application process for this scholarship, please visit the Wiregrass Georgia Technical College website at: <http://www.wiregrass.edu/about/scholarships.php>.

The Roger Crenshaw Memorial Scholarship provides \$500 to a student enrolled full-time who resides in either Ben Hill, Crisp, Irwin or Wilcox County. Applications are due no later than two weeks prior to the beginning of the semester. For more information on the regulations and application process for this scholarship, please visit the Wiregrass Georgia Technical College website at: <http://www.wiregrass.edu/about/scholarships.php>.

The Ronnie G. and Caryl Tucker Branch Scholarship is open to Telecommunications Technology students. The proceeds of the scholarship shall be used only for expenses associated with educational cost at Wiregrass Georgia Technical College. Acceptance of this award will not preclude the student from receiving other financial aid for which he/she may be eligible. The scholarship amount will be determined based on earnings through the endowment to be presented in equal payments for two consecutive semesters. (ie: Earnings equal \$500.00 – student will be given \$250 for two consecutive semesters). For more information on the regulations and application process for this scholarship, please visit the Wiregrass Georgia Technical College website at: <http://www.wiregrass.edu/about/scholarships.php>

The Wilson Eye Center Scholarship is awarded to an Ophthalmology student needing financial assistance for the cost to take the LDO, NCLE, or ABO. This scholarship is available to students at the Valdosta campus only. For more information on the regulations and application process for this scholarship, please visit the Wiregrass Georgia Technical College website at: <http://www.wiregrass.edu/about/scholarships.php>.

Wiregrass Georgia Technical College Foundation, Inc. North and South, Student Emergency Fund is available for students with a crisis situation in need of financial assistance and they can apply for help through the College Foundation. The student must prove the need and be recommended by an instructor. Examples of situations considered for assistance include childcare, car repairs, transportation cost assistance, eyeglasses, or other special needs.

For more information on these and other scholarship opportunities, please visit the Wiregrass Georgia Technical College website at <http://www.wiregrass.edu/about/scholarships.php>.

DEADLINES

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is available in January for students to reapply for financial aid for the following award year. Application for financial aid is made once each year. Once approved, it is effective fall semester through summer semester of that award year. All HOPE and Pell financial aid expires at the end of summer semester of the current year.

FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION PROCESS

Associate of Applied Science Degree/Diploma/Technical Certificate Students: Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) (<http://ed.gov>) at least six to eight weeks prior to the expected registration date.

Georgia residents and active duty military stationed in Georgia and their dependents will automatically receive the HOPE Grant, based on results of the FAFSA, if pursuing a diploma or certificate of the required length. HOPE degree-seeking students must have their HOPE Scholarship eligibility determined by Wiregrass Georgia Technical College's Office of the Registrar.

NOTE: Military members who separate in the State of Georgia must establish Georgia residency for 12 or 24 months if their home of record at the time of separation was not Georgia. Students who receive aid must report any other assistance received, regardless of source, to the Financial Aid Office.

Students who are selected for verification by the U.S. Department of Education must submit all required documentation, complete and sign the Federal Verification Worksheet when required, and send this to the Financial Aid Office in order to be eligible for aid.

Federal Citizenship and State of Georgia Residency Requirements for Student Financial Aid

Federal Citizenship Requirements

To be considered for any form of student financial aid from the Federal government, a student must be a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen. An eligible non-citizen is defined as a student who is:

A United States permanent resident with an Alien Registration Receipt Card (1-551), or a conditional permanent resident (1-551C) or a non-citizen with an Arrival-Departure Record (1-94) from the U. S. Immigration & Naturalization Service (INS) showing any one of the following designations: "Refugee", "Asylum Granted", "Indefinite Parole", "Humanitarian Parole", or "Cuban-Haitian Entrant". The following examples of U.S. Immigration and Naturalization documents DO NOT meet the eligible non-citizen criteria:

- An F1 or F2 Student Visa
- A J1 or J2 Exchange Visitor Visa
- A G Series Visa (pertaining to international organizations) or any other temporary U.S. Visa

Georgia Residency Requirements

In addition to being a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen, a student must meet the Georgia residency requirement to be considered for almost all of the State of Georgia scholarships and grants. Verification documentation that may be requested include, but are not limited to a copy of your (or your parents') most recent Georgia income tax return; a copy of your driver's license; or a copy of your voter's registration card; location of property, including home purchase, and taxes paid thereon; reason for initially coming to Georgia; location of checking, savings, or other banking accounts and automobile title registration and tag taxes.

All documents must verify 24 consecutive months of domicile in the State of Georgia (which indicates the person's intent to maintain a permanent presence) or graduation from a Georgia High School which requires 12 consecutive months. For more information, please see Technical College System of Georgia, Policy and Procedure Manual online at <https://tcsg.edu/tcsgpolicy/docs/V.B.3.Residency.html>.

Federal Student Aid Verification

It is the policy of Wiregrass Georgia Technical College to verify all Student Aid Reports selected by the central processor for verification. This verification procedure will be conducted in compliance with the latest regulations published by the U.S. Department of Education in the Title IV Student Financial Aid Handbook.

Applicants selected by the central processor for the verification process will be notified by the Office of Financial Aid as to the documentation they will be required to provide. The Office of Financial Aid must receive all documents within 45 days

of the date of notification. Applicants who do not provide all of the requested documentation will be considered not eligible for the Pell Grant or any other Title IV Financial Aid Programs. Students should review their transcript and award on BanWeb to see the results of their verification. Actual award updates will be posted on the student's BanWeb account.

Unusual Enrollment

Effective for the 2013-2014 school year, the U.S. Department of Education has established new regulations to prevent fraud and abuse in the Federal Pell Grant Program by identifying students with unusual enrollment histories. Students who received a Federal Pell Grant at multiple institutions in recent academic years (2011-2012, 2012- 2013, & 2013-2014) will have their 2014-2015 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) flagged for unusual enrollment history (UEH). The flags "2" and "3" will be indicated on the Student Aid Report (SAR) and the Financial Aid Office will be required to review the student's enrollment history to determine whether or not the student is enrolling only long enough to receive cash refunds of Federal student aid. Unusual Enrollment History (UEH) must be resolved before the student will receive Federal financial aid.

FINANCIAL AID SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS POLICIES

Federal and state regulations require that students make Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) in order to continue to receive aid. SAP measures whether students applying for financial aid are in good academic standing and making SAP toward completion of their programs. Satisfactory progress is evaluated at the end of each semester for all students. (A student is not required to be meeting the Eligible Postsecondary Institution's SAP policy to receive payment from the HOPE GED® Grant Program; however, all other requirements must be met.)

1. Qualitative Standard: GPA Requirement

Financial aid recipients must maintain the same minimum GPA as any other student enrolled at Wiregrass Georgia Technical College. Please refer to the Academic Regulations section of the Student Handbook for the method of determining GPA. The minimum GPA allowed is 2.0. Students falling below those minimums at the time of review will be placed on financial aid warning and will have one semester to remove themselves from that status by completing the required number of semester hours of coursework to achieve a cumulative 2.0 or higher GPA. Financial aid is extended for the warning semester for all classes not affected by the federal repeat coursework provision. Students who do not attain the 2.0 GPA at the end of the warning semester are on financial aid suspension and their financial aid award is terminated. Students on financial aid suspension must pay for and successfully complete the required number of semester hours to achieve a cumulative 2.0 GPA and a 67% earned rate to have aid reinstated. HOPE Grant students must maintain a 2.0 GPA at the 30th and 60th hour GPA checkpoints. Zell Miller Grant students must maintain a cumulative HOPE GPA of 3.5 each semester to retain the Zell Miller Grant. HOPE Scholarship students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 to retain eligibility for the Scholarship. Zell Miller Scholarship students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.3. If the GPA falls below 3.3, but is at least a 3.0, the student would be eligible for the HOPE Scholarship.

2. Quantitative Standard: Completion Rate

Financial aid recipients must successfully earn at least 67% of the credit hours attempted to remain eligible for financial aid. Students falling below the 67% successful earned rate at the time of review are placed on financial aid warning. Students placed on financial aid warning must complete the warning semester with the required number of semester hours of coursework to achieve a minimum 2.0 GPA. Failure to do so will result in financial aid suspension. Students returning from suspension must pay for and successfully complete the required number of semester hours to achieve a cumulative 2.0 GPA and a 67% earned rate to have aid reinstated.

3. Maximum Time Frame

Students must complete their educational objective within a maximum time frame of one and a half (150 percent) times the length of the program in which they are enrolled. This means that students will no longer be eligible to receive financial aid once they have attempted one and one-half times the number of credit hours required for graduation in the program in which enrolled.

4. Grades

Grades of “I,” “IP,” and “W” are not included in calculating a student’s GPA. With the exception of “IP,” grades are counted as coursework attempted.

Grades received for Learning Support do not affect GPA, but the hours are calculated in the formula to determine the 67 percent completion rate.

5. Termination of Financial Aid

Financial aid will be terminated when a student is determined by the Financial Aid Office to be ineligible, if the office has evidence that the student has falsified information on the application materials, or if federal or state funds are not provided to meet the award.

6. Appeal Process/Reinstatement of Aid

Students have the right to appeal the denial of financial aid if they have extenuating circumstances which prevented them from making satisfactory progress. The appeal must be made in writing by contacting the Financial Aid Office. The student must complete the form and attach documentation to support the appeal. The completed form will be returned to the Financial Aid Office. Students who are approved for an appeal will be placed on financial aid probation for the semester the appeal was approved. In certain situations, an academic plan may be appropriate to outline the academic rigor the student will need in order to achieve the SAP policy. The Financial Aid Committee will review the appeal and if properly documented may approve the appeal for one semester. If not documented, the appeal will be denied and the student will not be awarded financial aid for the semester. Written notification will be provided for all decisions.

Professional Judgment

Wiregrass Georgia Technical College understands there may be cases of extenuating circumstances affecting a student’s financial aid eligibility. The student, or the student’s parents (in the case of a dependent students), may request special consideration called “professional judgment” by submitting the appropriate Special Circumstances Appeal form. The form may be obtained from the Office of Financial Aid or by downloading the form from http://www.wiregrass.edu/admissions/finaid_forms.php. Extenuating circumstances include, but are not limited to: loss of employment; loss of income due to divorce or separation; loss of untaxed income; loss of income due to death of a spouse; a one-time income increase such as lottery winnings; loss or hardship due to natural disaster.

Professional judgment may also be sought for students who want to be considered for a dependency override. This override will allow consideration for dependent students to change to an independent status due to an unusual or life threatening family situation, death of a custodial parent, or students who have no contact with their natural parents. All professional judgment decisions will be determined by the Director of Financial Aid. Professional judgment decisions may take 4 to 6 weeks to process.

Repeat Coursework – Financial Aid Implications

Effective July 1, 2011, students may only receive federal financial aid funding for one repetition of a previously passed course; a previously passed course is one in which any grade higher than “F” was received. A student may receive federal financial aid funding more than once for repeating the same course in which a failing grade has been received, however the normal Satisfactory Academic Progress policy will still apply. Any student who is using federal financial aid to repeat a course, and withdraws before completion of the course, will not have this attempt count against his or her one attempt to retake a previously passed course. However, if after passing the first attempt the student decides to receive federal funds to retake a course for a second time and fails it, the second attempt failure will count as the one allowed repeat of a previously passed course and the student will not be paid for retaking the course a third time.