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Maintaining HOPE

- Reasons for change to Georgia’s HOPE program:
  - Not a result of Q2S Conversion
  - HOPE would “run out” by the year 2013
  - Sustain HOPE for future generations

For complete information about Wiregrass Georgia Technical College’s financial aid programs, please visit our college’s web site at www.wiregrass.edu.
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Fall Semester 2011 (Grant)

- HOPE will NO LONGER pay for FEES or provide a BOOK allowance.
- HOPE will pay $60.75 per credit hour (90% of 2010-2011 Standard Tuition Rate)
- Students with Bachelor’s degree or Higher do not qualify for HOPE
- GPA requirement of 3.0 at 30 semester hour (45 quarter hour) and 60 semester (90 quarter hour) checkpoints.
- HOPE Grant will pay for learning support and dual enrollment courses
- Grant is capped at 63 Semester Hours (95 quarter hours)
- Students must meet Georgia residency requirements for 24 consecutive months
- May regain eligibility ONLY ONCE after losing the Grant (at 60 Semester/90 Qtr Hours)
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HOPE Grant GPA Checkpoint

• Students must maintain a 3.0 or better GPA to retain HOPE grant
• Beginning December 2011
• Students that are enrolled for their 30th or 60th hour
• Only hours paid by HOPE will count toward checkpoint GPA and hours,
• Dual enrollment and learning support courses will NOT count in checkpoint calculation
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Fall Semester 2011 (Scholarship)

• HOPE will NO LONGER pay for FEES or provide a BOOK allowance.
• HOPE will pay $60.75 per credit hour (90% of 2010-2011 Standard Tuition Rate)
• Students with Bachelor’s degree or Higher do not qualify for HOPE Sch. (no change)
• GPA requirement of 3.0 at 30 semester hour (45 quarter hour), 60 semester (90 quarter hour), and 90 semester hour (135 quarter hour) checkpoint (no change)
• Dual enrollment hours will not count in checkpoint calculation
• Learning support courses will count in checkpoint calculation (no change)
• HOPE Scholarship will not pay for learning support courses
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Fall Semester 2011 (Scholarship - continued)

- Scholarship is capped at **127 Semester Hours (190 quarter hours)**
- Students must meet Georgia residency requirements for **24 consecutive months**
- May regain eligibility **ONLY ONCE** after losing the Grant or Scholarship
- Beginning July 1, 2011, first time recipients must use scholarship within **7 years** of graduating high school
- MUST submit official transcripts from ALL colleges attended AND a HOPE scholarship evaluation application to be considered
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#### Fall Semester 2011 Tuition and Fees

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Tuition Comparison with 2 Year Colleges

Other Local 2 Year Colleges (Based on FY 2011 Tuition)

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<th>Tuition/Cr.Hour</th>
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- WGTC Full Time Tuition and Fees = $1,276/Semester
- Student tuition is $14.25/Credit Hour!
- HOPE still Pays $911.25 each semester!
- Full-time students only pay $364.75 each semester with no other available aid (does not include books/supplies)
- Full-time cost for tuition and fees for non-HOPE eligibility is $1276.00
- Cost difference of up to $1,383.25 per semester
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Other Aid Opportunities

- Current Aid Opportunities
  - WIA
  - Pell
  - Foundation Scholarships
  - Veterans’ Assistance
  - Nelnet Payment Plan
- WGTC is currently researching further financial assistance opportunities
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Apply for Federal Aid

- ALL students MUST complete a 2011-2012 FAFSA application online at [http://fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov) to be eligible for any type of aid (HOPE, Pell, or foundation)
  - May opt out using a Pell application waiver (available in FA office or online)
    - Must have valid reason for not applying
  - Must use 2010 Income Tax returns and/or untaxed income when applying
- FAFSA EFC (Pell) will determine HOPE book allowance for Summer 2011
- Pell can provide additional tuition assistance if eligible, as well as money for books, supplies, transportation, etc.
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Pell Breakdown

- FY 2011-12 (July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012)
  - Summer 2011........25%
  - Fall 2011............33%
  - Spring 2012........33%
  - Summer 2012.......8%
- FY 2012-13 (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013)
  - Fall 2012............33%
  - Spring 2013.........33%
  - Summer 2013.......33%
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WIA

- Additional financial aid option awarded to qualified students who are:
  - Dislocated Workers
  - Displaced Homemakers
  - Other qualified individuals who are unable to pay to attend WGTC
- May be used in conjunction with HOPE and Pell
- Covers the cost of tuition, fees, books, and any other required school expenses not covered by other financial aid
- Offers limited financial assistance to help with childcare, transportation, etc.
- Visit the WIA representatives at your local campus
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Foundation Scholarships - Valdosta/Cook Campuses

**The Kevin DeMarcus Acree** is for a student enrolled in the Culinary Program. Please print the application for all criteria and regulations.

**The Ben Copeland Scholarship** applies to any program/department. The student must also be a Lanier County resident (and show proof of residence), up to the age of 25 years old. Please print the application for all criteria and regulations.

**The Carolyn King Panizzi Scholarship** applies to an accounting student that needs financial assistance for the cost of a Certified Bookkeeper Exam and/or the American Payroll Association Exam. Please print application for other criteria and regulations.

**The Dan Hatfield, Jr. Scholarship** applies to any program/department. Please print application for other criteria and regulations.

**The Wilson Eye Center** is for an Ophthalmology student needing financial assistance for the cost to take the LDO, NCLE, or ABO. Please print application for other criteria and regulations. This is an ongoing grant and there is not a deadline for the application.

Contact: amy.draper@wiregrass.edu
Presidential Scholarship Fund Each year two graduating seniors from Atkinson, Ben Hill, Coffee, Irwin, and Wilcox counties are selected. To be eligible for the Presidential Scholarship, applicants must have and maintain a minimum of a 2.0 GPA if selected. Scholarship is open to all programs of study.

Ronnie G. and Caryl Tucker Branch Applicants must have and maintain a minimum of a 2.0 GPA if selected. Scholarship is open to Telecommunications Technology students.

John Henry Dorminy, Jr. Scholarship Each year two graduating seniors from Ben Hill, Irwin, and Wilcox counties are selected.

Contact: mona.paulk@wiregrass.edu
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FACTS Tuition Payment Plan (Nelnet Services)

• Down payment = 50% of amount owed + $35 Fee
• Last day to enroll in Payment Plan for Fall - **August 24, 2011**
• Down payment plus 2 monthly payments
• Fee is less with early enrollment (date TBD)
• Payments stretched to 3 monthly payments with early enrollment (date TBD)
• Enroll online through [http://banweb.wiregrass.edu](http://banweb.wiregrass.edu) under Student Services or [http://www.wiregrass.edu/payonline.php](http://www.wiregrass.edu/payonline.php).
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Payment Online

- Avoid Lines for Tuition and Fee Payment!
- [http://banweb.wiregrass.edu](http://banweb.wiregrass.edu) → Student Services and Financial Aid → Pay Tuition and Fees Online
- Follow on-screen instructions
- Electronic Check, Debit Card, or Credit Card
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Questions?

• Visit a Financial Aid Specialist at a campus near you
  • Email: financialaid@wiregrass.edu
  • Ben Hill Irwin-Campus 229-468-2024 or 228-468-2046
  • Coffee County Campus 229-468-2208 or 229-468-2087
  • Cook County WDC 229-549-7368
  • Valdosta Campus 229-333-2107

• Website: http://www.wiregrass.edu/admissions/finaid
Mortgage Assistance

HomeSafe Georgia Mortgage Assistance

- Not WGTC Affiliated
- Mortgage assistance for unemployed or underemployed
- Can last up to 18 months
- No cost to apply and no closing costs
- https://www.HomeSafeGeorgia.com