Changes to the Georgia HOPE Grant Program

Summer Quarter 2011

- HOPE Grant and HOPE Scholarship will pay 100% tuition for all standard and non-standard programs.
- HOPE Grant and HOPE Scholarship will pay for all mandatory approved HOPE fees.
- Students determined to be PELL eligible will receive a HOPE book payment of $100 for six or more enrolled hours, $50 for five hours or less.
- Students determined not to be PELL eligible will receive a HOPE book payment of $50 for six or more enrolled hours, $25 for five hours or less.

Fall Semester 2011 (WGTC will be converting to semesters in August 2011)

HOPE Grant (Georgia House Bill 326):

- HOPE Grant will pay for tuition at the rate of 90% of our standard tuition rate for 2011 (tuition will be converted to a semester rate).
  - The tuition rate of 90% may vary in the years to follow 2011 as it will be determined by the lottery revenues used to fund HOPE.
    "See back for example for fall semester costs to student."
- HOPE Grant/Scholarship will no longer pay for fees or book allowance.
- HOPE Grant will continue to pay for remedial coursework (learning support courses) at the 90% rate for the 2011-2012 academic year.
- Dual enrollment coursework will be paid at the 90% rate for the 2011-2012 academic year.
- HOPE Grant is limited to pay for 95 quarter hours or 63 semester hours.
  - The term that a student meets the cap, the Grant will only pay for the hours up to the cap. Example: Student has 60 semester hours at the end of fall semester. Student registers for 6 credit hours in the spring. The Grant will only cover 3 credit hours that spring.
- 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 meet residency requirements at WGTC.
- A student must meet a GPA requirement of 3.0 at the point that the student has attempted 30 semester or 45 quarter hours of courses toward a diploma or certificate for which the student received HOPE Grant funds.
  - NO GPA requirement upon entering into the grant program.
  - Currently enrolled student GPAs will only be checked if they cross the 45th quarter or 30th semester hour during or after fall semester.

There will be two eligibility checkpoints for the HOPE Grant: 45th quarter hour (30th semester hour) and 90th quarter hour (60th semester hour) based on HOPE Grant paid hours.
  - Students can regain HOPE Grant eligibility once at the second check point.

- Learning Support and Dual Enrollment coursework does not apply to the GPA calculation and checkpoints.
- Students with a bachelor’s degree are not eligible for HOPE Grant

How to check your HOPE program hours

   (MUST BE TYPED EXACTLY AS LISTED, CASE SENSITIVE)
2. Enter Social Security number
3. Enter Birthday mm/dd/yyyy
4. Click on “Login”
5. Click on “Scholarships and Grants”

How to determine GPA

1. Follow Login Instructions at http://www.wiregrass.edu/pdfs/student/WGTC_banweb_instructions.pdf
2. After login, Choose Student Services and Financial Aid, then select Student Records
3. Select View/Print unofficial Academic Transcript
4. Click Submit
5. Scroll to bottom of page to Transcript Totals to find Overall GPA
**Fall Semester 2011 Tuition and Fees**

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Above tuition chart excludes Commercial Truck Driving.

**WGTC Full Time Tuition (15+ Hours) and Fees = $1276 per semester (excludes books/supplies)**

*Student pays $14.25 per credit hour after HOPE pays.

*HOPE pays $911.25 per semester and student (without any other aid) would pay $364.75 (excluding books/supplies).