Changes to the Georgia HOPE Scholarship 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 is converting to semesters in August 2011)**

**HOPE Scholarship (Georgia House Bill 326):**

- HOPE Scholarship 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 factor rate of 90% may vary in the years to follow 2011. That rate will be determined by the lottery revenues used to fund HOPE.
- HOPE Scholarship is limited to pay for 190 quarter hours or 127 semester hours.
- No change to GPA requirement of 3.0. All checkpoints remain the same (30 quarter/45 semester, 60 quarter/90 semester, 90 quarter/135 semester, Three-Term and End-of-Spring) for HOPE Scholarship.
- For first time recipients of this award on or after July 1, 2011, MUST use the Scholarship within 7 years (excludes Military service time).
  - For students who obtain a GED credential, the 7 years begins on the date they receive their GED credential.
- Students who have not received HOPE Scholarship prior to July 1, 2011, and who graduated from high school more than 7 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.)
- 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.
- HOPE Scholarship will not pay for remedial coursework (learning support courses).
  - All remedial coursework previously counted in attempted hours will remain counted in the attempted hours calculation.

**Zell Miller Scholarship (NEW) (Georgia House Bill 326):**

- Student must graduate high school with a GPA of 3.7 (determined by Georgia Student Finance Commission) and have a SAT score of 1200 (critical reading and math) or ACT score of at least 26.
  - Students who entered a college as a freshman between July 1, 2007, and June 30, 2011, may be eligible as a recipient at the sophomore, junior, or senior student.
  - The Zell Miller Scholarship will also be awarded to the top 2 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).
- For each semester of eligibility, recipients will be awarded an amount equal to the HOPE award amount and the current academic year standard tuition amount. Basically, 100% of current tuition charge will be covered.
- Minimum 3.3 GPA requirement at all checkpoints (30 quarter/45 semester, 60 quarter/90 semester, 90 quarter/135 semester, Three-Term and End-of-Spring). If the student’s GPA falls below 3.3, but is at least a 3.0, student would be eligible for the HOPE Scholarship. Student can regain eligibility if GPA increases to 3.3 at the next 30 quarter/45 semester, 60 quarter/90 semester, 90 quarter/135 semester hour checkpoint.
- A student that loses eligibility for any reason may regain eligibility one time if the student requalifies 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.
- Home school students may receive retro payment if determined to meet the eligibility requirements of this program at the end of the 30/45 checkpoint.
The HOPE program has helped thousands with their college education expenses and in order to continue to do so some type of change will need to be made to ensure that there is a HOPE program around for years to come. While we know that change is difficult, we will do everything we can to lessen the burden it puts on you, the student.

If you have questions, please make an appointment to see your advisor, academic dean, or a financial aid specialist.

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**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

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### 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.)