



State Programs Update & HOPE Changes Training

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State Funded Programs Administered by GSFC

- Accel
- HERO Scholarship
- Georgia Military College State Service Scholarship
- North Georgia College and State University Military Scholarship
- North Georgia College and State University ROTC Grant
- North Georgia College and State University ROTC Grant for Future Officers
- Public Safety Memorial Grant
- Scholarship for Engineering Education (SEE)
- Tuition Equalization Grant

Each of these programs have complete program regulations posted on GAcollege411.org/GSFC.org. You can also find information on each program on GAcollege411.org

State Programs

- **Eliminated Programs**
 - LEAP
 - College Opportunity Grant
 - Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship
 - Questions pending on if currently enrolled students can continue to receive funding

State Programs

- **Accel Program**
 - No significant program changes
 - Award amounts (tuition, fees, books) and program eligibility are unchanged
 - Beginning with the FY2012 year, the program is funded by State Appropriations.
 - Beginning with courses taken in FY2012 or later, these courses no longer count against the HOPE paid hours. Any courses taken prior to FY2012, will still be counted in the HOPE paid hours.
 - The Accel course directory for 2011-2012 is currently posted on GAcollge411.org on the Accel program page.

State Programs

- **Tuition Equalization Grant**
 - No Significant Changes to the Program
 - Award amount for FY2012 is \$700 per year
 - Students are only eligible to receive payment for 127 semester hours of payment
 - Tuition Equalization Grant is no longer available at out of state institutions

State Program Residency

- **Residency Regulations**
 - No significant changes
 - Several definitions added or updated
 - Military Impact on Residency
 - Regulations updated to indicate, beginning with Fall 2011, military personnel stationed in Georgia on active duty or listing Georgia as his or her home of record, his or her spouse and his or her dependent children shall be considered residents for purposes of HOPE Scholarship, Zell Miller Scholarship, HOPE Grant, HOPE GED, Accel, and TEG



HOPE Program Changes

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HB 326 – Preserving HOPE and Georgia Pre-K

- Introduced by Governor Deal on February 22nd
- Passed the House on March 1st
- Passed the Senate on March 8th with some amendments
- House agreed to the Senate amendments on March 10th
- Sent to the Governor for signature on March 14th
- Signed by Governor Deal on March 15th

Program Summary

HOPE Scholarship

Basic eligibility requirements:

- Students must graduate from an eligible high school with a 3.0 GPA as calculated by the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) for a college prep diploma.
- Students graduating with a career tech diploma must graduate with a 3.2 as calculated by GSFC.
- Students graduating under the single diploma type must have a 3.0 GPA as calculated by GSFC.
- The GPA calculation is the same calculation that was mandated in the HOPE changes in 2004.

HOPE Scholarship

- Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA in college to maintain the HOPE Scholarship.
- If a student falls below a 3.0 GPA in college, they may only regain the HOPE Scholarship one time.
- A student that does not graduate from high school as a HOPE Scholar, can earn a 3.0 GPA in college and enter the HOPE Scholarship program at the 30, 60 or 90 semester hour check point or equivalent quarter hour check point.
- The HOPE Scholarship will not pay for remedial or developmental courses.

HOPE Scholarship

- **A student may receive the HOPE Scholarship until the first of these events:**
 - The student has earned a baccalaureate or first professional degree;
 - The student has attempted at any postsecondary institution a total of 190 quarter hours or 127 semester hours;
 - The student has received a total of combined payment of 127 semester hours or 190 quarter hours from the HOPE Scholarship, HOPE Grant and Accel program; or
 - Beginning with those students receiving HOPE for the first time on or after July 1, 2011, seven years from a student's graduation from high school or the equivalent (with time allowed for military service).

HOPE Scholarship

- **Seven Year Limit**
 - Effective beginning with the Fall term
 - A student that received HOPE Scholarship payment at least one time prior to Summer 2011 is eligible to continue receiving the HOPE Scholarship until June 30, 2015
 - A student receiving the HOPE Scholarship for the first time during Summer 2011 or later is eligible to receive the HOPE Scholarship through June 30th of the 7th year following the student's date of high school graduation, home school completion, or successful GED test date
 - A student that served on active duty in the military following his or her date of high school graduation, or equivalent, may request that such active duty service time be added back to his or her 7 years of eligibility

HOPE Scholarship

- **The HOPE Scholarship will pay:**
 - At an eligible postsecondary institution, for FY2012, a percentage amount of the standard tuition charges from the previous year.
 - At an eligible private postsecondary institution, a percentage amount of the HOPE award for private colleges.

HOPE Scholarship

- **HOPE Scholarship at Public/Private Institutions**
 - Factor Rate: Percentage determined annually by the Commission against which the previous year's HOPE Award Rate amount is multiplied
 - HOPE Award Rate: The rate equal to the previous year's HOPE Award Amount multiplied by the Factor Rate, divided by 15
 - HOPE Award Amount: The HOPE Award Rate multiplied by the number of credit hours, up to a maximum of 15, in which in an eligible student is enrolled

HOPE Scholarship

- **Award Amounts:**
 - Payment amount for private colleges is \$3,600
 - Payment amount for public colleges and universities can be located on GAcollege411.org on the HOPE Program Changes page

HOPE Scholarship

HOPE Program Changes

Submit a Question or Comment

The Governor's Office of Planning and Budget has been charged with leading the team for the implementation of the changes to the lottery funded scholarship, grant and loan programs. All changes required by the new law are currently under development and will be posted as soon as they are available.

Please check this page often for updated information related to potential changes to the HOPE Programs!

GEORGIA STUDENT FINANCE COMMISSION OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

- [HOPE Program Changes Implementation Update \(05-12-2011\)](#)
- [State Programs Updates Summary for Students Graduating From High School in 2011 or Later \(05-18-2011\)](#)
- [HOPE Scholarship, HOPE Grant, and Zell Miller Scholarship Award Rates for 2011-2012 \(05-10-2011\)](#)
- [Fiscal Year 2012 Regulations Now Available \(05-09-2011\)](#)
- [Accel Program for FY2012 \(04-19-2011\)](#)
- [HOPE Scholarship Rigor Requirements for students graduating on or after May 1, 2015 \(03-17-2011\)](#)
- [Governor Deal's One Page HOPE Summary: Preserving HOPE and Georgia Pre-K for Future Generations \(02-22-2011\)](#)
- [ENDURING HOPE: Deal legislation saves nation's most generous benefits for future generations \(02-22-2011\)](#)
- [FAQs about HOPE Program Changes \(12-15-2010\)](#)
- [HOPE Program Changes Letter \(12-15-2010\)](#)

HOPE PRESENTATIONS

- [Joint House and Senate Higher Education Meeting \(08-02-2010\)](#)
- [House Higher Education Committee Meeting \(02-01-2011\)](#)
- [Georgia Independent School Association Meeting \(02-01-2011\)](#)

QUICKLINKS >>>

- ▶ [Submit Question/Comment](#)
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HOPE Scholarship

HOPE Award Amounts by Institution for Fiscal Year 2012, Beginning Fall Term

You may use the chart below to determine your HOPE Award Amount, beginning with the Fall 2011 term, by first locating your college from the list below and then finding the award amount in the column that correlates with the number of credit hours in which you will enroll during the term you are seeking the award. Final eligibility and award amount will be determined by the college or university that you attend.

HOPE Award Amounts per Hours of Enrollment

Institution Name University System of Georgia	HOPE Award Rate	HOPE Award														
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	\$80.82	\$80.82	\$161.64	\$242.46	\$323.28	\$404.10	\$484.92	\$565.74	\$646.56	\$727.38	\$808.20	\$889.02	\$969.84	\$1,050.66	\$1,131.48	\$1,212.30
Albany State University	\$128.22	\$128.22	\$256.44	\$384.66	\$512.88	\$641.10	\$769.32	\$897.54	\$1,025.76	\$1,153.98	\$1,282.20	\$1,410.42	\$1,538.64	\$1,666.86	\$1,795.08	\$1,923.30
Armstrong Atlantic State University	\$128.22	\$128.22	\$256.44	\$384.66	\$512.88	\$641.10	\$769.32	\$897.54	\$1,025.76	\$1,153.98	\$1,282.20	\$1,410.42	\$1,538.64	\$1,666.86	\$1,795.08	\$1,923.30
Atlanta Metropolitan College	\$71.94	\$71.94	\$143.88	\$215.82	\$287.76	\$359.70	\$431.64	\$503.58	\$575.52	\$647.46	\$719.40	\$791.34	\$863.28	\$935.22	\$1,007.16	\$1,079.10
Augusta State University	\$128.22	\$128.22	\$256.44	\$384.66	\$512.88	\$641.10	\$769.32	\$897.54	\$1,025.76	\$1,153.98	\$1,282.20	\$1,410.42	\$1,538.64	\$1,666.86	\$1,795.08	\$1,923.30
Bainbridge College	\$71.94	\$71.94	\$143.88	\$215.82	\$287.76	\$359.70	\$431.64	\$503.58	\$575.52	\$647.46	\$719.40	\$791.34	\$863.28	\$935.22	\$1,007.16	\$1,079.10
Clayton College and State University	\$128.22	\$128.22	\$256.44	\$384.66	\$512.88	\$641.10	\$769.32	\$897.54	\$1,025.76	\$1,153.98	\$1,282.20	\$1,410.42	\$1,538.64	\$1,666.86	\$1,795.08	\$1,923.30
College of Coastal Georgia	\$80.82	\$80.82	\$161.64	\$242.46	\$323.28	\$404.10	\$484.92	\$565.74	\$646.56	\$727.38	\$808.20	\$889.02	\$969.84	\$1,050.66	\$1,131.48	\$1,212.30
Columbus State University	\$137.88	\$137.88	\$275.76	\$413.64	\$551.52	\$689.40	\$827.28	\$965.16	\$1,103.04	\$1,240.92	\$1,378.80	\$1,516.68	\$1,654.56	\$1,792.44	\$1,930.32	\$2,068.20
Dalton State College	\$80.82	\$80.82	\$161.64	\$242.46	\$323.28	\$404.10	\$484.92	\$565.74	\$646.56	\$727.38	\$808.20	\$889.02	\$969.84	\$1,050.66	\$1,131.48	\$1,212.30
Darton College	\$71.94	\$71.94	\$143.88	\$215.82	\$287.76	\$359.70	\$431.64	\$503.58	\$575.52	\$647.46	\$719.40	\$791.34	\$863.28	\$935.22	\$1,007.16	\$1,079.10
East Georgia College	\$71.94	\$71.94	\$143.88	\$215.82	\$287.76	\$359.70	\$431.64	\$503.58	\$575.52	\$647.46	\$719.40	\$791.34	\$863.28	\$935.22	\$1,007.16	\$1,079.10
Fort Valley State University	\$128.22	\$128.22	\$256.44	\$384.66	\$512.88	\$641.10	\$769.32	\$897.54	\$1,025.76	\$1,153.98	\$1,282.20	\$1,410.42	\$1,538.64	\$1,666.86	\$1,795.08	\$1,923.30
Gainesville State College	\$80.82	\$80.82	\$161.64	\$242.46	\$323.28	\$404.10	\$484.92	\$565.74	\$646.56	\$727.38	\$808.20	\$889.02	\$969.84	\$1,050.66	\$1,131.48	\$1,212.30
Georgia College and State University	\$188.52	\$188.52	\$377.04	\$565.56	\$754.08	\$942.60	\$1,131.12	\$1,319.64	\$1,508.16	\$1,696.68	\$1,885.20	\$2,073.72	\$2,262.24	\$2,450.76	\$2,639.28	\$2,827.80
Georgia Gwinnett College	\$96.00	\$96.00	\$192.00	\$288.00	\$384.00	\$480.00	\$576.00	\$672.00	\$768.00	\$864.00	\$960.00	\$1,056.00	\$1,152.00	\$1,248.00	\$1,344.00	\$1,440.00
Georgia Highlands College	\$71.94	\$71.94	\$143.88	\$215.82	\$287.76	\$359.70	\$431.64	\$503.58	\$575.52	\$647.46	\$719.40	\$791.34	\$863.28	\$935.22	\$1,007.16	\$1,079.10
Georgia Institute of Technology	\$212.10	\$212.10	\$424.20	\$636.30	\$848.40	\$1,060.50	\$1,272.60	\$1,484.70	\$1,696.80	\$1,908.90	\$2,121.00	\$2,333.10	\$2,545.20	\$2,757.30	\$2,969.40	\$3,181.50
Georgia Perimeter College	\$71.94	\$71.94	\$143.88	\$215.82	\$287.76	\$359.70	\$431.64	\$503.58	\$575.52	\$647.46	\$719.40	\$791.34	\$863.28	\$935.22	\$1,007.16	\$1,079.10
Georgia Southern University	\$137.88	\$137.88	\$275.76	\$413.64	\$551.52	\$689.40	\$827.28	\$965.16	\$1,103.04	\$1,240.92	\$1,378.80	\$1,516.68	\$1,654.56	\$1,792.44	\$1,930.32	\$2,068.20
Georgia Southwestern State University	\$128.22	\$128.22	\$256.44	\$384.66	\$512.88	\$641.10	\$769.32	\$897.54	\$1,025.76	\$1,153.98	\$1,282.20	\$1,410.42	\$1,538.64	\$1,666.86	\$1,795.08	\$1,923.30
Georgia State University	\$212.10	\$212.10	\$424.20	\$636.30	\$848.40	\$1,060.50	\$1,272.60	\$1,484.70	\$1,696.80	\$1,908.90	\$2,121.00	\$2,333.10	\$2,545.20	\$2,757.30	\$2,969.40	\$3,181.50
Gordon College	\$80.82	\$80.82	\$161.64	\$242.46	\$323.28	\$404.10	\$484.92	\$565.74	\$646.56	\$727.38	\$808.20	\$889.02	\$969.84	\$1,050.66	\$1,131.48	\$1,212.30
Kennesaw State University	\$137.88	\$137.88	\$275.76	\$413.64	\$551.52	\$689.40	\$827.28	\$965.16	\$1,103.04	\$1,240.92	\$1,378.80	\$1,516.68	\$1,654.56	\$1,792.44	\$1,930.32	\$2,068.20
Macon State College	\$80.82	\$80.82	\$161.64	\$242.46	\$323.28	\$404.10	\$484.92	\$565.74	\$646.56	\$727.38	\$808.20	\$889.02	\$969.84	\$1,050.66	\$1,131.48	\$1,212.30
Medical College of Georgia	\$212.10	\$212.10	\$424.20	\$636.30	\$848.40	\$1,060.50	\$1,272.60	\$1,484.70	\$1,696.80	\$1,908.90	\$2,121.00	\$2,333.10	\$2,545.20	\$2,757.30	\$2,969.40	\$3,181.50
Middle Georgia College	\$80.82	\$80.82	\$161.64	\$242.46	\$323.28	\$404.10	\$484.92	\$565.74	\$646.56	\$727.38	\$808.20	\$889.02	\$969.84	\$1,050.66	\$1,131.48	\$1,212.30
North Georgia College and State University	\$137.88	\$137.88	\$275.76	\$413.64	\$551.52	\$689.40	\$827.28	\$965.16	\$1,103.04	\$1,240.92	\$1,378.80	\$1,516.68	\$1,654.56	\$1,792.44	\$1,930.32	\$2,068.20
Savannah State University	\$128.22	\$128.22	\$256.44	\$384.66	\$512.88	\$641.10	\$769.32	\$897.54	\$1,025.76	\$1,153.98	\$1,282.20	\$1,410.42	\$1,538.64	\$1,666.86	\$1,795.08	\$1,923.30
South Georgia College	\$71.94	\$71.94	\$143.88	\$215.82	\$287.76	\$359.70	\$431.64	\$503.58	\$575.52	\$647.46	\$719.40	\$791.34	\$863.28	\$935.22	\$1,007.16	\$1,079.10
Southern Polytechnic State University	\$149.34	\$149.34	\$298.68	\$448.02	\$597.36	\$746.70	\$896.04	\$1,045.38	\$1,194.72	\$1,344.06	\$1,493.40	\$1,642.74	\$1,792.08	\$1,941.42	\$2,090.76	\$2,240.10
State University of West Georgia	\$137.88	\$137.88	\$275.76	\$413.64	\$551.52	\$689.40	\$827.28	\$965.16	\$1,103.04	\$1,240.92	\$1,378.80	\$1,516.68	\$1,654.56	\$1,792.44	\$1,930.32	\$2,068.20

HOPE Scholarship

- **Academic Rigor**
 - New section
 - Requires that students graduating in 2015 must pass at least 2 courses from a list of academically rigorous courses in order to meet the requirements to be a HOPE Scholar upon high school graduation
 - Students graduating in 2016 must pass at least 3 courses from the list
 - Students graduating in 2017 must pass at least 4 courses from the list

HOPE Scholarship

Rigor Requirements:

- Advanced math, such as Advanced Algebra and Trigonometry, Math III, or an equivalent or higher course;
- Advanced science, such as Chemistry, Physics, Biology II, or an equivalent or higher course;
- Advanced placement courses in core subjects;
- International baccalaureate courses in core subjects;
- Courses taken at a unit of the University System of Georgia in core subjects where such courses are not remedial and developmental courses; or
- Advanced foreign language courses.

GSFC will be providing a list of classes to further define each category.

HOPE Scholarship

HOPE Scholarship Q&A

Q. Sally will graduate from Tucker HS in May 2011. Does she have to score a 1200 on the SAT to get the HOPE Scholarship?

A. No, the initial eligibility requirements for the HOPE Scholarship are unchanged until 2015.

Q. Billy will be a sophomore HOPE Scholarship recipient at Georgia College and State University next year. How much will his award be?

A. His award will be a per hour amount multiplied by the number of hours in which he is enrolled, up to a maximum of 15. The per hour rate is approximately 90% of the standard undergraduate tuition rate charged in 2010-2011 and will cover approximately 87% percent of his tuition charges in 2011-2012.

HOPE Scholarship

HOPE Scholarship: Q&A

- Q. Jerry graduated from high school in 2000 as a HOPE Scholar. He has received the HOPE Scholarship several terms since enrolling at Berry College. Since his graduation date is longer than 7 years ago, is he still eligible for the HOPE Scholarship this fall?**
- A. Yes. Since he had received the HOPE Scholarship for at least one term prior to Summer 2011, his eligibility will be extended until June 30, 2015.**

HOPE Scholarship

HOPE Scholarship: Q&A

- Q. Randy, Jerry's brother, also graduated from high school in 2000 as a HOPE Scholar. He delayed entering college and will enter Valdosta State University for the first time this Fall. Since his graduation date is longer than 7 years ago, is he still eligible for the HOPE Scholarship this fall?**
- A. No. Since he did not receive the HOPE Scholarship for at least one term prior to Summer 2011, the 7 year expiration of eligibility applies. His eligibility has expired.**

HOPE Scholarship Questions?

Zell Miller Scholarship

- **New Program:**
 - Major premise of the program is that a student must meet all the requirements to be eligible for the HOPE Scholarship, plus:
 - Graduate from an eligible high school with a grade point average of at least a 3.7 as calculated by GSFC and having received a score of at least 1,200 combined critical reading score and math score on a single administration of the SAT or an ACT score of at least 26; or
 - Graduated from an eligible high school as the valedictorian or salutatorian; or

Zell Miller Scholar Program

- Having completed a home study program meeting the HOPE eligibility requirements, having received a score of at least 1,200 combined critical reading score and math score on a single test administration of the SAT or an ACT composite score of at least 26, and earning a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.3 at an eligible postsecondary institution at the end of the quarter or semester in which the student has attempted 45 quarter hours or 30 semester hours, provided that such student shall be eligible to receive a retroactive scholarship for such student's freshman year to be paid at the end of the freshman year.

Zell Miller Scholar Program

- A student must maintain a 3.3 grade point average in college to maintain the Zell Miller Scholar program.
- If a student loses eligibility for the Zell Miller Scholar program for any reason, they may regain that eligibility one time. They remain eligible for the HOPE Scholarship provided the student's GPA is still a 3.0 or above.

Zell Miller Scholarship

- Eligibility for students that first entered college in 2007 or later
 - Must have been “Academically Eligible” at the time of high school graduation
 - Defined as graduating high school with a 3.7 GPA and 1200 SAT or 26 ACT test score or having graduated as the Valedictorian or Salutatorian
 - Must have had a 3.3 Postsecondary GPA at the most recent checkpoint
- If a student did not or does not graduate from high school Academically Eligible for Zell Miller, then the student can never earn Zell Miller

Zell Miller Scholarship

- Award Amounts
 - Public Rates
 - Full, standard undergraduate tuition rate during the then current year, without regard for specific program of study
 - Private Rates
 - \$2,000/semester
 - Rate tables available on HOPE Program Changes webpage on GAcollege411
- Eligibility Limits
 - Same Paid Hours and Attempted Hours Limits as HOPE Scholarship
 - 127 semester hours/190 quarter hours

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Zell Miller Scholarship

Zell Miller Scholarship: Q&A

Q. Bobby will graduate from Tucker HS in May 2011. He scored a 27 on the ACT and has a 3.8 HOPE GPA. Is he eligible for the Zell Miller Scholarship?

A. Yes.

Q. If Bobby enrolls at Columbus State in the fall, how much will his award be?

A. His award will be a per hour amount multiplied by the number of hours in which he is enrolled. The per hour rate will be 100% of the standard undergraduate tuition charged per hour. His tuition charges will be covered in full, unless he enrolls in a specific program of study that charges a higher tuition rate.

Zell Miller Scholarship

Q. Sarah is a Junior HOPE Scholarship recipient at Georgia Tech. She graduated from a Fulton County HS with a 3.8 GPA and a 1350 on the math and reading portions of the SAT. She had a 3.35 GPA at her most recent checkpoint. Is she eligible for the Zell Miller Scholarship?

A. Yes.

- If GSFC already has her information on file, we will provide such data to the post-secondary institutions.

Zell Miller Scholarship

- Q. Beth is a sophomore HOPE Scholarship recipient at Georgia State. She graduated from a Dacula HS with a 3.8 GPA and a 1190 on the math and reading portions of the SAT. She had a 3.35 GPA at her most recent checkpoint. Can she go retake the SAT now in an attempt to qualify for the Zell Miller Scholarship?**
- A. No. An eligible student must have had the qualifying HOPE GPA and test score at the time of high school graduation. She may continue receiving the HOPE Scholarship though.

Zell Miller Scholarship Questions?

HOPE Grant

- Only available for students seeking a certificate or diploma at a branch of the Technical College System of Georgia or a unit of the University System of Georgia
- Students with a baccalaureate degree are not eligible to receive the HOPE Grant

HOPE Grant

- **HOPE Grant**
 - Postsecondary GPA
 - Beginning Fall 2011, all HOPE Grant recipients must have a 3.0 GPA on all HOPE Grant coursework, excluding dual enrollment and learning support courses, at the 30 hour and 60 hour checkpoint
 - Students will be evaluated at their first checkpoint after Fall 2011
 - Students that lose eligibility at the 30 hour checkpoint may regain eligibility at the 60 hour checkpoint if the student achieves a 3.0 GPA at that point

HOPE Grant

- **HOPE Grant will pay:**
 - A percentage amount of the standard tuition charges from the previous year.
 - Students can use the chart posted on GAcollege411 to determine the exact amount of HOPE Grant.

HOPE Grant

HOPE Grant: Q&A

- Q. Lindsay attends Georgia Northwestern Tech and has a 2.9 GPA with 35 semester hours at the beginning of the Fall term. Can she receive the HOPE Grant?**
- A. Yes, for the fall term. The GPA requirement applies at the first checkpoint a student reaches after the fall term. If she reaches the 60 semester hour checkpoint at the conclusion of the fall term, she must then have a 3.0 GPA, or lose eligibility.**

HOPE Program Regulations

HOPE Grant: Q&A

- Q. Mark graduated with a Baccalaureate degree from the University of Kentucky in 2005. He was laid off in 2009 and had been attending Dekalb Tech for the past two years. Can he continue receiving the HOPE Grant in the Fall term?**
- A. No. Since he already has a Baccalaureate degree, he is no longer eligible for HOPE Grant payment.**

HOPE Grant

Questions?

HOPE GED Grant

- **HOPE GED Grant**
 - Award amount and basic program eligibility are unchanged
 - \$500 grant

Student Access Loan Program

- **New Loan Program**
 - This program was created in 2008, but funded for the first time for FY2012
 - Low interest loan program targeted to students who experience unmet need or a gap in their college financing
 - Students may borrow up to \$10,000 per year and \$40,000 in their lifetime
 - Students must be able to demonstrate that they have exhausted all other financial aid sources and must have completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
 - The annual interest rate is 1% and borrowers will be required to pay interest while in school

Student Access Loan Program

- **New Loan Program – continued:**
 - Students may apply online at www.GAcollge411.org. Online applications will be available on or about June 20th, 2011
 - Funding is limited. All recipients will be chosen randomly from all applications received
 - Continue to check GAcollge411 for additional information and updates

Questions?

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