Finding **Scholarship Dollars for College**

Monday, September 19, 2022 | 7:00-8:30 p.m.

7:00-7:05	Welcome & Introduction	DePriest Waddy
7:05-7:15	High School Specific/The Journey to College	Amy Burke, GCPS
7:15-7:25	Financial Aid, Affordability & Scholarships	Elizabeth Umberger, GGC
7:25-7:35	Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Programs	Karen Howell, Gwinnett Tech
7:35-7:45	Zell Miller/Hope Scholarship and Other Tips and Resources	Hal Wilkinson, GSFC
7:45-8:30	Question and Answer Panel Session	All Speakers
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High School Counselors & the Journey to College

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High School Counselor's Role

- Track student progress toward high school graduation
- Meet with students to discuss post-secondary options
- Provide classroom guidance, advisement lessons, and other group sessions to outline college process
- Send transcripts, recommendation letters, school profiles to colleges. This
 year, high schools in GCPS are utilizing Naviance to send school
 documents.

High School Counselors "Can..."

- Work with families to broaden options for students
- Identify safety schools and discuss realistic expectations
- Help resolve issues if all efforts have been exhausted
- Discuss what test might be better for a student
- Send out notices for scholarships they hear about
- Target students who may meet requirements for great scholarships

High School Counselors "Cannot..."

- Go through the application step-by-step with students
- Memorize every deadline for every college
- Know every scholarship in the world (there are SO many!)
- Force students to read/research/listen to counselors

High School Resources and MONEY

- Find out how your counseling department sends out information Twitter, Email, Instagram, website?
- READ these notices!
- Use counseling websites for other schools to see scholarship listings
- Ask counselors if the scholarship seems odd
 - If a scholarship application requires a fee, it might not be a good one
 - Pay attention to the source

Timeline

- College applications FIRST
 - Finish at least one application by November 15
 - All essays and other applications finished by Jan 1
 - Pay attention to whether the school requires earlier applications for scholarship consideration.
- Seeking money NEXT
 - Turn focus to scholarship searches
 - Spend time each week devoted to searches and scholarship applications
- PARENTS and STUDENTS, complete the FAFSA beginning October 1
 - Gather tax/financial documents for previous year
 - Research FAFSA by going to www.fafsa.gov

Scholarships – Types

- College Based Scholarships
 - Merit-based offered through colleges
 - Deadlines typically October/November
 - Some require additional applications
- Where?
 - College websites, in the Financial Aid section
 - Some are also listed in the Admissions section
 - Try searching for "[College/University Name]
 Scholarships" or "[College/University Name] Financial Aid."
 - Check out the Academic Common Market

Scholarships – Types

- Non-College Based Scholarships
 - Community offerings, national offerings, local organizations
 - Deadlines often Spring or even later!
 - Found in many, many places
 - In Gwinnett, pay attention to GCPS Foundation Scholarships
 - HOPE/Zell Miller will be covered in greater detail by Mr. Wilkinson
- Where?
 - Scholarship databases tons of searchable lists
 - www.goingmerry.com
 - www.fastweb.com
 - www.scholarships.com
 - School counseling websites
 - Google and other "generic searches"

Final Thoughts...

- Start this process NOW and dedicate a little time each week. Do a personal "cost-benefit analysis" to decide whether or not to apply.
- Paying for college is a family decision...YOU decide what you are willing and able to afford
- Discuss finances EARLY and come up with plans based on what may happen with financial aid.



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Planning for College

Elizabeth Umberger, Financial Aid Advocate



WHAT ARE WE COVERING?

What to know about a college search

How do you pay for college

Ways to make college more affordable

COLLEGE SEARCH Plan Early!



TASKS FOR HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMEN-JUNIORS

SAT/ACT Tests – take multiple times/consider enrolling in a prep course, send scores to all colleges student is considering to attend/research competitive college requirements.

Enroll in AP/IB/Dual Enrollment courses (research college requirements).

Investigate careers and majors – GAFutures.org, bigfuture.collegeboard.org

Attend College/University Preview Days (freshman – seniors welcome)

Schedule College/University campus visits



TASKS FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Finalize college choices

Apply early for admissions (use name as it appears on SSC)

Complete the FAFSA (Opens October 1) – include all colleges of interest

Know college deadlines and submit institutional applications for scholarships

Decide on college choice and attend early orientation

Paying for College



WHAT IS FINANCIAL AID?

Financial Aid is designed to assist families in meeting college expenses

Financial Aid is a combination of programs

- Scholarships
- Grants
- Work Study
- Student Loans Requires repayment
- Parent Loans Requires repayment



Financial Aid Programs

Federal (FAFSA application)

Pell Grant – determined as FASFA is processed

FSEOG Grant – awarded to most Pell eligible at college (limited funds)

Federal Work Study – student must be hired/paid by paycheck

Federal Direct Student Loans

- Subsidized
- Unsubsidized

State (FAFSA or GSFAPPS)

HOPE Program

Student Access Loan (SAL)

Institutional Scholarships (college application)

Outside Scholarships – (individual applications)



WHAT IS THE APPLICATION PROCESS?

FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid

October 1, every year!!

https://studentaid.ed.gov

Application for all federal aid programs and HOPE/Zell Miller

Other Applications

- CSS Profile (check with each college/university)
- GSFAPPS GAFutures.org (HOPE/Zell Miller ONLY)
- Institutional Scholarship applications
- Outside Scholarship applications



TIPS FOR SUCCESS - FAFSA

FSA ID – use name as it appears on Social Security Card

Tax documents needed – 2021 IRS 1040; Schedules 1, 2 and 3; Schedule C and 2021 W2s.

Documentation of asset/investment net value/Bank statements

Understand which parent(s) to include on FAFSA and correct household size

Certain statuses require documentation – Emancipated Minor, Legal Guardianship, Ward of the Court, Orphan, Foster Care, Homelessness



NEXT STEPS

Watch for emails from college Financial Aid Offices – there may be additional requirements to satisfy

Complete all Admissions and Financial Aid requirements, timely. Aid offers are made to accepted students with complete financial aid files

Questions? Reach out to the Financial Aid Office – we are happy to assist. Students need to initiate the contact and use college assigned email as soon as available. Always include your college ID number in emails

AFFORDABILITY



Understanding Your Costs

Direct College Costs

- Tuition
- Mandatory Fees (non-negotiable)
- Housing
- Meal Plan

Estimates can be found on college websites.

Actual charges post after class registration.

Indirect College Costs

- Books
- Transportation
- Living Expenses



Financial Aid Award Offer

Available when admissions and financial aid requirements are complete.

Includes eligibility for all aid – grants, scholarships and loans.

Usually not negotiable. High cost private colleges may have some wiggle room – institutional funds.



Options for Reducing Costs

Local college for all or part of undergraduate degree

Instate vs. Out of State

Public vs. Private

Commuting vs. Living on Campus

Choosing less expensive campus housing/meal plan



GETTING AHEAD - DUAL ENROLLMENT/AP

Approved college level coursework for credit towards both high school and college graduation requirements.

FREE College Credit!!!

Check college admissions for preferences on Dual Enrollment and AP.



OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIPS

Apply early and constantly!!

- High School Counselor Office
- FREE scholarship search engines GAFutures.org, FastWeb.com
- Community organizations
- Employers scholarships or tuition reimbursement



Enrolling out of state?

Check out the Academic Common Market – sreb.org

Receive instate tuition at other state's public institutions if studying a field not offered in Georgia in a participating state

QUESTIONS?





Scan the QR code for more info on our website!



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WHAT IS DUAL ENROLLMENT?

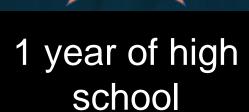
A state funded program that allows high school students to earn college credit that is applied towards high school graduation

Credits can be transferred to other colleges/universities



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SAVE TIME & MONEY



1 semester of college

Campus classes are usually 2/week, 90 minutes a day



28 core classes guaranteed to transfer to any USG school





WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Attend high school in Georgia

Public School
Private School
Home-study

10th Grade

11th Grade

12th Grade



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WHEN DO CLASSES OÇCUR?

Fall Spring Summer Morning
Afternoon
Evening
Saturday

In-person,
Hybrid,
On-line
(Synch/
Asynch)



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WHAT MAJORS ARE OFFERED?

- HVAC
- Construction
- Drafting
- Engineering
- Horticulture
- Mechatronics
- Welding

- Early College Essentials: (Core classes only)
 - Healthcare
 - EMS/Paramedicine

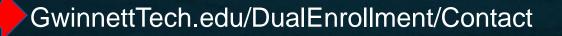
- Barbering
- Cosmetology
- Criminal Justice
- Early Childhood
- Interior Design

- Automotive
- Heavy Diesel

- Business
- Culinary
- Marketing
- Management

- ComputerPrograming
- Cybersecurity
- GameDevelopment
- Networking
- Web Design



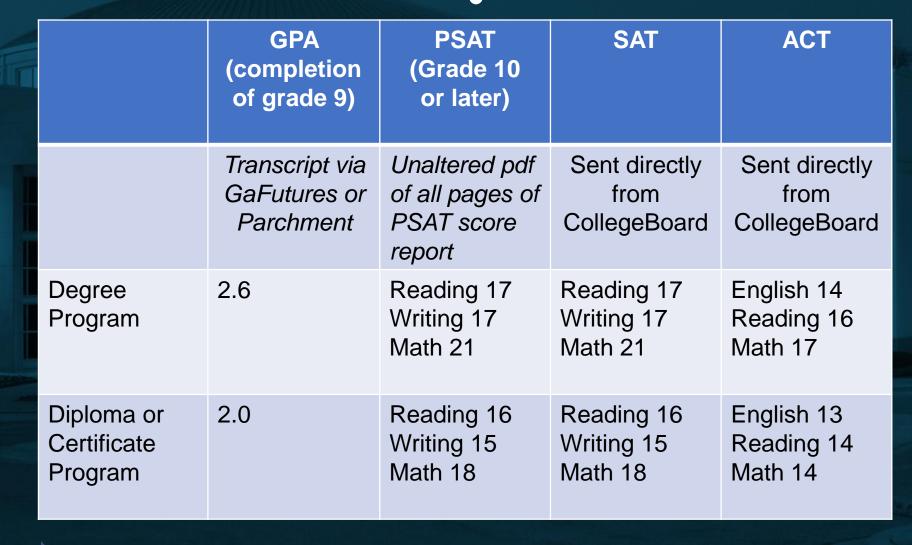


HOW TO GET ACCEPTED

DETA: Dual GaFutures Eligible **Enrollment Tuition** Admissions DOI funding **Test** Application Acknowledgement if applicable application Scores (annually) (one time) Form (annually) (one time) (one time)



TEST SCORE ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS





DATES AND DEADLINES:

	Spring 2023	Summer 2023	Fall 2023* (dates not finalized yet)
Application available	Around June 2022	Around September 2022	Around January 2023
Registration begins	Sept 20	March 21	Approx. April 12
Classes	January 9 – May 6	May 22 – July 22	Approx. Aug 15 – December 10



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State Aid/HOPE Program

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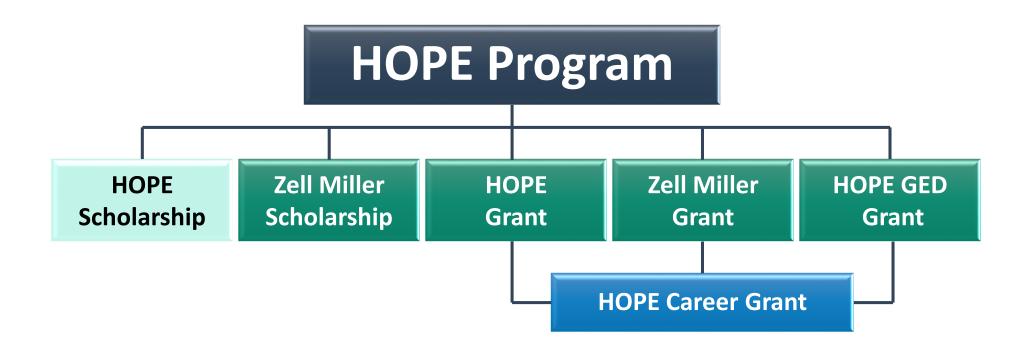


HOPE Program

- General Eligibility Requirements
 - Be a legal resident of Georgia
 - Be registered with the Selective Service, if required
 - Be in compliance with the Georgia Drug-Free Postsecondary Education Act of 1990
 - Meet U.S. citizenship or eligible non-citizen requirements
 - Be in good standing on all student loans and other financial aid programs
 - Attend an eligible postsecondary institution
 - Must be working toward the first undergraduate program



HOPE Scholarship



HOPE Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

- Students must pursue an associate or bachelor's degree
- Graduate with a 3.0 high school HOPE GPA
 - After high school graduation, may also be earned in college
- 4 academically rigorous course credits



Academically Rigorous Courses

Courses must be on Academic Rigor Course List. This includes:

- Advanced Placement (AP)
- International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Dual Enrollment in degree level core subjects
- Advanced math
- Advanced science
- Foreign language II or higher



Maintaining the HOPE Scholarship

Students must maintain 3.0 college HOPE GPA at all checkpoints including:

- End of every Spring semester/quarter
- 30/45 attempted semester/quarter hours
- 60/90 attempted semester/quarter hours
- 90/135 attempted semester/quarter hours
- Three-Term Checkpoint, if enrolled less than full time for first three semesters/quarters



Zell Miller Eligibility Requirements

Rigor Requirements and one of the following:

Designated valedictorian or salutatorian

AND

 Meet minimum HOPE eligibility requirements





 Minimum 3.7 high school HOPE GPA, as calculated by GSFC, in core curriculum courses

AND

1200 SAT total test score

OR

• 26 ACT composite score

Maintaining the Zell Miller Scholarship

• Students must maintain 3.3 college HOPE GPA at following checkpoints:

- End of every Spring semester/quarter
- 30/45 attempted semester/quarter hours
- 60/90 attempted semester/quarter hours
- 90/135 attempted semester/quarter hours
- Three-Term Checkpoint, if enrolled less than full time for first three semesters/quarters



HOPE & Zell Miller Scholarships

- Students lose eligibility due to one of the following:
 - GPA requirement not met (3.0 for HOPE; 3.3 for Zell Miller)
 - Reaching maximum attempted hours
 - 127 semester
 - 190 quarter
 - Failing to use funds within ten years of high school graduation or equivalent
 - Exception for active duty military service in United States Armed Forces
 - Received bachelor's or first professional degree









HOPE Grant

Eligibility Requirements:

- Enrolled in certificate or diploma program
- High school diploma/GED not required
- High school GPA and/or test scores not considered



Maintaining the HOPE Grant

- Students must maintain a 2.0 college cumulative GPA at the following checkpoints:
 - 30 HOPE Grant paid semester hours
 - 60 HOPE Grant paid semester credit hours
- Maximum 63 paid semester hours









Zell Miller Grant

Eligibility Requirements:

- Minimum 3.5 college cumulative GPA
- Checkpoints occur at the end of every term of enrollment
- Must be a HOPE Grant recipient initially
- May be paid retroactively for first term
- Maximum 63 combined paid hours Zell Miller and HOPE Grants



Award Amounts

	HOPE Scholarship	Zell Miller Scholarship
Public Institutions	portion of tuition	full standard tuition
Private Institutions Full-time	\$2,282 per semester (fall, spring, summer)	\$2,977 per semester (fall, spring, summer)
	\$1,523 per quarter (fall, winter, spring, summer)	\$2029 per quarter (fall, winter, spring, summer)

	HOPE Grant	Zell Miller Grant
Public Institutions	portion of tuition	full standard tuition

HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarship Updates

For the 2022-2023 Award Year, the HOPE Scholarship covers **approximately** 90% at University System of Georgia (USG) colleges and universities.

The scholarships award amounts have increased for private institutions in Georgia (2022-2023 Award Year):

- HOPE Scholarship award amount is 2,282 per semester (12-15 semester hours)
- Zell Miller award amount is 2,977 per semester (12-15 semester hours)

HOPE Career Grant

 HOPE Grant and Zell Miller Grant recipients eligible for HOPE Career Grant

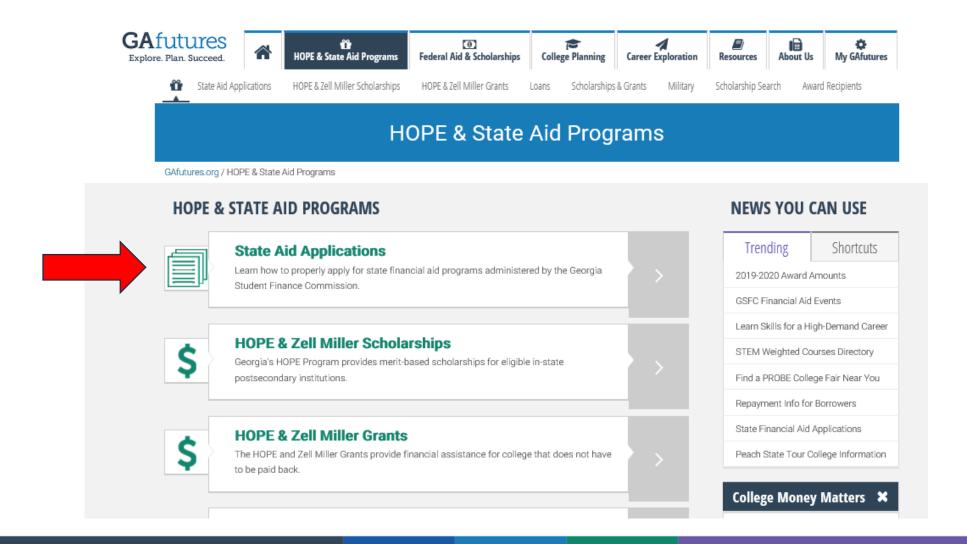
- Movie Production and Set Design
- Computer Programming
- Computer Technology
- Practical Nursing
- Early Childhood Care and Education
- Welding and Joining Technology
- Precision Manufacturing
- Certified Engineer Technician
- Commercial Truck Driving
- Health Sciences

- Diesel Equipment Technology
- Industrial Maintenance Technology
- Automotive
- Aviation
- Construction
- Electrical Line Worker
- Logistics

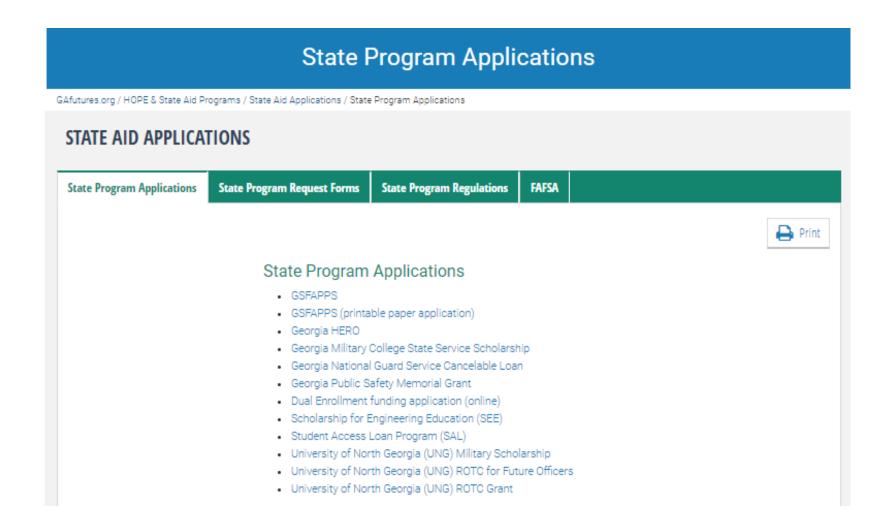
HOPE Career Grant

Enrolled Semester Hours	Award Amounts
1-2 hours	\$125
3-8 hours	\$250
9+ hours	\$500
9+ hours	\$1,000 award per truck driving program

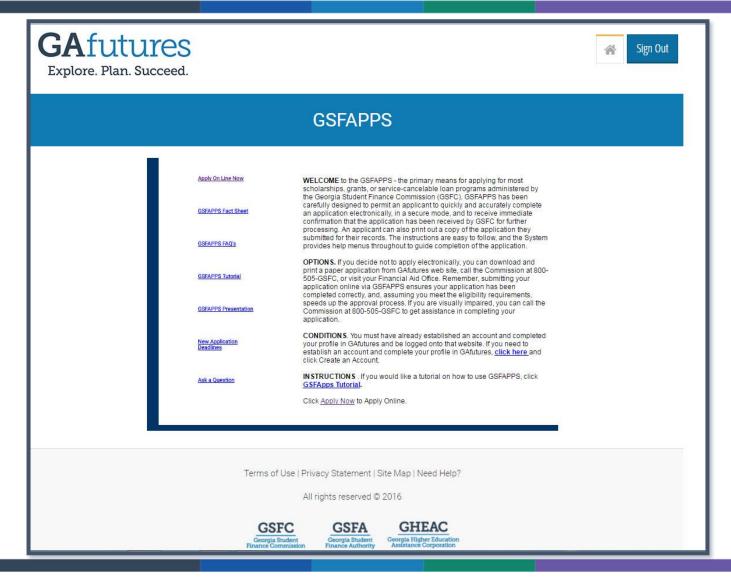
Apply For State Programs



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The Georgia Student Finance Application (GSFAPPS)





GAfutures.org



 Georgia's primary resource to help students plan, apply and find affordable ways to pay for college

GAfutures.org

- Financial Aid & Scholarships (\$)
 - The basics, state and federal programs, calculators, repayment options, financial literacy tips, national scholarship search
- College Planning Tools
 - Grade-specific checklists, College Money Matters, calculators, applications (admissions, financial aid), HOPE-eligible institutions highlighted, national college search
- Career Exploration
 - Career assessments, interest profiler, Career Clusters and Pathways, skilled trades

Scholarships

Scholarship examples:

- Height
- Ethnicity
- Religious affiliation
- Gender
- Being a multiple (twin, triplet, etc.)
- Left-handed
- Video on social media



Duct Tape Scholarship

- To enter the Duct Tape Scholarship, you and your partner must be legal residents and at least 14 years old. Either opposite sex or same sex partners may participate. You must attend a high school prom and have your photo taken before, during or after the prom in your attire made using duct tape.
- Costumes must be original and will be judged based on workmanship, originality, use of color, use of accessories, and use of duct tape.
- Photos of the 10 finalist couples will be posted online for online voting.
- For more information about the Duct Tape Scholarship Contest see, <u>duckbrand.com</u>



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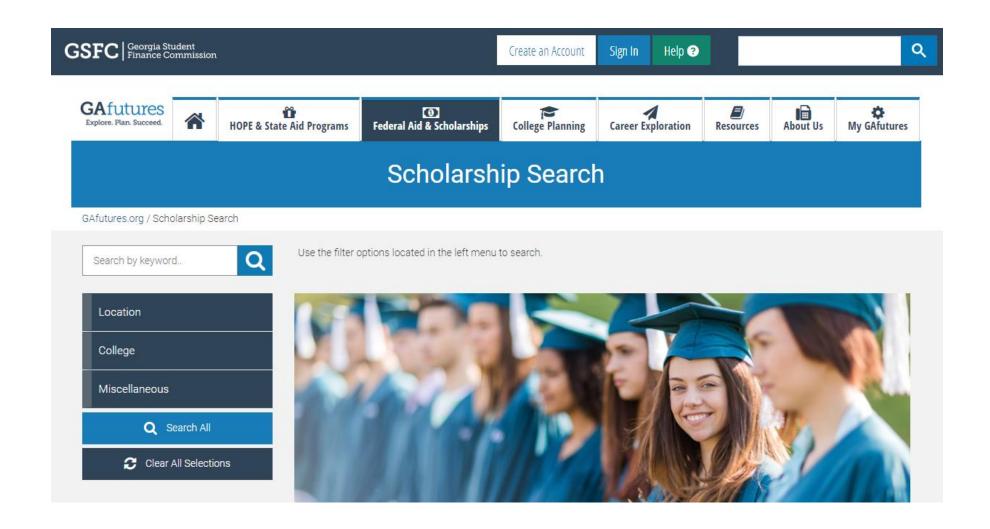




Tuition Assistance



Scholarship Search



Additional Scholarship Resources

- www.fastweb.com
- www.collegeboard.com



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