

NEW HOPE HOURS REGULATIONS

The State of Georgia has instituted new limits on the HOPE Grant and Scholarship Programs. The new regulations are in addition to the basic eligibility requirements. Applicants must complete a financial aid application before the Financial Aid Office can determine if you qualify.

HOPE Grant Hours Limit:

*Must track the number of credit hours paid by HOPE since Summer 2003 at all attended institutions in Georgia.

*Must track the official length of the student's chosen program of study. The Official Program Length for each program of study is listed in the college catalog.

Recipients are eligible for a maximum of 95 quarter hours (if program of study is 95 or less hours). If their chosen program of study is longer than 95 hours the maximum number equals the official length of the program or 130 hours whichever is less.

If a student pursues a certificate or diploma then pursues a degree, hours paid during the certificate or diploma are counted toward the HOPE Combined Limit of 190 maximum hours.

HOPE Scholarship Hours Limit & Checkpoints:

*Must track all HOPE Scholarship Hours since 1993.

*For initial eligibility, must track all courses ever taken towards a degree.

Students are eligible for a maximum of 190 quarter hours paid and attempted.

HOPE Grant and Accel paid hours since Summer 2003 will count towards the 190 max. hours. (Except for high school students, HOPE Grant hours received during high school are counted as of Fall 2004.)

Attempted Hour Checkpoint:

Student's GPA is checked after 45, 90, & 135 hours. Must maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA to remain eligible. If eligibility is lost, it may be regained at the next checkpoint if cumulative GPA is 3.0 or higher.

End of Spring Checkpoint:

Student's GPA is checked at the end of every Spring Quarter. Must maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA to remain eligible. If eligibility is lost, it may be regain at the next Attempted Hour Checkpoint only.

Three term Checkpoint:

For 1st tier students, enrolled in less than 12 hours for each of their 1st 3 terms in a row, the GPA will be checked and must be a cumulative 3.0 or higher GPA.

After the First Three Term checkpoint is performed the student will be checked at the End of Spring Checkpoint & each Attempted Hours Checkpoint. Can regain eligibility at the next Attempted Checkpoint only.