

FINANCIAL AID UPDATE

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AGENDA

- ◉ Federal Student Aid
- ◉ HOPE Scholarship Changes
- ◉ Private Scholarships
- ◉ Other aid
- ◉ How it effects Chapter 33 benefits
- ◉ What counts in COA
- ◉ Benefits for military

CHAPTER 33

Public Law 111-377

Actual net cost for instate tuition and fees after the application of any waiver, scholarship, air or assistance other than loans or funds provided by the Higher Education Act of 1965

APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- Available Jan 1st
- www.fafsa.gov
- Can use estimated taxes
- Need a Federal pin for both student and parent (if dependent)
- Important preferred submit date

FEDERAL AID TITLE IV AID

Pell grant

SEOG grant

ACG grant

SMART grant

LEAP grant

Federal Workstudy

Teach Grant

Stafford Loans

Unsub Loans

Perkins Loans

Graduate Plus

Parent Plus

FALL 2011

What we do know for Fall Semester 2011:

- ⦿ No Academic Competiveness Grant
- ⦿ No SMART Grant
- ⦿ No LEAP funding

What we do not know for sure yet:

- ⦿ Exact amount Pell grant will pay for Fall 2011
- ⦿ Year -round Pell grant
- ⦿ SEOG funding
- ⦿ Federal TEACH grant

The Federal government has not passed the FY 11 federal budget. We currently are on a continuing budget resolution and until the Federal government passes the budget we will not know our exact funding levels or the fate of the some programs. President's FY 12 Budget - no SEOG, Year Round Pell, TEACH or sub loans for Graduate students.

HOPE SCHOLARSHIP

Public HOPE

HOPE Grant

Private HOPE

“Based upon HOPE regulations, HOPE will only pay for actual tuition charges not covered by another source. If the other source has rules about when it must be applied, then those rules would work in conjunction with HOPE.”

Caylee French

HOPE SCHOLARSHIP

HOW WE GOT HERE?

- HOPE Scholarship funding will be short over \$30 million for 2010-11
- Changes had to be made to save the program
- Changes are effecting all aspects of HOPE scholarship
 - Lottery Ticket sellers
 - Lottery officials
 - Technical colleges
 - Private colleges
 - Pre-K program
 - State Universities

HOPE CHANGES

- ⦿ **FACTOR** rate - FY 11 90%
- ⦿ Can change each year
- ⦿ Determined by the state legislatures
- ⦿ HOPE will **not** pay for any fees
- ⦿ HOPE will **not** pay any book allowance

**** Disclaimer - The policies and procedures have not been finalized for the new HOPE law. We hope to have the information in April. This is what we believe is true currently.

WHEN DO CHANGES START?

Fall Semester/Quarter
2011

HB326

www.GAcollege411.org

PUBLIC HOPE

At an eligible public postsecondary institution, the HOPE award amount is equal to the HOPE award rate multiplied by the number of credit hours, up to a maximum of 15, in which an eligible student is enrolled per quarter or semester; provided, however, that the quarter award shall equal two-thirds of the semester award and that **credit hours for remedial and developmental courses** shall not be included for the HOPE scholarship

PUBLIC HOPE SCHOLARSHIP CHANGES FOR FALL SEMESTER 2011

What will HOPE pay for Fall Semester 2011?

- ⦿ Based on your 2010 regular tuition rate x 90%/15

Example at North Georgia HOPE will pay \$137.88 per credit hour for non-guaranteed tuition students ($\$2298 \times 90\% / 15$ hrs)

WHAT THIS MEANS IN DOLLARS AND CENTS FOR FALL SEMESTER 2011?

This Fall 2011 HOPE will PAY:

Tuition more	\$2068.20 if taking 15 hours or
Fees	\$0
Books	\$0
Total:	\$2068.20

CHAPTER 33 AT NORTH GEORGIA (PUBLIC)

Fall 2011 without
tuition decision:

Student Invoice:

\$2298 Tuition

\$749 Fees

\$3047 Total

Financial aid award:

Hope Scholarship

\$2068.20

Chapter 33 \$978.80

PUBLIC STATE SCHOOLS

- ◉ Guaranteed tuition rates
- ◉ Students would only be eligible for the guaranteed rate since it is lower than the factor rate
- ◉ **Students Called to Active Military Duty**
A student eligible to receive the guaranteed tuition rate who is called to active duty will receive an extended guarantee for the period of service up to two (2) years, or six (6) consecutive semesters.

PRIVATE HOPE

At an eligible private postsecondary institution, the HOPE award amount is equal HOPE tuition payment multiplied by the factor rate for full-time students and one-half of the HOPE tuition payment multiplied by the factor rate for half-time students. No awards shall be made to eligible students enrolled in five or fewer credit hours and **credit hours for remedial and developmental courses** shall not be included for the HOPE scholarship.

CHAPTER 33 AT REINHARDT COLLEGE (PRIVATE)

For Fall 2011:
Student Invoice

Financial aid award:

Tuition	\$17,500	HOPE Scholarship
Fees	\$170	\$1800
Total	\$17,670	GTEG \$375
		Chapter 33 \$15495

** max \$17,500

CHAPTER 33 TECHNICAL COLLEGE (NORTH GA TECH- QUARTER)

For Fall 2011

Financial Aid Award

Student invoice:

\$675 Tuition

\$95 Fees

Hope : \$660.20

Chapter 33: \$109.80

Total \$770

HOPE GRANT - NEW

Meet achievement standards by earning a cumulative grade point average of

At least 3.0 at the end of the quarter or semester in which the student has attended 30 or 60

semester hours or 45 or 90 quarter hours of courses towards a diploma or certificate for which the student received HOPE funds pursuant to this part. The grade point average shall be calculated using such 30 semester or 45 quarter hours taken pursuant to this subsection.

An otherwise eligible student who attains or regains a cumulative grade point

average of at least 3.0 at the end of a quarter or semester in which the student has

attempted 30 or 60 semester hours or 45 or 90 quarter hours may qualify or re-qualify for a HOPE grant; provided, however, that a student who receives a HOPE grant and loses

eligibility pursuant to this paragraph is only eligible to regain or re-qualify for the HOPE grant one time

HOPE GRANT

No student that has a baccalaureate degree, its equivalent or higher, from any postsecondary institution shall be eligible to receive a HOPE grant.

OTHER HOPE CHANGES

- Only pays regular undergraduate rate - will not pay for total price of higher tuition rates
- Only pays up to 127 attempted semester hours
- Will only pay up to seven years past high school graduation
 - Graduate high school 2011 - stops June 2018
 - Active duty military service extension
 - Current FY10 paid HOPE students grandfathered in
 - until June 2015

LOSING HOPE AND REENTRY BACK

- ◉ Same checkpoints 30, 60, & 90 attempted hours and every Spring semester
- ◉ Can lose at any checkpoint but can only reenter after 30, 60 & 90 attempted hours.

- ◉ NEW for Fall Semester 2011:
 - You can only reenter one time

LOSING HOPE AND REENTRY BACK

Term	Attempted hours	GPA	HOPE Eligible status
Fall 2010	15 hours	3.0	continue
Spring 2011	13 hours	2.7	Lose Spring checkpoint
Summer 2011**	6 hours	3.5	Regain HOPE 30 hour checkpoint
Fall 2011	15 hours	3.0	continue
Spring 2012	13 hours	2.5	Lose HOPE forever

** Determine if attending Summer semester is mathematically in your best interest - calculate your HOPE GPA

ZELL MILLER SCHOLAR

Zell Miller Scholars will receive full regular tuition paid.

Zell Miller scholars will not receive funding for fees or books.

A valedictorian and salutatorian from each high school will be eligible to receive the Zell Miller Scholarship without consideration of the GPA or ACT/SAT requirements.

ZELL MILLER SCHOLAR

In order to be a Zell Miller Scholar you must meet all the following requirements:

1. In high school you must have a HOPE GPA of a 3.7 or higher.
2. Your SAT score on one single test for Verbal and Math must be at least a 1200 or a composite ACT score of 26 or higher.
3. Your college HOPE GPA must be a 3.3 or above to maintain

ZELL MILLER SCHOLAR AND HOPE CHECKPOINTS/ REENTRY

Term	Attempted hours	GPA	Zell Eligible	HOPE Eligible
Fall 2011	15 hours	3.3	Continue	n/a
Spring 2012	14 hours	3.0	Lose Zell Spring checkpoint	yes
Summer 2012	6 hours	3.8	Regain Zell 30 hr checkpoint	n/a
Fall 2012	15 hours	3.3	Continue	n/a
Spring 2013	14 hours	3.0	Lose Zell forever - 60/Spring checkpoint	yes

1% INTEREST STATE LOAN PROGRAM

- The regulations for this program have not been released. We expect the regulations sometime in May with an application sometime in June.
- Check out www.GAcollge411.org for additional information.

WHAT WE DON'T KNOW?

- ◉ Students receiving ACCEL
- ◉ Home School students
- ◉ Policies and Procedures

OTHER AID - NOT TUITION ONLY

HERO grant-To provide educational scholarship assistance to members of the Georgia National Guard and U.S. Military Reservists who served in combat zones, and the children and the spouses of such members of the Georgia National Guard and U.S. Military Reserves.

GED Vouchers - The Grant provides a one-time \$500 HOPE award that can be used towards tuition, books, and other educational costs at an eligible public technical college or public or private college or university.

CHAPTER 33/PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Action Item:

Will need to have some way to know what
Private scholarships are for tuition only

Most say educational expense

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Athletic Aid

School Scholarships - tuition only

Georgia Military Scholarship

Military Fee Waiver - USG schools waive mandatory fees for some military veterans

HOPE SUMMER 2011

Book Allowance is cut in half for non-PELL
grant eligible students

ESTIMATED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
HEOA SECTION 473(E) HEA SECTION 480(J)(1)
EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 1, 2010

The HEOA excludes veterans' education benefits, as defined in subsection (c) of section 480 of the HEA, from the definition of estimated financial assistance.

PUBLIC LAW 111-39

TECHNICAL CORRECTION TO HEA

H.R. 1777 updated the list of programs that meet the definition of “veterans’ education benefits” in section 480(c) of the HEA by including new programs and revising the statutory citations

H.R. 1777 changed the effective date for the exclusion of Federal veterans’ education benefits, as defined in section 480(c) of the HEA, as estimated financial assistance (EFA) to July 1, 2009 (beginning with the 2009-2010 award year).

VA AND DOD EDUCATION BENEFITS TO BE EXCLUDED FROM EFA AS INCLUDED IN SECTION 480(C) OF THE HEA

- ◉ Chapter 103 of title 10, United States Code (Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps).
- ◉ (B) Chapter 106A of title 10, United States Code (Educational Assistance for Persons Enlisting for Active Duty).
- ◉ (C) Chapter 1606 of title 10, United States Code (Selected Reserve Educational Assistance Program).
- ◉ (D) Chapter 1607 of title 10, United States Code (Educational Assistance Program for Reserve Component Members Supporting Contingency Operations and Certain Other Operations).
- ◉ (E) Chapter 30 of title 38, United States Code (All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program, also known as the 'Montgomery GI Bill—active duty').
- ◉ (F) Chapter 31 of title 38, United States Code (Training and Rehabilitation for Veterans with Service-Connected Disabilities).
- ◉ (G) Chapter 32 of title 38, United States Code (Post-Vietnam Era Veterans' Educational Assistance Program).

VA AND DOD EDUCATION BENEFITS TO BE EXCLUDED FROM EFA AS INCLUDED IN SECTION 480(C) OF THE HEA

- ◉ (H) Chapter 33 of title 38, United States Code (Post-9/11 Educational Assistance).
- ◉ (I) Chapter 35 of title 38, United States Code (Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program).
- ◉ (J) Section 903 of the Department of Defense Authorization Act, 1981 (10 U.S.C. 2141 note) (Educational Assistance Pilot Program).
- ◉ (K) Section 156(b) of the 'Joint Resolution making further continuing appropriations and providing for productive employment for the fiscal year 1983, and for other purposes' (42 U.S.C. 402 note) (Restored Entitlement Program for Survivors, also known as 'Quayle benefits').
- ◉ (L) The provisions of chapter 3 of title 37, United States Code, related to subsistence allowances for members of the Reserve Officers Training Corps

NEW FED WEBSITE

○ **ED's Website for Military**

- ED is developing a website that will provide information for veterans, service members and their families related to:Education
- ED's Veterans Employment Program
- Legislative changes that affect the military
- Collaborative efforts between DoD and ED

<http://www.ed.gov/veterans-and-military-families>

MILITARY DEFERMENT/WAIVERS

Borrowers whose active duty service or full-time National Guard duty meets the following eligibility criteria may qualify for:

- Military service deferment
- HEROES Waivers

MILITARY DEFERMENT/WAIVERS

- Military service deferment and HEROES Waivers apply to: Active duty service members reassigned to a new location
 - Reserve or retired service members called to active duty
 - National Guard members on active duty under Federal authority
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- The service must be in connection with a war, contingency operation, or a national emergency

MILITARY DEFERMENT/WAIVERS

- **Contingency Operation is a military operation that is designated by the Secretary of Defense as an operation in which members of the Armed Forces are or may become involved in military actions, operations, or hostilities against an enemy of the U.S. or against an opposing military force, or results in a call or order to, or retention on, active duty of members of the uniformed services under provisions of Title 10, U.S.C., or any other provision of law during a war or during a national emergency declared by the President or Congress**

MILITARY DEFERMENT/WAIVERS

- ◉ Reserve or retired members must be called to active duty under 10 U.S.C. 668; 12301(a); 12301(g); 12302; 12304; or 12306
- ◉ National Guard members must be on full-time National Guard duty under Federal authority for more than 30 consecutive days
- ◉ Other members of the Armed Forces must be reassigned to a duty station at a location other than their normal assignment

HEROES WAIVERS

During the period of eligible military service:

- Forbearance and military service deferment documentation requirements are relaxed
- In-school status is retained
- Grace period or school-related deferment status is retained for up to 3 years
- Collection activity on defaulted loans may be suspended

HEROES WAIVERS

During the period of eligible military service:

- Missed payments are not treated as an interruption of a stream of required payments
- Return of Title IV requirements are modified
- Copies of IRS forms documenting AGI and income tax paid are not required

HEROES WAIVERS

During the period of eligible military service:

- Written leave of absence request is not required
- Requirement that loan cancellation or forgiveness service be uninterrupted or consecutive does not apply

HERO WAIVERS

During the period of eligible military service:

- ◉ Period of time for cancelling loan proceeds under cash management regs is extended
- ◉ Oral, rather than written, authorizations from the borrower may be accepted by the school

HEROES WAIVERS

- Complete list of HEROES Waivers published in the Federal Register on 12/12/2003
- HEROES Waivers extended by Notices published in the Federal Register on 10/12/2005 and 12/26/2007
- HEROES Waivers have been extended to September 30, 2012

MILITARY SERVICE DEFERMENT

- Borrower is not required to make payments on a Direct, Perkins, or FFEL loan: During the period of eligible military service
 - For 180 days after eligible military service that ends on or after 10/1/2007
- No limit to the number of years a borrower may qualify for a military service deferment

HOSTILE FIRE/IMMINENT DANGER AREA

- ◉ Active duty service in the U.S. Armed Forces in a hostile fire/imminent danger pay area may qualify a borrower for: Perkins Loan military service cancellation
- ◉ Direct Loan interest accrual benefit

HOSTILE FIRE/IMMINENT DANGER AREA

- ◉ The Perkins Loan military service cancellation cancels a percentage of the principal and interest for each complete year of service in a hostile fire/imminent danger pay area
- ◉ •For service that includes or begins on or after August 14, 2008, up to 100% of the original principal plus interest may be cancelled

HOSTILE FIRE/IMMINENT DANGER AREA

- Cancellation rates for the Perkins military service cancellation are: 15% for the 1st and 2nd years
 - 20% for the 3rd and 4th years
 - 30% for the 5th year
- For service that ended before August 14, 2008, the cancellation rate is 12 1/2% per year, up to a total of 50% of the original principal, plus interest

HOSTILE FIRE/IMMINENT DANGER AREA

- ◉ Interest does not accrue on a Direct Loan during the period of eligible active duty service if the borrower qualifies for a military service deferment **and is serving in a hostile fire/imminent danger pay area**

POST-ACTIVE DUTY STUDENT DEFERMENT

- Post-active duty student deferment applies to members of the National Guard and Reserve or Retired members of the Armed Forces for service on or after 10/1/2007
- The borrower must have been enrolled at least half-time at an eligible institution at the time, or within six months of the time, the borrower was called to active duty service

POST-ACTIVE DUTY STUDENT DEFERMENT

- The active duty service must be: Full-time service in the active military duty of the Armed Forces (for Reserve or Retired members)
- State Active Duty (for members of the National Guard)

POST-ACTIVE DUTY STUDENT DEFERMENT

- The deferment begins on the date the borrower's eligible active duty service ends
 - The deferment ends the earlier of the date the borrower: Resumes half-time enrollment; or
 - 13 months after the completion date of the active duty service and any applicable grace period

READMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- ◉ An institution of higher education may not deny readmission to a service member who was admitted to the institution and then left to perform service in the uniformed services
- ◉ The institution must promptly readmit the service member with the same academic status
- ◉ The readmission requirements supersede state law

TRAINING/ CONFERENCES

- ◉ GASFAA's Spring 2011 Conference
May 18 - May 20, 2011
Gwinnett Place Marriott, Duluth, GA

- ◉ NAVPA's 36th Annual Conference
October 23 - October 29, 2011
Hilton Hotel & Resorts
Myrtle Beach, SC

QUESTIONS?

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