

Augusta University

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HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarships Awarding and Disbursement

Policy Manager: Dean of Students

POLICY STATEMENT

This policy outlines the awarding and disbursement procedures associated with the State of Georgia's State Grant & Scholarship monies. The Offices of Student Financial Aid, Academic Admissions, Registrar, and Business will adhere to this policy when determining eligibility, awarding, and disbursement of HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarships.

The aforementioned offices will adhere to the policy and procedures as outlined in the Georgia Student Finance Commission's program regulations.

AFFECTED STAKEHOLDERS

Indicate all entities and persons within the Enterprise that are affected by this policy:

- Alumni Faculty Graduate Students Health Professional Students
 Staff Undergraduate Students Vendors/Contractors Visitors
 Other:

DEFINITIONS

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA): All students are expected to contribute towards the cost of their post-secondary education. The FAFSA is the application used by the U. S. Department of Education to determine the student's Expected Family Contribution and conduct a needs analysis. The FAFSA is used by the Office of Student Financial Aid to determine eligibility for federal, state, institutional, and private grants, scholarships, loans, and etcetera.

Selective Service Registration: Selective Service Registration is for the military draft. Male students must meet the federal guidelines for selective service registration, for some aid programs.

Refer to www.sss.gov.

Provisionally Enrolled: Students who are allowed to begin their program of study before a final transcript is received by Augusta University.

Transient Student: A student who is enrolled at one institution and takes courses temporarily at another institution with the intention of transferring the course credit back to their home institution.

Missing Grades: Student records that indicate the registration of courses to which no grade has been assigned at the end of a term.

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GSFAPPS: Students can apply for the HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarship online with the Georgia Student Finance Commission by completing the GSFAPPS (Georgia State Financial Application) <https://www.gafutures.org/college-planning/college-money-matters/applying-for-aid/more-about-gsfapp/>

PROCESS & PROCEDURES

The Office of Student Financial Aid will process awards when the requirements below are met:

1. Students must complete the FAFSA and/or the GSFAPPS to apply for the HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarship.
2. Students' financial aid file must be complete before the HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarship is awarded.
3. Students enrolled provisionally will not be eligible for funding until all documents are received, reviewed, and recorded in BANNER.
4. Transient students can receive HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarship for the classes taken at Augusta University. A HOPE Transient Certificate must be submitted by the student's home institution confirming eligibility.
5. All transcripts must be received from prior institutions in order to determine HOPE/Zell Miller eligibility.

Responsibilities:

The Office of Student Financial Aid will:

1. Monitor the requirements for students to maintain the HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarships.
2. Award and monitor changes impacting eligibility for scholarship recipients.
3. Monitor students' continued eligibility for HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarships.

The Office of Academic Admissions will:

1. Review all incoming documentation to determine residency eligibility for HOPE/Zell Miller.
2. Control holds associated with missing documentation impacting eligibility.

The Office of the Registrar will monitor missing grades and ensure transcripts are received from students in a transient status.

REFERENCES & SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Office of Student Financial Aid Application Process: <http://www.augusta.edu/finaid/>
<http://www.augusta.edu/finaid/applyfederal.php>

Office of Student Financial Aid Policies & Procedures: <http://www.augusta.edu/finaid/policies.php>
<http://www.augusta.edu/finaid/hope.php>

HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarships Program Regulations: www.gafutures.org/

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA): www.studentaid.gov

Financial Aid Forms: <http://www.augusta.edu/finaid/brochuresforms.php>

GSFAPPS (Georgia State Financial Application) <https://www.gafutures.org/college-planning/college-money-matters/applying-for-aid/more-about-gsfapp/>

RELATED POLICIES

Financial Aid Eligibility

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