

Financial Aid Planning

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HOPE is a major source of funding. HOPE is available for students attending Georgia colleges, universities and technical schools. HOPE requirements are constantly changing, so check with your counselor for current requirements. Keeping the HOPE is dependent on maintaining a 3.0 GPA at the Georgia college or university you attend. Visit the website at www.gsfc.org for more information.

Most colleges have a wide variety of scholarships available. Once you decide where you want to attend college you need to contact the Financial Aid office and inquire about any scholarships for which you may be eligible. In addition, if you know the major you intend to pursue, you should contact that division of the college and inquire about any scholarships they may offer.

There are quite a number of free scholarship data bases and searches on the www. We recommend that you start with www.fastweb.com. These are all free resources! We discourage you from using any service that charges a fee. Research indicates that these services rarely, if ever, prove to be more beneficial than the free services. In most cases, we also discourage you from applying for scholarships that require any form of payment on your part. Be wary of any opportunities that require you to pay any fees, as most are fraudulent offers.

www.GAcollge411.org is a website run by the Georgia Student Finance Commission. Every student needs to create an account (free) with this agency and make use of this resource. From this website students can accomplish a multitude of important tasks, including applying to colleges, sending transcripts to colleges, taking interest and career inventories, searching for scholarships, applying for the HOPE scholarship, and creating a resume.

Extensive use of this website is strongly recommended.

