Scholarship Programs

New Student Scholarships
Scholarships for first-time freshmen and transfer students are administered by the Office of Admissions. To review scholarship opportunities, please access the Admissions website at http://admissions.georgiasouthern.edu/.

Continuing Students
Georgia Southern University departments offer a vast array of scholarships for continuing students. These scholarships are managed by the individual departments within the University and vary from major-specific awards to leadership awards to study abroad awards. Most of these scholarships have different application procedures and deadlines. Contact the individual departments for more information.

State Scholarships
The Georgia Student Finance Commission administers state scholarships and student grant programs. For information contact:

Georgia Student Finance Commission
2082 East Exchange Place, Suite 200
Tucker, GA 30084
(800) 505-4732
http://www.Gafutures.org/

The HOPE Scholarship (Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally) and Zell Miller Scholarship are Georgia’s unique programs that reward hard working Georgia students with matriculation scholarships in degree programs at any Georgia public college, university, technical college or eligible private institution. The programs are funded by the Georgia Lottery for Education and amounts are subject to change.

To qualify for HOPE, a student must be a legal resident of Georgia or be considered a Georgia resident for purposes of in-state tuition at the time of enrollment for the school term for which the scholarship is sought. Students who graduated from high school with a high school core curriculum GPA of at least 3.0 may qualify for the HOPE Scholarship as incoming freshmen.

Students who did not qualify for HOPE as incoming freshmen may still receive a HOPE Scholarship if they graduated from high school less than seven years ago, were a legal resident of Georgia at the time of enrollment for the school term for which the scholarship is sought, and have a 3.0 cumulative GPA after attempting 30, 60, or 90 credit hours of University course work.

HOPE eligibility is reviewed at various checkpoints during the academic year and all attempted credit hours are counted in the review. “Attempted hours” refers to all credit hours attempted in a degree program at a postsecondary institution after high school graduation, including classes that were dropped or failed. The deadline to apply for HOPE is the last day of class for the semester for which you are applying.

The Zell Miller Scholarship provides full tuition funding to undergraduate Georgia residents who graduate from high school with a 3.7 or greater GPA and score at least a 1200 reading and math score on the SAT or an ACT composite score of 26. To remain eligible, students must maintain at least a 3.3 college GPA at the checkpoints (30, 60, 90 attempted credit hours and after every spring semester).

The Georgia HERO Scholarship (Helping Educate Reservists and their Offspring) was created to provide financial aid to students seeking a post-secondary education, who are:

• Current members of the Georgia National Guard or United States Military Reservists who are deployed overseas on active service, on or after February 1, 2003, to a location designated as a combat zone; or
• The children of Georgia National Guard members or United States Military Reservists who were deployed overseas on active service, on or after February 1, 2003, to a location designated as a combat zone, and who were killed in the combat zone, or died as a result of injuries received in the combat zone, or became 100 percent disabled as a result of injuries received in the combat zone.

The Georgia HOPE Scholarship Program is funded by state appropriations. The maximum amount awarded to an eligible student is $2,000 per Award Year. The award amount is subject to change during the Award Year.

The Scholarship for Engineering Education for Minorities (MSEE) program offers financial assistance to Georgia residents who are enrolled in an engineering program of study approved by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accrediting Board of Engineering and Technology (ABET). The purpose of the program is to attract minority undergraduate students into the engineering profession and to increase the number of qualified engineers in Georgia. MSEE is a service cancelable loan that can be used for tuition, room and board, or other educational expenses. In return, students agree to work in Georgia after graduation in an engineering-related field for a reduction in the loan’s balance.

Contact a financial aid counselor for other requirements and further information, (912) 478-5413. Additional restrictions may apply. The above is based on the most recent information from the Georgia Student Finance Commission and is subject to change.

Other Outside Sources of Financial Aid
Many foundations, companies, and other groups have established scholarship or loan programs for use by Georgia Southern University students. To review these, access the Georgia Southern University Financial Aid website at http://em.georgiasouthern.edu/finaid/types-of-aid/scholarships/. Other helpful websites to use in searching for external scholarships may be found on our Financial Aid website under “Types of Aid” at http://em.georgiasouthern.edu/finaid/external-scholarships/.