

# Getting to the **HOPE** & Zell Miller Scholarships is as easy as 1...2...3!

## Step 1. Make sure your Hope Scholarship Account on GAFutures is Updated



Link: [www.gafutures.org](http://www.gafutures.org)

Your Georgia [high school HOPE GPA](#) starts calculating as soon as you begin 9th grade. Unlike your overall high school GPA, your HOPE GPA only includes your core curriculum courses (English, math, science, social studies and world language).

Don't have an account? It's quick and easy to [create one!](#)

Your *My High School HOPE GPA* page includes your student information, your HOPE GPA as calculated by GSFC based on transcripts sent by your Georgia high school, rigor credits, ACT/SAT scores if you've taken them, and more information about the eligibility requirements of the [HOPE](#) and [Zell Miller Scholarships](#).

If we do not have the student's social security number on file, you will not be able to access this information.

## Step 2. Report your Test Scores for Zell Miller Eligibility (only)

Students who may be eligible for the Zell Miller Scholarship must meet the test eligibility requirements and have test scores reported to the Georgia Student Finance Commission.



### Zell Miller eligibility – qualifying test scores:

- 1200 SAT combined score (Critical Reading and Math), or
- 26 ACT composite score

If you are tracking for Zell Miller eligibility and you do not have a qualifying test score listed in your account, you will need to have it added following the instructions below (either transmission method is acceptable).

### Request SAT and ACT scores from the testing agency:

- ❖ For students who have taken the SAT and/or ACT, an official score report can be submitted electronically by requesting that the scores be sent from the testing agency directly to the GSFC. Students must identify GSFC using the following codes:
  - GSFC code for SAT – 0472
  - GSFC code for ACT – 2225
- ❖ The GSFC code can be listed as one of the free score reports when the test is taken, or students can order the score report in the same way a test score is sent to a college, using the appropriate GSFC code.



## Upload ACT or SAT Test Scores to GAFutures Account:

- ❖ Upload your SAT or ACT score report using the GAFutures' Document Upload feature following these steps:
  - Print your test score report from ACT's website or College Board's website for the SAT.
  - Sign, date and write this statement on the report: "This is a true and exact copy of the original score report."
  - Sign in to your GAFutures account and select **Document Upload**, located on the left-hand side of the page.
  - Select the ACT scores or SAT scores document type based on the type of report you are uploading (acceptable file types are: pdf, jpg, jpeg, png, bmp, tif, tiff).
  - Attach your document file and select the submit button.

Georgia students are able to track their *My High School HOPE GPA* through their GAFutures account. It will display when an acceptable test score is received. Once a document is uploaded, average review time is 7 to 10 business days.

### Test Deadlines for Zell Miller Eligibility

To be eligible for the Zell Miller scholarship, graduates from the Class of 2021 will need to have qualifying test scores (ACT: 26 composite score or SAT: 1200 critical reading & math combined score) earned by the students' upcoming graduation date from high school.\* The decision by the GSFC to require test scores for Zell Miller eligibility is separate from any postsecondary institution's test requirements for admission or financial aid consideration. This means that even if the college or university you plan to attend has admitted you and provided financial aid/scholarships without requiring test scores, you must still submit qualifying test scores to be eligible for the Zell Miller scholarship.

\* The Class of 2021 has been given an [extension](#) to submit test scores by **June 30, 2021**.

## Step 3. HOPE & Zell Scholarships – Application Requirements

Students enrolling in a public college or university in the state of Georgia who are eligible for the HOPE or Zell Miller scholarships, will need to complete the FAFSA or the GSFAPPS. For detailed information, go to the [Application Procedures and Deadlines](#) section of the GAFutures website.


The application deadline is the last day of the school term or a student's withdrawal date, whichever occurs first. Students should check their financial aid portal through the college website or contact the college's Financial Aid office to see if any additional information is required.

### Need help with your GAFutures account?

### Contact Marcus Hilliard, Walton's GSFC outreach representative:



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Click here to schedule a [free 30min phone consultation](#) and, be sure to connect with me on  @HilliardMarcus2.