College Financial Aid for International Students

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Pre-Presentation Survey

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Please take a few moments to complete this brief (5 question) pre-presentation survey from the Chattahoochee High School counseling department.

Thank you!

Our Chattahoochee High School Community

42 languages spoken

62 countries of origin

We are proud of our diverse student population and community. As a counseling department, we are committed to serving ALL students and supporting them in their post-secondary planning.

Overview

- Background information
- Types of student financial aid
- Residency/Citizenship status and financial aid options
- Scholarships & available resources
- Examples & FAQs
- How can your counselor help?
- Resource lists

Please note:
Information presented here is intended to support student and family decisions regarding college financial aid. It is not intended to be legal or financial advice. Please consult your legal and financial advisors regarding your specific circumstances.

State and Federal Laws on Student Financial Aid

- **Supreme Court case *Plyler v. Doe* (1984):** provides a federal guarantee to all K-12 students in the United States for a public education. This means that anyone in the United States **regardless of citizenship or residency status** is entitled to a free, public K-12 education. Postsecondary policies are left to a state-by-state basis for both financial aid and application requirements.

- **Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1998** determines citizenship requirements for both federal and state levels.

- **Georgia** Senate Bill (S.B.) 492**,** signed into law on May 14, 2008, requires the state's undocumented students, including DACA recipients, to pay out-of-state tuition.

- **Georgia Board of Regents** Policy 4.1.6 prohibits undocumented students from enrolling in any University of Georgia institution that did not admit all academically qualified applicants in the two most recent academic years, except for cases where the institution rejected the student for non-academic reasons. This includes: Georgia Institute of Technology, Georgia College & State University, University of Georgia.

- **Georgia** House Bill (H.B.) 444, signed into law in April 2020, allows students, regardless of their immigration status, to participate in dual enrollment programs at no cost.

Types of Financial Aid

Students often use a combination of the following types of financial aid, depending on eligibility and need.

Items with asterisks are typically the best sources for international students.

- Federal Aid
- State Aid

** Institutional Aid

** Scholarships

** Private loans

Federal Aid

Largest source of student financial aid. Aid is based primarily on financial need. Includes Pell Grants, Federal Loans and Work-Study programs.

Eligibility is determined through the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), which requires a social security number or residency documentation to complete.

Available to US citizens or those with certain immigration status, such as legal permanent residency (“green card”).

For more information, visit
Studentaid.gov

Georgia State-Based Aid

HOPE and Zell Miller scholarships for Georgia residents who have met academic requirements and attend in-state colleges. Many other grant and scholarship programs are offered for specific situations.

In-state tuition is offered to Georgia residents attending in-state schools.

Dual Enrollment program is offered to all high school students to receive up to 30 college credits from a Georgia postsecondary institution. **(Available regardless of residency or immigration status)**

For more information, visit Gafutures.org

Institutional Aid

Institutional aid is financial aid specific to the college or university you are applying to.

Each institution has its own policies and requirements for their financial aid.

To find out more about specific institutional aid, visit the college’s financial aid website.

Scholarships

Scholarships are awarded by a variety of organizations and institutions. Each organization sets the eligibility and requirements for their scholarships.

Scholarships do not have to be repaid.

There are many resources and websites that list available scholarships. Students typically have to apply separately to each scholarship they would like to apply for.

For more information, see resource slides at end of presentation.

Private loans

Private loans are offered by various banks and financial institutions.

Private student loans are interest bearing and the terms are set by the specific lending institution.

Lending institutions typically view credit scores when considering rates and terms of the loan. Some require a parent co-signer for student loans, and some require a US citizen to be the cosigner.

For more information, visit
www.finaid.org/loans

Financial Aid Opportunities

This chart summarizes the availability of different types of financial aid based on a student's citizenship or residency status.

**Please note, this chart is based on the student's residency, not his or her parents' residency status.

	US Citizen (holds US passport or birth certificate)	Legal Permanent Resident (has a green card)	Visa Holder (Valid, non-expired visa)	Undocumented Resident (no documentation or pending application)
Federal Aid	YES	YES	NO	NO
State Aid	YES	YES	NO	NO
Georgia Hope, Federal Pell, and other grants.	YES	YES	NO	NO
In-State Tuition	YES, if student is Georgia resident	YES, if student is Georgia resident	In rare cases- depends on visa	NO
Private Loans	YES, depends on eligibility set by lender.	YES, depends on eligibility set by lender.	YES, depends on eligibility set by lender.	YES, depends on eligibility set by lender.
Institutional Aid	YES	YES	Depends on visa and school's policy	Depends on school's policy
Scholarships	Depends on eligibility requirements	Depends on eligibility requirements	Depends on eligibility requirements	Depends on eligibility requirements.

Financial Aid Application timeline

This is the general process and timeline for applying for college financial aid. Every person's situation will be different, so this is an overall guideline.

- **Junior Year:**
  - Take ACT/SAT
  - Research college opportunities
  - Determine residency/citizenship status
  - Create a list of potential colleges
  - Consider enrolling in Dual Enrollment courses for college credit
- **Senior Year:**
  - Consider enrolling in Dual Enrollment courses for college credit
  - Apply to desired colleges
  - Complete FAFSA (if eligible), CSS or ISFAA
  - Research institutional aid opportunities
  - Apply for outside scholarships
  - Apply for student loans (as needed)

Georgia In-State Tuition

Georgia state law mandates that any non-US citizen, with the exception of certain non-citizens, must pay out-of-state tuition to attend public universities in Georgia.

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This applies to any USG institution, including two year colleges and four year universities.

This does not apply to private institutions.

Students with undocumented residency:

House Bill 4.1.6 passed in 2010 bans undocumented students from enrolling in the following colleges in Georgia:

- University of Georgia
- Georgia Tech
- Georgia College and State University

Students who are not citizens AND do not have legal residency may not be admitted to the schools on this list.

Georgia In-State Tuition

From Board of Regents Policy 7.3.1.1

Verification of Lawful Presence is required for all admitted students requesting in-state tuition

In-State Tuition

"In-State Tuition" is defined as the rate paid by students who meet the classification status requirements as provided in Section 4.3 of this Policy Manual.

Out-of-State Tuition

"Out-of-State Tuition" is defined as the rate paid by students who do not meet the classification status requirements as provided in Section 4.3 of this Policy Manual but can document that they meet the following criteria:

1. U.S. citizens, lawful permanent residents, refugees, asylees, and other eligible noncitizens as defined by federal Title IV regulations who are not able to establish sufficient domicile/residence in Georgia, and
2. Others who do not satisfy any of the criteria above but who have graduated from a high school in the United States.

Out-of-state tuition at all USG institutions shall be established by the Board, taking into consideration: out-of-state tuition rates of peer or comparable institutions and the full cost of instruction. The annual increase in the out-of-state tuition amount must be at least equal to the dollar increase amount in in-state tuition.

Out-of-Country Tuition

"Out-of-Country Tuition" is defined as the rate paid by students who do not meet the requirements for in-state classification and do not meet the requirements for out-of-state classification, as provided in Section 4.3 of this Policy Manual.

The annual increase in the out-of-country tuition amount must be at least equal to the dollar increase amount in out-of-state tuition.

APPENDIX IA
UNDERGRADUATE TUITION RATES PER SEMESTER - FISCAL YEAR 2025
EFFECTIVE FALL SEMESTER 2024

FLAT TUITION MODEL Flat rate of tuition applies to encourage students to take 15 hours and graduate in four years	IN-STATE		OUT-OF-STATE		OUT-OF-COUNTRY
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2025
Georgia Institute of Technology					
More than 6 hours	$ 5,129.00	$ 5,256.00	$ 15,685.00	$ 16,469.00	$ 16,783.00
6 hours or less	$ 3,048.00	$ 3,124.00	$ 9,308.00	$ 9,773.00	$ 9,960.00
University of Georgia					
More than 6 hours	$ 4,895.00	$ 5,017.00	$ 14,415.00	$ 15,136.00	$ 15,424.00
6 hours or less	$ 2,909.00	$ 2,982.00	$ 8,555.00	$ 8,983.00	$ 9,154.00
Georgia College and State University					
More than 6 hours	$ 3,754.00	$ 3,848.00	$ 13,344.00	$ 14,011.00	
6 hours or less	$ 2,222.00	$ 2,278.00	$ 7,918.00	$ 8,314.00	
Augusta University – Health Sciences Campus					
10 hours or more	$ 4,432.00	$ 4,542.00	$ 14,189.00	$ 14,898.00	
9 hours or less (Per Credit Hour)	$ 295.47	$ 303.00	$ 945.93	$ 993.00	
Augusta University - Summerville Campus					
10 hours or more	$ 3,446.00	$ 3,532.00	$ 11,135.00	$ 11,692.00	
9 hours or less (Per Credit Hour)	$ 229.73	$ 235.00	$ 742.33	$ 779.00	

REGULAR TUITION MODEL (Per credit hour rates apply up to 15 hours)	IN-STATE		OUT-OF-STATE		OUT-OF-COUNTRY
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2025
RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES					
Georgia State University	$ 4,474.00	$ 4,590.00	$ 13,993.00	$ 14,700.00	$ 14,970.00
Per Credit Hour	$ 298.27	$ 306.00	$ 932.87	$ 980.00	$ 998.00
Perimeter College at Georgia State University	$ 1,425.00	$ 1,515.00	$ 5,395.00	$ 5,865.00	$ 5,970.00
Per Credit Hour	$ 95.00	$ 101.00	$ 359.67	$ 391.00	$ 398.00
REGIONAL UNIVERSITIES					
Georgia Southern University	$ 2,732.00	$ 2,805.00	$ 9,641.00	$ 10,125.00	$ 10,320.00
Per Credit Hour	$ 182.13	$ 187.00	$ 642.73	$ 675.00	$ 688.00
Kennesaw State University	$ 2,781.00	$ 2,850.00	$ 9,815.00	$ 10,305.00	$ 10,500.00
Per Credit Hour	$ 185.40	$ 190.00	$ 654.33	$ 687.00	$ 700.00
University of West Georgia	$ 2,732.00	$ 2,805.00	$ 9,641.00	$ 10,125.00	$ 10,320.00
Per Credit Hour	$ 182.13	$ 187.00	$ 642.73	$ 675.00	$ 688.00
Valdosta State University	$ 2,732.00	$ 2,805.00	$ 9,641.00	$ 10,125.00	$ 10,320.00
Per Credit Hour	$ 182.13	$ 187.00	$ 642.73	$ 675.00	$ 688.00
STATE UNIVERSITIES					
Albany State University - Four Year Degrees	$ 2,540.00	$ 2,610.00	$ 9,241.00	$ 9,705.00	$ 9,885.00
Per Credit Hour	$ 169.33	$ 174.00	$ 616.07	$ 647.00	$ 659.00
Albany State University - Two Year Degrees	$ 1,425.00	$ 1,665.00	$ 5,395.00	$ 6,405.00	$ 6,525.00
Per Credit Hour	$ 95.00	$ 111.00	$ 359.67	$ 427.00	$ 435.00
Clayton State University	$ 2,540.00	$ 2,610.00	$ 9,241.00	$ 9,705.00	$ 9,885.00
Per Credit Hour	$ 169.33	$ 174.00	$ 616.07	$ 647.00	$ 659.00
Columbus State University	$ 2,732.00	$ 2,805.00	$ 9,641.00	$ 10,125.00	$ 10,320.00
Per Credit Hour	$ 182.13	$ 187.00	$ 642.73	$ 675.00	$ 688.00
Fort Valley State University	$ 2,540.00	$ 2,610.00	$ 9,241.00	$ 9,705.00	$ 9,885.00
Per Credit Hour	$ 169.33	$ 174.00	$ 616.07	$ 647.00	$ 659.00
Georgia Southwestern State University	$ 2,540.00	$ 2,610.00	$ 9,241.00	$ 9,705.00	$ 9,885.00
Per Credit Hour	$ 169.33	$ 174.00	$ 616.07	$ 647.00	$ 659.00
Middle Georgia State University	$ 2,250.00	$ 2,610.00	$ 8,250.00	$ 9,705.00	$ 9,885.00
Per Credit Hour	$ 150.00	$ 174.00	$ 550.00	$ 647.00	$ 659.00
Savannah State University	$ 2,540.00	$ 2,610.00	$ 9,241.00	$ 9,705.00	$ 9,885.00
Per Credit Hour	$ 169.33	$ 174.00	$ 616.07	$ 647.00	$ 659.00
University of North Georgia - Four Year Degrees	$ 2,798.00	$ 2,865.00	$ 9,877.00	$ 10,365.00	$ 10,575.00
Per Credit Hour	$ 186.53	$ 191.00	$ 658.47	$ 691.00	$ 705.00
University of North Georgia - Two-Year Degrees	$ 1,602.00	$ 1,785.00	$ 5,918.00	$ 6,780.00	$ 6,900.00
Per Credit Hour	$ 106.80	$ 119.00	$ 394.53	$ 452.00	$ 460.00

Tuition Rates for USG schools 2024-25 School Year

How can the Citizenship Verification Hold be removed?

Students may be verified through one of the following options below:

- **Verification through the Federal Aid Financial Aid Form (FAFSA).** If you are either a U.S. Citizen, Permanent Resident or eligible non-citizen (does not apply to international students on a visa) that has completed and submitted a FAFSA, the U.S. Department of Education will verify your lawful presence. If you are not able to be confirmed as lawfully present the Office of Financial Aid will follow-up with you for additional documentation.
- **Submission of one of the following documents:**
  - U.S. Certificate of Naturalization *
  - U.S. Certificate of Citizenship *
  - U.S. Certificate of Birth Abroad*
  - Current U.S. Passport *
  - Current GA Driver's License issued by the State of Georgia after January 1, 2008*
  - Current GA ID Card issued by the State of Georgia after January 1, 2008*
  - Permanent Resident Card*
  - Certified U.S. Birth certificate (must be submitted in person)
  - Military ID (must be verified in person)

- **Verification through SEVIS (Student and Exchange Information System)**

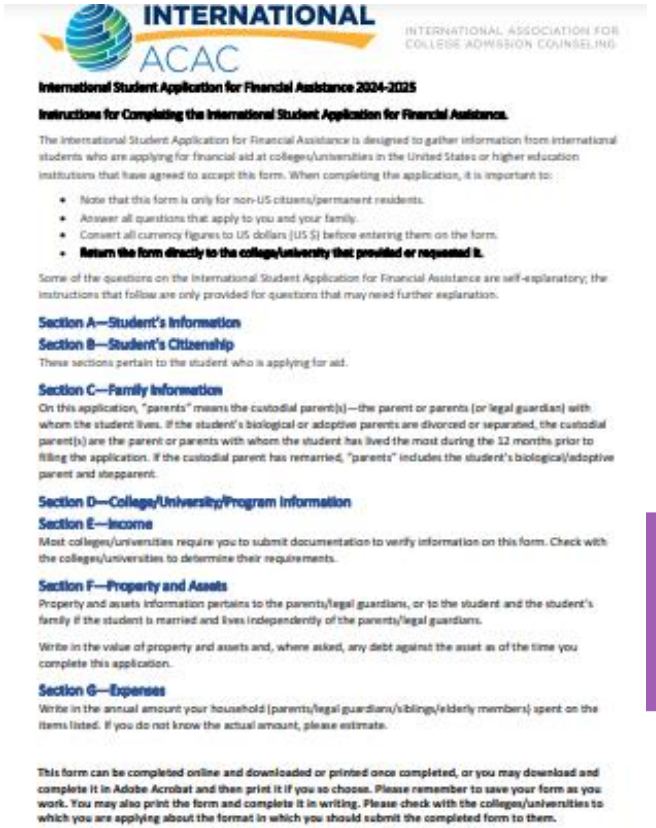
If you have or are applying for an F, or J visa we will verify your lawful presence through SEVIS. As this is already part of the immigration process there are no additional steps required to have your Citizenship Verification Hold removed. Simply comply with the requirements outlined by our Office of International Student and Scholar Services as you prepare to arrive to GSU.

Verification of Lawful Presence

Example from Georgia State Admissions Website

Institutional Aid

- In order to apply for institutional aid at a college or university, students may need to complete one of the following forms. Requirements will depend on each institution.
  - ISFAA
    - International Student Financial Aid Application
  - CSS Profile (from CollegeBoard)
  - FAFSA (if eligible)



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International Student Application for Financial Assistance 2024-2025

Instructions for Completing the International Student Application for Financial Assistance.

The International Student Application for Financial Assistance is designed to gather information from international students who are applying for financial aid at colleges/universities in the United States or higher education institutions that have agreed to accept this form. When completing the application, it is important to:

- Note that this form is only for non-US citizens/permanent residents.
- Answer all questions that apply to you and your family.
- Convert all currency figures to US dollars (US $) before entering them on the form.
- **Return the form directly to the college/university that provided or requested it.**

Some of the questions on the International Student Application for Financial Assistance are self-explanatory; the instructions that follow are only provided for questions that may need further explanation.

Section A—Student's Information

Section B—Student's Citizenship

These sections pertain to the student who is applying for aid.

Section C—Family Information

On this application, "parents" means the custodial parent(s)—the parent or parents (or legal guardian) with whom the student lives. If the student's biological or adoptive parents are divorced or separated, the custodial parent(s) are the parent or parents with whom the student has lived the most during the 12 months prior to filling the application. If the custodial parent has remarried, "parents" includes the student's biological/adoptive parent and stepparent.

Section D—College/University/Program Information

Section E—Income

Most colleges/universities require you to submit documentation to verify information on this form. Check with the colleges/universities to determine their requirements.

Section F—Property and Assets

Property and assets information pertains to the parents/legal guardians, or to the student and the student's family if the student is married and lives independently of the parents/legal guardians.

Write in the value of property and assets and, where asked, any debt against the asset as of the time you complete this application.

Section G—Expenses

Write in the annual amount your household (parents/legal guardians/siblings/elderly members) spent on the items listed. If you do not know the actual amount, please estimate.

This form can be completed online and downloaded or printed once completed, or you may download and complete it in Adobe Acrobat and then print it if you so choose. Please remember to save your form as you work. You may also print the form and complete it in writing. Please check with the colleges/universities to which you are applying about the format in which you should submit the completed form to them.

CollegeBoard CSS Profile

One application.
Hundreds of institutions.

Each year CSS Profile unlocks over 10 billion dollars in institutional, nonfederal financial aid.

What is CSS Profile?

CSS Profile is the leading nonfederal aid common application used by hundreds of institutions and scholarship programs.

Benefits for Students

- With a single application, students and families reduce the number of times they provide the same information for financial aid to each institution.
- Families can provide a more complete picture of their financial circumstances than the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) may provide.
- Over 40% of all students qualify to submit the CSS Profile for free. Information regarding fee waivers is available on our website.

About Your Data

The CSS Profile is only shared with institutions you select in the application process. Students may identify additional institutions after completing the application. Some institutions may require noncustodial parents to complete the CSS Profile - this information is completed separately and transmitted confidentially to the selected institutions.

Application Steps

Visit cssprofile.org.

Check participating institutions via the link on the home page.

Learn more about how to apply, including what documents you may need, through our tutorials.

Log in or create an account by clicking Sign In on the site.

Submit your application. Confirm deadlines with your institutions and submit by the correct date.

Examples of Institutional Aid

Office of Student Financial Aid
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

COSTS TYPES OF AID APPLY FOR AID RESOURCES ABOUT OSFA

Academic/Merit-Based Scholarships

HOME > TYPES OF AID > UNDERGRADUATE AID > SCHOLARSHIPS > ACADEMIC/MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

Academic/Merit-Based Scholarships

Last year, UGA awarded more than $35.2 million in grants, scholarships, and awards from University funds to undergraduate students. Most academic (merit-based) scholarships for first-year students are awarded during admissions. Scholarship awards are usually finalized by early April for all admitted first-year students.

Scholarships available through individual academic departments are typically awarded to upperclassmen, but prospective students should consult the websites of their intended department for more information. Some scholarships for first-year students require an additional application. Please consult the following list for more details and this supplemental list of scholarships.

International and F-1 visa applicants can qualify for many of these merit-based scholarships.

All scholarships are renewable for eight semesters of full-time enrollment or the completion of a Bachelor's degree, whichever comes first. To renew the scholarship each year, students must maintain specific academic requirements detailed in the scholarship award letter (requirements vary for different scholarships).

Georgia State University

Tuition & Financial Aid (8)

– Are international students eligible for financial aid or scholarships?

Georgia State may offer the Campus Atlanta Scholarship (100% out-of-state tuition waiver and 50% out-of-state tuition waiver) on a merit basis to qualified incoming international students. International students with F or J visas are not eligible for federal financial aid (FAFSA). However, limited scholarship opportunities are available to accepted international students.

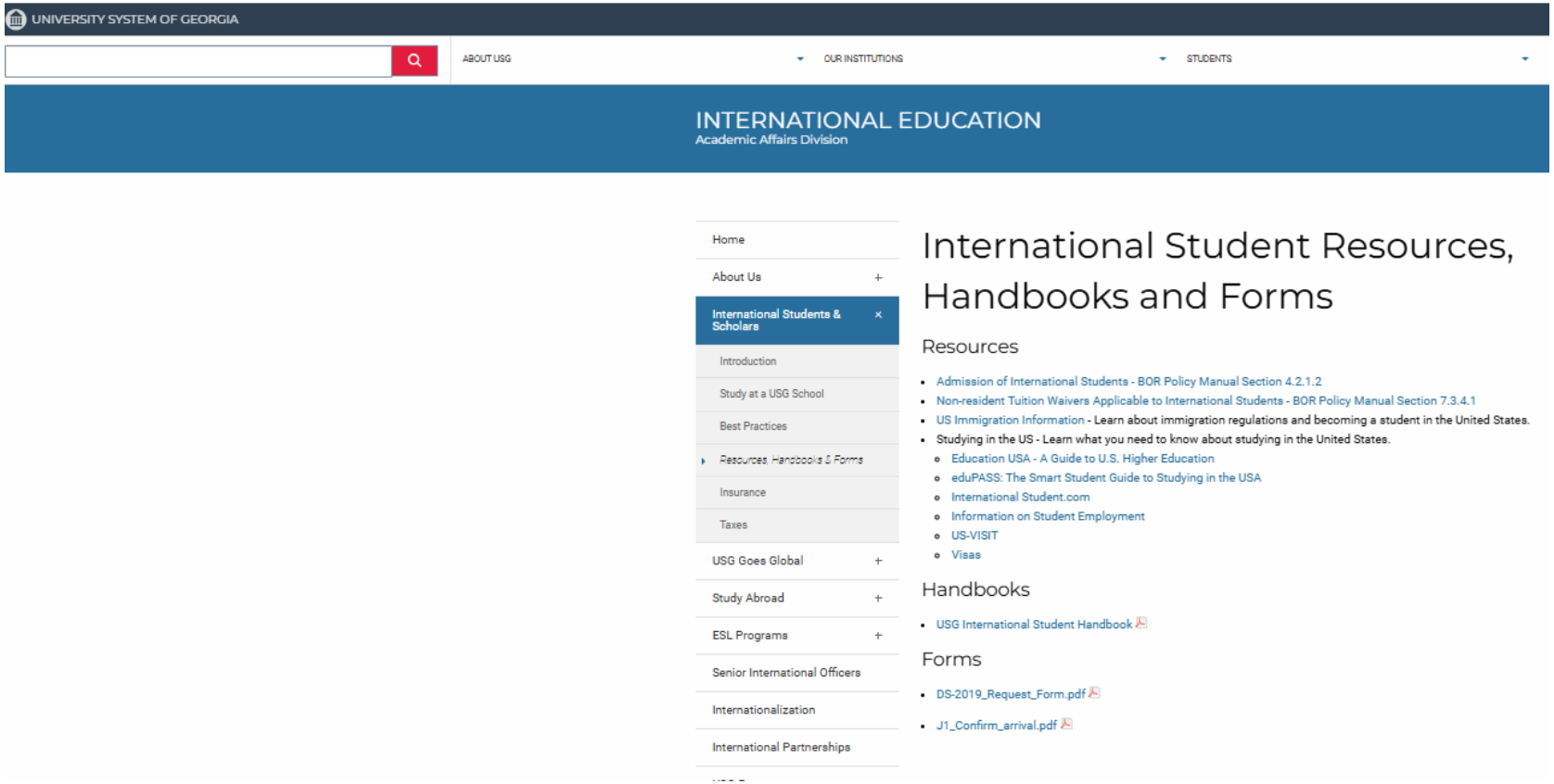
UNG
UNIVERSITY of NORTH GEORGIA

Scholarships

Scholarships for DACA recipients and undocumented students in Georgia are limited. Public universities are limited on the funding they can provide undocumented students.

- UNG Goizueta Scholarship
  - DACA and undocumented students are eligible.
- Hispanic Scholarship Fund
  - DACA and TPS recipients are eligible for the HSF Scholarship. Undocumented students are not eligible.
- MALDEF Scholarship Resource Guide

Refer to the USG website for detailed information and support for international students.



USG Resources for International Students

https://www.usg.edu/international_education

Scholarship Search Sites

- Naviance (access through student ClassLink)
- Scholarships.com
- Collegeboard.org
- Fastweb.com
- Edupass.org

Helpful Tips for Finding Scholarships

(from edupass.org)

STEP #1: Know the Different Types of Scholarships for International Students

Need-based: Exclusively for students from socioeconomically disadvantaged (low-income) backgrounds. Each scholarship program defines need differently, so read the eligibility criteria carefully. You may need to provide supporting documents to qualify.

Academic merit: For students who demonstrate outstanding academic performance or potential. Eligibility is often restricted to students with certain GPA or other evidence of academic distinction.

Membership in an underrepresented or specific group: for students who meet specific demographic criteria. For example, students from a particular country or region or individuals with particular immigration status.

School-based eligibility: For students enrolled or accepted at a particular school.

Major/degree based eligibility: For students accepted or enrolled in a specified major or degree program (ex: nursing, business, engineering)

Step #2
Identify Scholarships for which You Qualify

Step #3
Narrow down the list, focusing on best matches

Step #4
Complete application and turn in by the deadline

Organizations/Resources to Support International Students

- Institute of International Education: nonprofit organization offers searchable scholarship database.
- EducationUSA: sponsored by US Government; provides resources for international students to study in U.S.
- NAFSA: Association of International Educators: nonprofit organization that supports international educators. Includes searchable database of scholarships.
- Mpower Financing: provides student financing without a co-signer; utilizes credit data from US and international sources.

eMajor & eCore Programs

**Application and acceptance to a participating institution is a prerequisite to participation in one of these programs.

emajor
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- eMajor is provided in partnership with some University System of Georgia schools and offers fully online, accredited degree programs.
- Provides a fully online degree program with career-field preparation in mind. The following degree programs are offered:
  - Bachelor of Business Administration
  - Entrepreneurship certificate
  - BS in Criminal Justice
  - Data Science
  - Financial Technology
  - BS in Organizational leadership
  - RS to BSN

ecore
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- eCore is a cooperative agreement between 21 USG institutions. Students earn credits that can be transferred to any USG institution.
- 30+ courses are available and are taught by USG instructors

Cost Comparison

Program/University	$ per credit hour	Tuition Category
eCore	$159	In-state/Out-of-State
eMajor	$199	In-state/Out-of-State
Perimeter College	$359	Out-of-state
Georgia State	$980	Out-of-state
Kennesaw State	$667	Out-of-state

Resources for students without legal residency

- Technical schools
- Dual Enrollment
- Scholarships
- Resources/Organizations

Two Year Technical Schools

Technical schools do not require proof of lawful presence--students without legal residency may apply and enroll.

Students who are not US citizens will pay out-of-state tuition for technical school.

Advantages of technical schools: lower costs of tuition, flexible schedules, convenient location, and credits can be transferred to 4 year institutions.

List of 30+ courses that automatically transfer from a Georgia Technical School to the University System of Georgia.

LIST OF TWO YEAR TECH SCHOOLS IN GEORGIA (Do not require proof of lawful presence)

Albany Technical College
1704 South Slappey Blvd.
Albany, GA 31701-2648
www.albanytech.edu

Altamaha Technical College
1777 West Cherry Street
Jesup, GA 31545
www.altamahatech.edu

Chattahoochee Technical College
980 S. Cobb Drive
Marietta, GA 30060
www.chattahoocheetech.edu

Columbus Technical College
928 Manchester Expressway
Columbus, GA 31904-6572
www.columbustech.edu

Georgia Northwestern Technical
One Maurice Culberson Drive
Rome, GA 30161-6757
www.gntc.edu

Georgia Piedmont Technical
495 North Indian Creek Drive
Clarkston, GA 30021
www.gptc.edu

Gwinnett Technical College
5150 Sugarloaf Parkway
Lawrenceville, GA 30043-5702
www.gwinnetttech.edu

Lanier Technical College
2990 Landrum Education Drive
Oakwood, GA 30566
www.laniertech.edu

Middle Georgia Technical College
80 Cohen Walker Drive
Warner Robins, GA 31088
www.middlegatech.edu

Moultrie Technical College
800 Veterans Parkway North
Moultrie, GA 31788
www.moultrietech.edu

North Georgia Technical College
1500 Hwy 197 N.
Clarkesville, GA 30523
www.northgatech.edu

Oconee Fall Line Technical College
1189 Deepstep Road
Sandersville, GA 31082
www.oftc.edu

Ogeechee Technical College
1 Joe Kennedy Blvd.
Statesboro, GA 30458-8049
www.ogeecheetech.edu

Okefenokee Technical College
1701 Carswell Avenue
Waycross, GA 31503
www.okefenokeetech.edu

Savannah Technical College
5717 White Bluff Road
Savannah, GA 31405-5591
www.savannahtech.edu

South Georgia Technical College
900 South Georgia Tech Parkway
Americus, GA 31709-8104
www.southgatech.edu

Athens Technical College
800 U.S. Hwy. 29 N
Athens, GA 30601-1500
www.athenstech.edu

Atlanta Technical College
1560 Metropolitan Pkwy. SW
Atlanta, GA 30310
www.atlantatech.edu

Augusta Technical College
3200 Augusta Tech Drive
Augusta, GA 30906
www.augustatech.edu

Central Georgia Technical College
3300 Macon Tech Drive
Macon, GA 31206
www.centralgatech.edu

Southeastern Technical College
3001 East 1st Street
Vidalia, GA 30474
www.southeasterntech.edu

Southern Crescent Technical College
501 Varsity Road
Griffin, GA 30223
www.sctech.edu

Southwest Georgia Technical College
15689 U.S. Hwy. 19 N
Thomasville, GA 31792
www.southwestgatech.edu

West Georgia Technical College
176 Murphy Campus Blvd.
Waco, GA 30182
www.westgatech.edu

Wiregrass Georgia Technical College
4089 Val Tech Road
Valdosta, GA 31602
www.wiregrass.edu

Tip:

Research colleges and universities ahead of time to learn about entrance requirements, financial aid and possible scholarships!

Dual Enrollment

The State of Georgia has approved for Georgia students to enroll and receive up to 30 credits at a participating postsecondary institution. The state covers standard tuition, mandatory fees, and required books.

Dual Enrollment allows students to receive college credit at no cost to them during high school.

Dual Enrollment credit will automatically transfer to any Georgia institution.

Students without a SS# can create a GaFutures account to be used for dual enrollment.

GAfutures
Explore. Plan. Succeed.

GSFC | Georgia Student Finance Commission

Scholarships & Resources for students without legal residency

- Freedom University: nonprofit organization that helps undocumented students with college application process and scholarships
- Affordable Colleges Online: searchable college guide
- TheDream.US offers scholarships for students without legal residency
    - Oglethorpe University is a private Georgia university that partners with TheDream.US
- Golden Door Scholars: scholarship fund for undocumented students
- United We Dream: immigrant advocacy group
- My Undocumented Life: resources and information for undocumented students

Scholarships & Resources for Hispanic students without legal residency

From University of North Georgia
Financial Aid Latino Resources

- **Hispanic Association of Scholarships and Universities**: A curated list of scholarships and grants open to Hispanic students in a range of degree programs.
- **Hispanic Heritage**: This nonprofit offers a database of scholarship information, available in both English and Spanish.
- **Association of Latino Professionals for America**: ALPFA provides a number of resources for Hispanic students, including scholarships.
- **LULAC National Educational Service Centers**: Created by the League of United Latin American Citizens, this foundation provides multiple scholarship programs for Latino students at all educational levels.
- **Adelante Fund:** Part of the U.S. Education Leadership Fund, this foundation offers a variety of different scholarships to Hispanic students.
- **Hispanic Scholarship Fund**: The Hispanic Scholarship Fund offers a diverse range of scholarship programs.
- **Maldef** The MALDEF Scholarship Resource Guide is a free, informative resource guide for students, parents, and educators with an extensive list of scholarships, including many that do not inquire about immigration status.

Scholarships & Resources for Asian students without legal residency

- **Prism Foundation** for students in community college, university or trade school who have shown a history of engagement with the API community.
- Foundation 649 for students who are seeking a degree and have shown an interest in AAPI community and causes.
- Asian Pacific Fund: scholarships for students from a variety of Asian cultural backgrounds
- Korean American Scholarship Foundation: available for students from a Korean heritage

Questions on privacy and confidentiality

- Does my school counselor know my residency status?
  - No, school counselors do not have access to students' citizenship or residency status.
- If I choose to share my status, will my school counselor share my residency status?
  - No, FERPA (Federal Educational and Privacy Act) requires counselors and school personnel to keep student's information, including citizenship status, private unless there is a "need to know" or court order issued.
- Do I need to notify my high school or potential college of my citizenship or residency situation?
  - While it is not necessary to inform your high school counselor of your status, it may be helpful to share so that they can provide assistance if needed.
  - It is advised that you be prepared to tell colleges or universities of your status since they will ask for your social security number or documentation in the application process in order to determine your tuition rate.
  - Private schools may or may not require residency information. And most public schools already have international and/or undocumented students enrolled and will be prepared to answer any questions.

How can my school counselor help?

- Your school counselor is ready to help you with both your college application and financial aid application process. They are not able to advise you on your specific legal status or financial situation but can point you to appropriate resources and information that may help you in your decision-making process.

- Please feel free to reach out to your Chattahoochee High School counselor and make an appointment to discuss your college planning needs.

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Post-Presentation Survey

Please take a few moments to complete this brief (5 question) post-presentation survey from the Chattahoochee counseling department.

Thank you