DE/ACE Eligibility Update

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Beginning with the Summer 2026 term (FY 2027), students must meet both U.S. Citizenship and Georgia Residency eligibility requirements to receive DE Funding or ACE Grant. February 6, 2026 these updates were added to the FY 2026 Regulations for Dual Enrollment (DE) and ACE Grant.

GAfutures Dual Enrollment and ACE Grant pages have been updated, and the 2026-2027 DE Funding application includes new questions for the student to answer and to assist the Postsecondary Institution (PSI) in determining if the student meets the eligibility requirements.

US Citizenship requirement

- Be a U.S. Citizen or Eligible Non-Citizen
    - An Eligible Non-Citizen is a person who, in accordance with Federal Title IV Program regulations:
        - Is a U.S. permanent resident with a Permanent Resident Alien Card (I-551); or
        - A conditional permanent resident (I-551C); or
        - Holds an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from the Department of Homeland Security showing any of the following designations: “refugee,” “asylum granted,” “parolee” (I-94 confirms paroled for a minimum of one year and status has not expired), or
        - “Cuban-Haitian entrant.” or
        - Victims of human trafficking, in accordance with the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act, may also be considered Eligible Non-Citizens.

Georgia Residency requirement

Students must be a GA Resident according to the following requirements:

- Board of Regents’ Georgia Residency requirements if attending a USG institution
- State Board of TCSG’s Georgia Residency requirements if attending a technical college
- Georgia Residency Requirement as listed in the *Georgia Residency Requirements at Private Institutions Regulations,* if attending an eligible private institution

Determining eligibility is the responsibility of the Postsecondary Institutions where the student has applied for Dual Enrollment funding or ACE Grant.

Dual Enrollment Funding Application

- Students must have a GAfutures account with a valid SSN to submit a 2026-2027 DE Funding Application.
- The Application includes questions for US Citizenship and GA Residency.
- Responses to the US Citizenship and GA Residency questions are displayed on the GAfutures> PSF>Dual Enrollment> DE Single View (DE Application)
- The PSI can accept the student reported answers for citizenship and residency in most cases.
    - The PSI must obtain documentation if there is conflicting information for either citizenship or GA residency status.
    - The PSI must obtain documentation for students listed as eligible non-citizens.