

Class of 2027

SENIOR PRESENTATION

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Senior Advisement 2026

College/Career Research on SchooLinks

- Research colleges/careers
- Schedule on-campus college visits
- Complete post-secondary survey

Apply to schools using CommonApp

- Apply to college
- Request letters of recommendation

Paying for College

- GAFutures
- Hope/Zell Miller Scholarships
- FAFSA

College/Career Research

What are your plans after graduation?

Bachelor's Degree

Undergraduate degree that generally takes 4 years to complete. Programs are generally around 120 credit hours. USG (University System of GA) consists of 26 institutions.

Associate's Degree

Two-year undergraduate degree (approx. 60 hours) program that provides students with basic academic knowledge and the skills needed in order to be employed or continue the study of their field. GA has 22 technical colleges and 25 articulation agreements.

Diploma Program

1-2 year program

Diploma programs consist of program-related courses as well as general core courses such as English, Math, and Science.

Technical Certificate

(less than 1 year)

The certificate courses are strictly program-related and can later be applied towards earning a diploma or degree.

Military

Enlist in a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces right after high school or join after college by enrolling in a ROTC program.

Workforce

Enter the workforce in your chosen field.

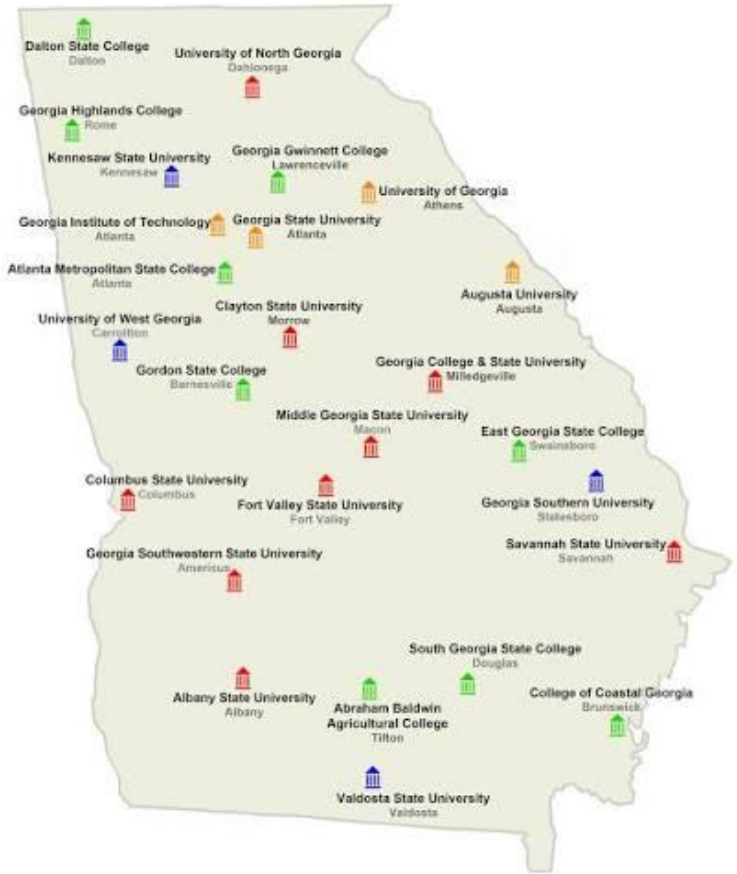
USG & TCSG

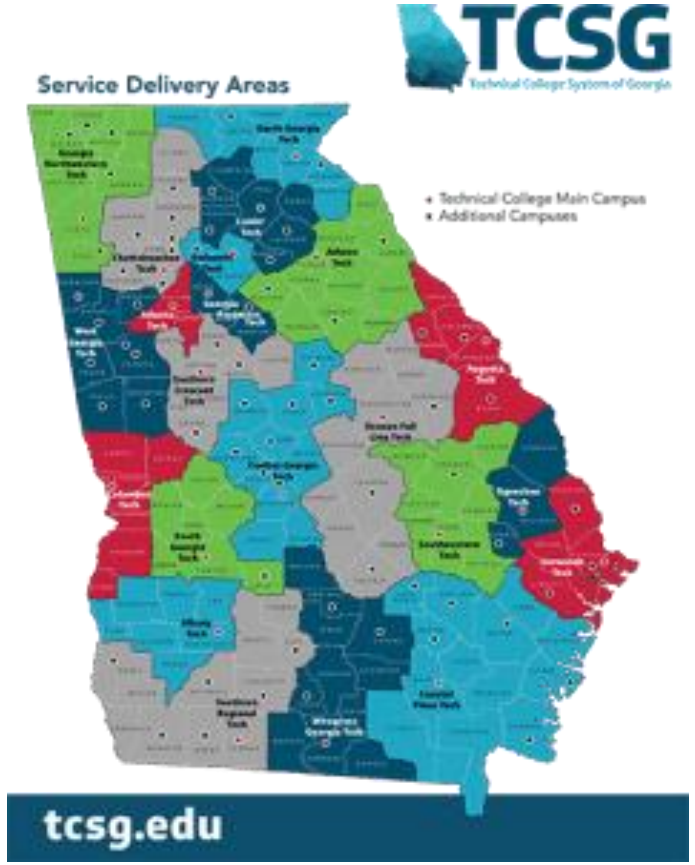
RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES

COMPREHENSIVE UNIVERSITIES

STATE UNIVERSITIES

STATE COLLEGES





Program comparisons

	4-year University	2-year college	Technical School
Program Length	4 years	2 years	1-2 years
Cost per year	$4,600-11,000	$2,400-4,600	$2,400
Job Placement rate	60%	70%	99%
Examples	Georgia State Kennesaw Univ Univ of Georgia Univ of North Georgia Univ of West Georgia Georgia Tech Georgia Gwinnett College	Perimeter College (Alpharetta, Dunwoody campuses) Georgia Highlands	Chattahoochee Tech Gwinnett Tech

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TO-DO List:

- Complete Post-secondary survey (ALL SENIORS)
- Submit Senior Information Profile (if you need a counselor letter of recommendation)

College Research

- Research career fields and areas of interest
- Events: Schedule college visits here at Roswell HS

Apply to College

How to apply

Bachelor's Degree

Apply through CommonApp, or directly through school website. Deadlines vary.

Associate's Degree

Apply directly on college website, beginning the semester before you plan to attend.

Diploma Program

Apply directly on college website, beginning the semester before you plan to attend.

Technical Certificate

Apply directly on college website, beginning the semester before you plan to attend.

Military

Connect with military recruiter for branch of your choice.

Workforce

Apply for jobs in your chosen field.

Complete College Application

* = IF REQUIRED

APPLICATION

APPLICATION FEE / FEE WAIVER *

COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATION *

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS FILE

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT

SCHOOL REPORT *

OFFICIAL TEST SCORES

TEACHER RECOMMENDATION*

TO DO in CommonApp

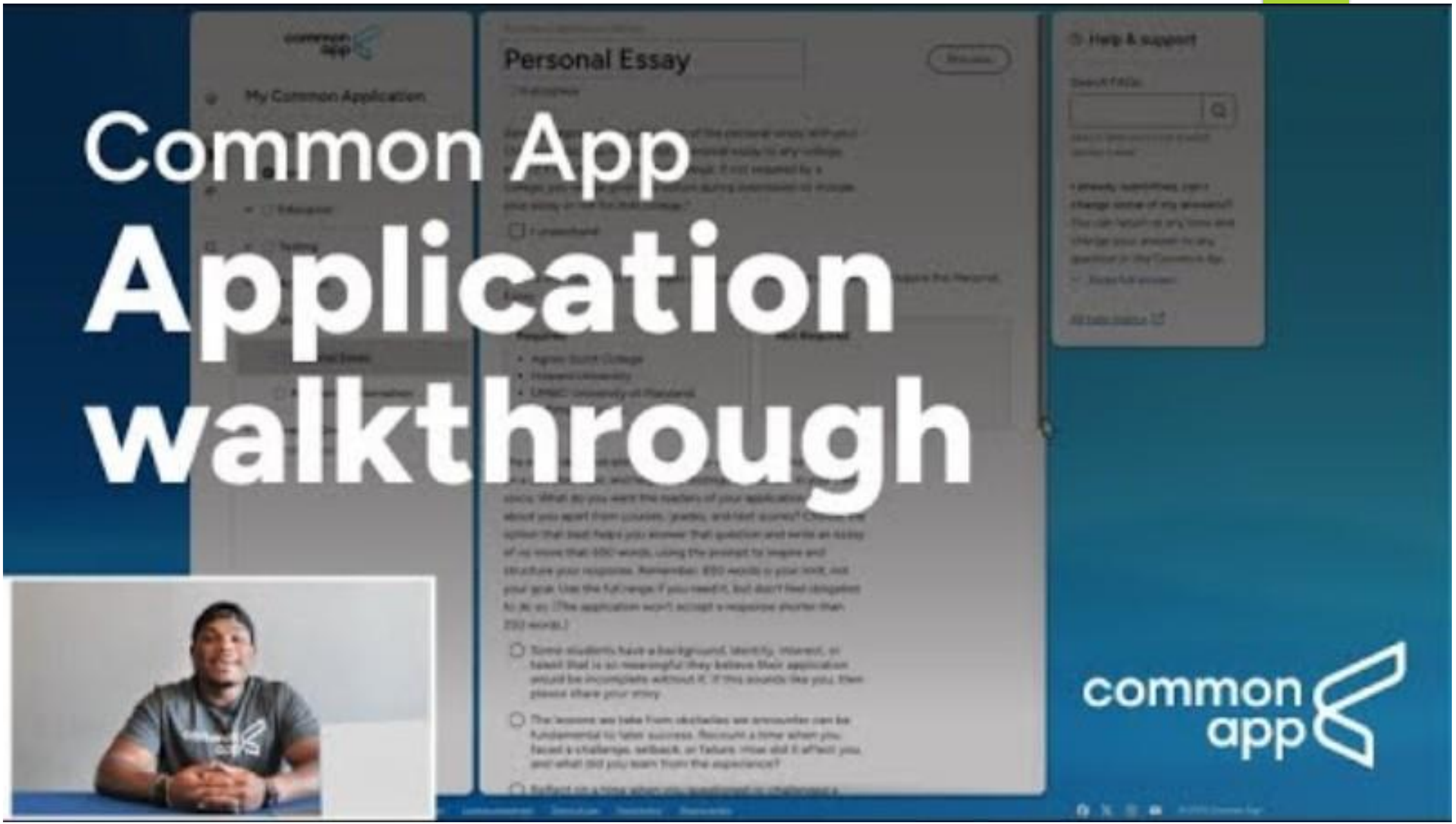
Use RHS Senior Info sheet for information needed for your application

- 2027 Graduating Class Size: 460
- We do NOT rank, and we provide Weighted NGA

Review First Year Toolkit: http://commonapp.org/ready

Student TO DO	Counselors will complete:
Create student profile	School Profile
Invite counselor	Transcript Upload
Add colleges	Mid-year report (if required)
Request teacher recommendations	End of year report (if required)
Review and submit applications	Letter of recommendation (if required)

Common App Application walkthrough



Counselor school report & recommendations

- To add a counselor: choose one college; select "recommenders"; then invite counselor. Please double check spelling of your counselor's email.
- Counselors will add a **school report** for all students who add them to CommonApp
- Add your counselor in CommonApp **at least 3 weeks before the application deadline** (excluding weekends and holidays)
- Counselors will only be writing letters of recommendation **only if it is required by the college**.
- No public colleges in Georgia require a counselor recommendation letter.
- If using another application portal, please enter your counselor's email carefully and verify it was received.
- **Counselor letters are sent directly to colleges and are never given to students.**

Teacher recommendations

Teacher Recommendation Letters

- FIRST, check whether a recommendation letter is required.
- Most colleges prefer recommendations from an **academic subject teacher**.
- Ask a teacher early and politely.
- Teachers may limit the number of letters they write and may ask you to choose another teacher.
- Recommendations are typically submitted through the CommonApp.
- Add recommenders for each college in the Recommenders section of CommonApp.
- Colleges will indicate whether recommendations are **required, optional or not accepted**.
- If a college does not accept recommendations, you cannot send them.
- Teachers may ask for a copy of the student's senior profile.
- **Counselors do not manage this process.**

Requesting Transcripts

Official Initial Transcript Request

- **CommonApp schools**
  - Counselors will upload your transcript to CommonApp
- **Non CommonApp Schools**
  - GA school—request transcript on GAFutures
  - Out of state--request the transcript through Scrib Order
    - Roswell website, scroll to bottom to "transcript/records"

- **Common Application Mid Year Report**
- If your college requires a mid year report, counselors will automatically send as soon as we have first semester grades. These are usually completed in mid-January.

GEORGIA MATCH

- GEORGIA MATCH is the most comprehensive direct admission program in the country.
- It identifies up to 45 Georgia public colleges and universities that are an academic match based on a high school senior's calculated HOPE GPA through 11th grade.
- GSFC/GAfutures will mail GEORGIA MATCH letters in October to the current seniors – Class of 2026!
- The colleges and universities are **holding a spot** for matched students. The students just need to claim their spot.
- All Georgia high school graduates are automatically matched with admission to all the technical schools in Georgia.

Paying for College

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- Federal Aid:
  - Pell Grants
- State Aid:
  - Hope Scholarship (3.0 GPA minimum)
  - Zell Miller Scholarship (3.7 GPA minimum)
- Institutional scholarships
- Organization Scholarships
  - Search on SchooLinks
  - https://www.gafutures.org/scholarship-search





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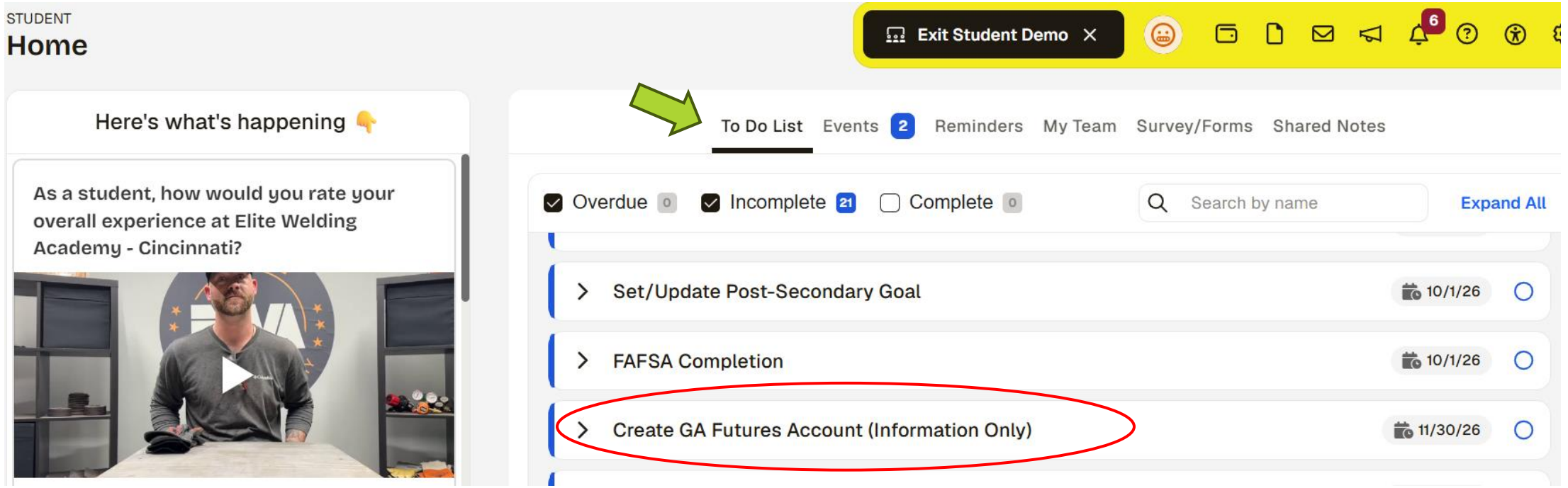
Create GAFutures Account



https://www.gafutures.org/

How to check your HOPE GPA

1. Go to www.gafutures.org
2. Create an account (or log into your existing account)
    1. Be sure to include your Social Security number in your profile
3. Go to My Gafutures tab
4. Select My HOPE GPA
    - HOPE and Zell Miller GPA includes grades from 9th- 12th grade
    - Middle School grades do not count in HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarship
    - HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarship use your unweighted grades (7 points removed)
5. Apply for HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarship by completing the FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov

Fulton County Cumulative Numeric Average	HOPE GPA
100-point scale	4-point scale A=4.0, B=3.0, C=2.0, F=0.0
All final grades are included (middle school, academic/core, electives, etc.)	Academic/Core courses (English, Math, Science, Social Studies & World Language) taken in high school, & Academic electives (Ex: Debate, Yearbook, Newspaper, Sociology, & Math Support), and some Career Tech classes (Ex: Essentials of Healthcare, AP Comp Sci A, AP Comp Sci Principles)
Weighted (7 points added to final passing grade for each Honors, AP, & DE course)	Unweighted (7 honors points are removed before converted to the 4.0 scale, but additional 0.5 quality points added to AP & DE courses, up to a 4.0)
Calculated by Fulton County Posted on high school transcript	Calculated by Georgia Student Finance Commission at the end of high school Available on www.gafutures.org - must have at least four credits that are considered "rigor" as defined by GSFC.

**** Colleges do not necessarily remove Honors points from grades before calculating a student's GPA for admission! Each college has their own policy for how they calculate GPAs for admission.**

HOPE & Zell Miller scholarship



- REMEMBER: Final HOPE GPA is calculated at the END of senior year…don't let your grades slide during second semester!
- Transcripts are uploaded to Ga Futures in mid-September.
- If you do not see yours, please check your SSN in your profile.
- Please note that only Georgia Student Finance Commission can calculate HOPE or ZELL GPA.
- Available to Georgia residents who have demonstrated academic achievement. Must meet US citizenship or eligible non-citizen requirements.
- An application must be submitted prior to graduation. Either the FAFSA or the GSFAPP will enter a student into consideration.

FAFSA--Free application for federal student aid

- FAFSA will open on October 1st this year. This is a FREE form. This is the application students complete to be considered for federal financial aid. Filling out the FAFSA is the only way to apply for federal financial aid.
- Help completing FAFSA

Gathering Needed Documents

You might need the following information or documents as you fill out the FAFSA form:

- Your parents' SSNs if they have SSNs and you're a dependent student
- Tax returns
- Records of child support received
- Current balances of cash, savings, and checking accounts
- Net worth of investments, businesses, and farms

Keep these records! You may need them again. **Do not mail these supporting records to us unless otherwise instructed to do so.**

Fee Waivers & Free Application Months

- Request a need-based application fee waiver in CommonApp and your counselor will review and approve it.
- Free application months are hosted by GAFutures, typically in November and March. This is available to ALL STUDENTS, regardless of financial need.
- Individual colleges also provide fee waivers—check their website for details.

Need help??

College Application Help Sessions

Student Services Counseling Hub

Every T/Th

All three lunch periods

Starting September 8th

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QUESTIONS?

