

## **Georgia HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarship Questions and Answers (Q & A)**

The following Q & A are being provided as a guide for eligibility requirements for the Georgia HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarships available to high school students. All Georgia high schools must send student transcripts with complete course history to the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) for calculation of the HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarship GPA.

### **Q. What are the GPA requirements for Hope/Zell Miller Scholarships?**

**A.** Graduates must have a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale for HOPE Scholarship eligibility; 3.7 GPA for Zell Miller Scholarship eligibility.

### **Q. What is the numerical grade conversion to a 4.0/letter grade?**

**A.** The following is used to convert numerical grades to a 4.0 scale:

- A = 4.0 (90-100 for most schools, however, your specific school's scale is used to convert the grades)
- B = 3.0 (80-89 for most schools, however, your specific school's scale is used to convert the grades)
- C = 2.0 (70-79 for most schools, however, your specific school's scale is used to convert the grades)
- D = 1.0 (60-69 for most schools, however, your specific school's scale is used to convert the grades)
- F = 0 (for most schools this is a failing grade of 59 or below)

### **Q. What courses are included in the HOPE/Zell Miller GPA Calculation?**

**A.** The grades for ALL attempted (passed and failed) academic courses are converted to a 4.0 scale for the calculation of the HOPE/Zell Miller GPA.

The following academic courses are included in the HOPE/Zell Miller GPA calculation:

- English courses with numbers beginning with 23
- Mathematics courses with numbers beginning with 27
- Science courses beginning with 26 or 40 plus all other courses included in the fourth science course requirement which was effective with FY2011-2012 graduates.
- Social studies courses beginning with 45
- Foreign language courses beginning with 60 – 64
- Other specific courses and course numbers as outlined by the GSFC

### **Q. Do high school courses taken in middle school count toward HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarship GPA?**

**A.** Courses taken in middle school are not used for calculating the HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarship GPA.

### **Q. Does the weighted GPA count toward Hope/Zell Miller scholarships?**

**A.** Weight added to any grade by the high school for honors, gifted, Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), or dual enrollment courses is removed by GSFC. The weighting of grades is uniform when calculating the HOPE/Zell Miller GPA. GSFC adds a weight of 0.5 quality points to the student's grade (up to a maximum of 4.0 quality points) for AP and IB courses completed June 15, 2006 or later and dual enrollment coursework taken at an eligible postsecondary institution on or after July 1, 2013. No other courses will be weighted by the GSFC unless authorized by the Georgia General Assembly.

### **Q. Is the HOPE/Zell Miller GPA rounded up?**

**A.** The final HOPE/Zell Miller GPA is *not* rounded up.