

SHORTER COLLEGE—PROFESSIONAL STUDIES
2008-2009 GEORGIA HOPE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____ SS#: _____ DATE _____

Cohort _____ Address: _____ City _____, GA _____

Georgia resident definition: A student attending an eligible Georgia private college or university who is seeking a HOPE Scholarship as a sophomore (2nd tier) or junior (3rd tier) or senior (4th tier) meets the residency requirements for purposes of HOPE eligibility if he or she met the requirements to be classified as a legal resident of Georgia for TEG at the time he or she first enrolled in a Georgia postsecondary institution or he or she graduated from high school in Georgia in 1996 or later.

Date GA residency: _____ Date started GA post secondary school: _____

Do you receive tuition assistance/reimbursement from your employer? YES or NO

If yes, amount paid by employer and plan (example: \$4,000.00 annually, 80% tuition cost, etc.)

\$ _____

attach employers payment plan if amount is not a fixed amount.

Please read carefully before filling out application:

- 1) *In determining the HOPE cumulative GPA, the following can affect your attempted hours: repeat grades, F's, I's, W's, and remedial or developmental coursework. W's are not included in the GPA, only in the hours attempted.*
- 2) *There is a 127 semester credit hour limit on eligibility for the HOPE Scholarship. If you have attempted over 126 semester credit hours from all previous and present postsecondary institutions, you are NOT eligible for the HOPE Scholarship. If you have already earned a Bachelor's degree in ANY discipline, you cannot receive the HOPE Scholarship.*
- 3) *The 90th credit hour checkpoint is the critical checkpoint for semester students. If you do not have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or greater at the 90th attempted hour, you will never be eligible for the HOPE Scholarship.*
- 4) *You MUST be or have been classified as a legal resident of Georgia (One Year) prior to applying for the HOPE Scholarship. If you have been a GA resident less than 365 days, you are NOT eligible for the HOPE scholarship.*

Please follow the instructions below in order for Student Services to determine your HOPE eligibility.

Answer questions carefully. All questions must be answered. An incomplete form will not be processed.

(Circle Yes or No)

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| 1) Are you pursuing an undergraduate degree? | YES | NO |
| 2) Is this your first undergraduate (Bachelors) degree? | YES | NO |
| 3) Were you classified as a legal resident of GA
your first term at Shorter? (see definition above) | YES | NO |

If you answered "NO" to any of the above questions, you cannot be considered for the HOPE scholarship.

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| 4) Do you have a student loan currently in default? | YES | NO |
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If you answered "YES" to the above question, you cannot be considered for the HOPE scholarship.

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| 5) Have you attempted at least 30 or 60 semester credit hours
from all previous and present postsecondary institutions attended? | YES | NO |
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I have answered the above questions truthfully and to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____

Date _____

****Please return completed form to Financial Aid, Box #3, Shorter College, 315 Shorter Ave., Rome, GA 30165 or fax to 706-378-2972.**

Please allow a minimum of 30 days for your HOPE application to be processed. You will be notified in writing of the results or by student email. You may check current and previous HOPE payment information online at www.gsfc.org

Explanation of HOPE Regulations

(Program regulations 2005-2006 from the Georgia Student Finance Commission)

1) POSTSECONDARY CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE:

a) The postsecondary cumulative grade point average used to determine HOPE:

Eligibility for a renewal student, a student entering HOPE at the 30, 60, or 90 semester hours checkpoint, or a transfer student must be calculated by the institution the student is attending, and must be based on all college credit hours attempted after high school graduation.

b) The 90th credit hour checkpoint is the critical checkpoint for semester students. If you do not have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or greater at the 90th credit hour, you will never be eligible for the HOPE Scholarship. Effective 2005, students will also undergo an additional "End of Spring" checkpoint. Any student whose cumulative GPA has dropped below 3.0 is immediately ineligible for HOPE and must re-apply at the 60th or 90th attempted hour with at least a 3.0 in order to regain the HOPE Scholarship.

c) All other college credit hours attempted (hours attempted while seeking a degree) at all postsecondary institutions the student attended and their corresponding grades must be included in the HOPE cumulative grade point average, regardless of what hours are accepted or not accepted by the institution the student is currently attending or if the course was repeated, or if the course was "forgiven" by the institution.

d) Credit hours attempted as part of a diploma or certificate program of study are not considered to be college credit hours and therefore should not be counted, unless those hours are accepted toward a degree.

e) Learning support or remedial courses are included in the 127 semester hours limit and all corresponding grades must be included in the HOPE cumulative grade point average.

2) CITIZENSHIP

A student must be a U.S. citizen or a Permanent Resident Alien who meets the definition of an eligible non-citizen under federal Title IV requirements.

3) EMPLOYER REIMBURSEMENT

HOPE scholarship payments are reduced by the amount awarded to the student for tuition and fees by their employer.

4) INFORMATION AND PAYMENT REQUEST

Visit <http://www.gsfc.org> for more information on the HOPE scholarship. Users can also view payment request submitted on this link. It takes approximately 4 weeks for payment to be received and processed to your student account once requested.

5) PECUNIARY LIABILITY

Students may be held pecuniarily liable for overpayments received due to a fraudulent application. Read this form carefully before submission. Ensure that all transcripts have been received by Shorter College.