



YOUR GUIDE TO COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS!



1. Register for SAT

- a. Eat free or reduced lunch? See counselor for a fee waiver
- b. Go to www.sat.org/register
- c. During registration choose your 4 top schools to send your SAT scores (FREE)
- d. Once registration is complete, you will have 4 college application waivers in your SAT account. These waivers are only available to students who used a fee waiver during registration.
- e. Print your 4 college application waivers and use them to pay for the application fee associated with your college application. Some schools require you to scan and upload your waiver; some require you to mail/fax your waiver to admissions and fee waiver code will be sent to your email to complete the college application; and some require you to complete a paper application along with fee waiver and mail to admissions department.

2. Register for ACT

- a. Eat free or reduced lunch? See counselor for a fee waiver
- b. Go to www.actstudent.org
- c. During registration choose your 4 top schools to send your ACT scores (FREE)
- d. Once registration is complete, see your counselor for college application fee waivers. These waivers are only available to students who used a fee waiver during registration. ACT does not limit the number of college application fee waivers. The school you are applying will decide if they will honor you ACT college application waiver.
- e. Complete college application waivers and use them to pay for the application fee associated with your college application. Some schools require you to scan and upload your waiver; some require you to mail/fax your waiver to admissions and a fee waiver code will be sent to your email to complete the college application; and some require you to complete a paper application along with fee waiver and mail to admissions department.

3. Apply to Georgia Colleges/Universities/Technical Colleges & Submit Electronic Transcript

- a. Go to www.gafutures.org
- b. Create account or sign-in. If you can't remember username or password, you can click forgot username and password or create new account. The new account will merge with your old account.
- c. Once in account, go to [College/Career Planning](#) [Scroll down to College Applications \(Submit Undergraduate Application\)](#)
- d. After you have submitted your application, submit your transcript electronically to that institution by scrolling down to high school transcripts. Complete the questions, click submit. If you are unable to submit the transcript, see a counselor. We will probably need a copy of your social security number before you can submit your transcript electronically.
- e. Aside from submitting college applications through [gafutures.org](http://www.gafutures.org), you can submit one application to several schools by completing a Common Application at www.commonapp.org or a Coalition Application at www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org

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- f. Most colleges, universities and technical colleges will waive the college application fee for students who have used an ACT and/or SAT fee waiver. Please check with institution by calling or visiting website.
- 4. Create FSA ID - *All students and parent(s) MUST create FSA ID. This MUST be done to complete the FAFSA. Must complete FAFSA to enter any college!**
- a. Go to [→fsaid.ed.gov](https://fsaid.ed.gov)
 - b. Create FSA ID. The FSA ID will be your username and password.
 - c. Have your parent to create their FSA ID (username and password) as well.
 - d. Once you and your parent have created a FSA ID, you can begin the FAFSA process. Go to [→fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov) to begin the FAFSA. Select 2019-2020 Application.
- 5. How to pay for college?**
- a. 3.0 GPA – HOPE Scholarship awarded if you attend a Georgia College/University/Technical College
 - b. 3.7 or higher GPA + 26 or 1200 on SAT – Zel Miller Scholarship awarded if you attend a Georgia College/University/Technical College
 - c. Less than 3.0 GPA – You are still eligible for the HOPE/Zel Miller Grant for any technical program. Go to [→ www.tcsg.edu](http://www.tcsg.edu) to check out the programs that you may be interested in. Most of these programs are 2 years or less.
 - d. View all the programs offered through Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) that HOPE/Zel Miller GRANT will cover. No GPA requirement is needed to initially receive the HOPE/Zel Miller Grant. Later, you must have a 2.0 GPA to keep receiving HOPE/Zel Miller Grant.
 - e. See how much ANY Georgia College/University/Technical College will award for HOPE/Zel Miller Scholarships and/or Grants. Go to [→HOPE/Zel Miller Scholarships/Grants \(Award Amounts\)](#) in your gafutures account.
 - f. More money needed? Go here [→ Counselors Corner on the GOC website.](#)
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