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GAcollege411 Homepage

- Five tabs across top of screen navigate website
- Create an account to gain full access to site
- Select role at bottom of screen to gain applicable information
- “Shortcuts” on the right side point you to the right direction
- “What’s New” keeps hot topics visible

The screenshot displays the GAcollege411 homepage. At the top left is the logo "GAcollege411" with the tagline "Expand Your Opportunities". To the right is a search bar with a "Go" button and a link for "español cuando disponible". Below the search bar are links for "Sign In", "Create an Account", "Link to Us", and "Need Help?". A red circle highlights the "Create an Account" link. Below these are five navigation tabs: "HOME" (with a house icon), "CAREER PLANNING", "HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING", "COLLEGE PLANNING", "FINANCIAL AID PLANNING", and "YOUR PORTFOLIO". The main content area features a large image of a smiling young woman in front of a chalkboard. To her right is a dark blue box with white text that reads "Check Out Our FREE Test Prep for ACT and SAT" and "Available in the COLLEGE PLANNING tab". Below this is a "Who are you?" section with five role-based buttons: "MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT", "HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT", "COLLEGE STUDENT", "ADULTS", and "MILITARY", each with a "Go Now!" button and a representative image. On the right side, there are two vertical sections: "SHORTCUTS" with links to "HOPE Scholarship Information", "Your HOPE GPA", "Underclassmen Status Report", "Georgia Scholarship/Grant Application (GSFAPPS)", "Loan Service Center", and "ACCEL Program"; and "WHAT'S NEW" with links to "Find a PROBE Fair Near You", "Final HOPE GPA Status Report", "HOPE Program Changes", "7 Easy Steps to the FAFSA", "GSFC Expands Deferment and Forbearance Options for Teachers", and "More News and Announcements".

Career Planning

- **Learn About Yourself**
 - Assessments to help students with guidance
- **Explore Careers**
 - Tools for students to research possible careers
- **Get a Job**
 - Tools that can be used in a job search
- **Voices**
 - Blogs about career planning from peers







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Learn About Yourself

- **Assessments**
 - Six different assessments to obtain information for decisions about possible careers
 - Note: These assessments will be displayed differently based upon whether your students are in middle school or high school.

Learn About Yourself

You can learn about yourself in many different ways. Explore how you are matches with careers by using one or all of the career assessments listed below.

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| <p>INTEREST PROFILER</p> <p>Figure out what interests you have and match them to careers.</p> <p>Duration:  10-20 minutes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">▶ Interest Profiler</p> | <p>CAREER CLUSTER SURVEY</p> <p>Find out which career cluster is right for you with this quick survey.</p> <p>Duration:  15-25 minutes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">▶ Career Cluster Survey</p> |
| <p>BASIC SKILLS SURVEY</p> <p>Find out what careers require your basic skills.</p> <p>Duration:  10-15 minutes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">▶ Basic Skills Survey</p> | <p>TRANSFERABLE SKILLS CHECKLIST</p> <p>See how the skills you've learned can lead to new opportunities.</p> <p>Duration:  30 minutes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">▶ Transferable Skills Checklist</p> |
| <p>WORK VALUES SORTER</p> <p>Find your work values and match them to career options.</p> <p>Duration:  5-15 minutes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">▶ Work Values Sorter</p> | <p>THE CAREER KEY</p> <p>Discover your career interest areas in a few quick steps.</p> <p>Duration:  10-15 minutes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">▶ The Career Key</p> |

Career Planning

CAREER EXPLORATION TOOLS

[Career Finder](#) — Search for careers using interesting topics like salaries, skills, and interests to name just a few.

[Compare Careers](#) — Pick two careers that interest you and compare them side by side.

[Career Plan Builder](#) — Mix and match your career and life options to create your future.

BROWSE CAREERS



[Peach State Pathways](#)

Choose from a list of Georgia's 62 career and education pathways.



[Georgia's HOT Careers](#)

Find the fastest-growing and best-paying jobs in the state.

CAREER CLUSTERS/PROGRAM CONCENTRATIONS

- Agriculture
- Arts & Humanities
- Architecture, Construction, Communications & Transportation
- Business & Computer Science
- Culinary Arts
- Education
- Engineering & Technology
- Family & Consumer Sciences
- Government & Public Safety
- Healthcare Science
- Marketing, Sales & Services



[Video List](#)



[Military Careers](#)

IMPACT
MAKE A DIFFERENCE
THROUGH PARTICIPATION

Career Planning – Explore Careers

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Search: **Go**
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CAREER PLANNING | HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING | COLLEGE PLANNING | FINANCIAL AID PLANNING | YOUR PORTFOLIO

Learn About Yourself | Explore Careers | Get a Job | Voices | Georgia Work Ready

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Career Clusters > Education

- Introduction
- Careers
- Programs
- Add to Portfolio**

CAREERS

- ✓ = In Your Portfolio
- = Full Profile with Insider Info
- ◐ = Insider Info Only

Sort alphabetically | Sort by Education Level

- Adult Education Teacher
- Aerobics Instructor
- Agricultural Educator
- Career and Technical Education Teacher
- Child Care Aide/Worker
- Child Care Center Administrator
- Child Life Specialist
- Child Psychologist
- Coach
- College Academic Advisor
- College Admissions Counselor

Pathways in this Cluster

Each pathway has more specific careers, programs and course plans:

- Early Childhood Education
- Teaching as a Profession

Related Programs

Check out post-secondary programs in this cluster:

- Adult and Continuing Education Administration
- Adult and Continuing Education and Teaching
- Agricultural and Extension

College Planning

- **Prepare for College**
 - Learn requirements of different types of schools
- **Test Prep**
 - Practice admissions tests
- **Explore Postsecondary Schools**
 - Research schools from all across the nation

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Test Prep

- **COMPASS/Asset**
 - Used by 2-year and technical colleges
- **SAT**
 - Used by some 2-year and 4-year colleges
- **ACT**
 - Used by some 2-year and 4-year colleges
- **GRE**
 - Used by Graduate school
- **Vocabulary Builder**

TECHNICAL OR TWO-YEAR COLLEGE TEST PREP

COMPASS/ESL and ASSET

The COMPASS/ESL and ASSET tests are assessment tests used primarily by technical and 2-year colleges to place students in postsecondary courses and/or programs of study.

► [FAQ and Tutorials](#)

FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY TEST PREP

SAT Prep

Most 4-year and research institutions require prospective students to take either the ACT or SAT for admission.

► [FAQ and Tutorials](#)

► [Governor's Cup Challenge](#)

[Start SAT Test Prep](#)

ACT Prep

Most 4-year and research institutions require prospective students to take either the ACT or SAT for admission.

► [FAQ](#)

[Start ACT Test Prep](#)

POSTGRADUATE TEST PREP

GRE Prep

The Graduate Record Exam (GRE) is a possible requirement for admission to a graduate degree program.

► [FAQ](#)

[Start GRE Test Prep](#)

VOCABULARY TEST PREP

Expanding and improving your word power is great for all kinds of tests.

[Start Vocabulary Builder](#)

Financial Aid Planning

- **Georgia's HOPE Program**
 - Keep up to date with all of the HOPE regulations
- **Find Scholarships**
 - Apply for scholarships
- **Financial Aid Applications**
 - Find needed applications to apply for state and federal financial aid

The screenshot shows the GAcollege411 website's Financial Aid Planning section. The navigation bar includes links for CAREER PLANNING, HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING, COLLEGE PLANNING, FINANCIAL AID PLANNING (highlighted), and YOUR PORTFOLIO. Below the navigation bar, the main content area is titled "Financial Aid Planning" and features several informational boxes:

- GEORGIA'S HOPE PROGRAM:** Describes the HOPE program as a unique scholarship and grant program for eligible Georgia postsecondary institutions. It lists links for HOPE Scholarship, HOPE Grant, HOPE GED Grant, and Other Georgia Specific Financial Aid Programs.
- FINANCIAL AID 101:** Includes an image of a student thinking and text asking if the user wants to go to college but doesn't think they can afford it. It offers a link to "Financial Aid 101".
- FINANCIAL AID CALCULATORS:** Text: "Determine your cost of college, college savings, loans and scholarship amounts." Includes an image of a calculator and a link to "Financial Aid Calculators".
- FINND SCHOLARSHIPS:** Text: "Here's a quick and painless way of locating scholarships and other financial aid you might be eligible for." Includes a link to "Find Scholarships".
- BUILD YOUR FINANCIAL AID PLAN:** Text: "Get a grip on your financial future by building a plan that's just right for you." Includes a link to "Build Your Financial Aid Plan" and an image of a hand writing on a tablet.
- FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS:** Text: "Access many of the applications you will need for Scholarships, Grants, and Loans as well as the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)." Includes a link to "Start Applying" and an image of hands typing on a keyboard.

On the right side of the page, there is a "SIGN IN" section with fields for Account name and Password, a "Sign In" button, and links for "New to this site? Create an Account" and "Forgot your account name or password?". Below that is a "QUICKLINKS" section with links to Scholarship Finder, Financial Aid Planning Timeline, Financial Aid 101 Articles, Financial Aid Wizard, Your HOPE GPA, and Scholarship and Grant Status Information. At the bottom right is a "GUIDEWAYS" section with a "Begin Guideways" link and the text "Not sure where to start? We can help!".

Financial Aid 101

- Provides answers to FAQ's that will help make the financial aid process less confusing

Financial Aid 101

1. THE BASICS

So you've decided to go to college. Great choice! A college education can open many doors in your professional and personal life.

College is an investment in your future, and many options exist for financing that investment. The first step is to understand these options and make the best decisions based on your family's situation.

These questions introduce you to the basics of financial aid. If this process is new to you, read through all the questions and answers from top to bottom.

- [What is financial aid?](#)
- [How do I apply for financial aid?](#)
- [How do I compare financial aid packages from different colleges?](#)
- [How do I get the most financial aid?](#)
- [How is eligibility for need-based aid determined?](#)
- [How much does college cost?](#)
- [What are the categories of financial aid?](#)
- [What are the specific types of financial aid?](#)
- [What is a financial aid package?](#)
- [What should I do if my family situation changes?](#)

2. DETERMINE YOUR ELIGIBILITY

If you understand the types of financial aid and how the process works, you can figure out what types of aid you may be eligible to receive.

- [Will I be eligible for merit-based financial aid?](#)
- [Will I be eligible for need-based financial aid?](#)
- [What if I need more aid?](#)

3. APPLY! APPLY! APPLY!

You won't get any aid without taking the next step: you must APPLY!

You are not obligated to accept any financial aid until you receive the funds, so there is no harm in applying. Be sure to review the eligibility requirements, though. If you're sure you don't meet them, don't waste valuable time applying. However, if you think you might be eligible, APPLY! You can also seek help from a college's financial aid office to get more information on eligibility.

- [FAFSA is the Key!](#)
- [Helpful Hints for Applying Scholarships and Grants](#)
- [Georgia's HOPE Program](#)
- [Scholarship Scams](#)
- [Student Loan Programs](#)
- [Service Cancelable Loans](#)
- [Other Loans and Credit Cards](#)

Find Scholarships

- **Search for Scholarships**
 - A keyword search from a national databank of scholarships
- **Scholarship Finder**
 - Search for scholarship based on characteristics

Find Scholarships

SEARCH FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Search for:

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J | K | L | N |
| N | O | P | Q | R | S | T | U | V | W | X | Y | Z |
| All | | | | | | | | | | | | |

SCHOLARSHIP FINDER

Find scholarships that match your skills and accomplishments.

[▶ Scholarship Finder](#)

GEORGIA SCHOLARSHIPS

- ▶ [HOPE Scholarship](#)
- ▶ [Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship](#)
- ▶ [Charles McDaniel Teacher Scholarship](#)
- ▶ [Georgia's HERO Scholarship Program](#)

GRANTS

- ▶ [Georgia's HOPE Grant Program](#)
- ▶ [Georgia Tuition Equalization Grant Program](#)
- ▶ [Accel Program](#)
- ▶ [Law Enforcement Personnel Dependents Grant](#)
- ▶ [Public Safety Memorial Grant](#)
- ▶ [North Georgia College & State University ROTC Grant](#)
- ▶ [Georgia HOPE GED Grant](#)
- ▶ [Georgia's LEAP \(Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership\) Grant](#)

Scholarship Finder

YOUR SCHOLARSHIP PROFILE

To add data, click Add/Change for a category. You will then be asked to select factors for that category that apply to you.

Your selections will update Your Scholarship Profile. Add as many categories as you can. The more data you provide, the better your list of suggested scholarships will be.

These categories of personal information are requested because scholarships use these categories as criteria for their award. If a value you are looking for is not listed, it is because no scholarships include it as a criterion.

Click See Matching Scholarships when Your Profile is complete.

Your Profile is saved so you can return again to see your list or update your Profile.

| CATEGORY | YOUR SAVED VALUES | ADD/CHANGE |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Citizenship: | No values saved | Add/Change |
| Country: | United States | Add/Change |
| State: | Georgia | Add/Change |
| County: | No values saved | Add/Change |
| City: | No values saved | Add/Change |
| High School: | No values saved | Add/Change |
| National Merit Status: | No values saved | Add/Change |
| Enrollment Level: | No values saved | Add/Change |
| College/University: | No values saved | Add/Change |
| Major: | No values saved | Add/Change |
| Greek Organization: | No values saved | Add/Change |
| Sports: | No values saved | Add/Change |
| Ethnicity: | No values saved | Add/Change |
| Race: | No values saved | Add/Change |
| Religion: | No values saved | Add/Change |
| Disability: | No values saved | Add/Change |
| Profession: | No values saved | Add/Change |
| Professional Organization: | No values saved | Add/Change |
| Professional Circumstances: | No values saved | Add/Change |
| Union Affiliation: | No values saved | Add/Change |
| Corporate Affiliation: | No values saved | Add/Change |
| Military Affiliation: | No values saved | Add/Change |
| Club Affiliation: | No values saved | Add/Change |
| Marital Status: | No values saved | Add/Change |
| Art: | No values saved | Add/Change |
| Interests: | No values saved | Add/Change |
| Misc. Criteria: | No values saved | Add/Change |

Georgia's HOPE Scholarship Program

- **Largest Non-Need Based Program in the Nation**
- **Students must meet:**
 - Academic Requirement of a 3.0 GPA in academic core classes*
 - Citizenship
 - Residency
 - Enroll in a HOPE eligible school in Georgia

*Note: For Seniors who are on Technical Diploma, the GPA is a 3.2 for in academic core classes

Zell Miller Scholarship Program

- **New Scholarship Program for 2011**
- **Must meet HOPE Scholarship requirements, plus:**
 - Minimum 3.7 GPA in academic core classes, and
 - 1,200 combined critical reading and math on SAT, or
 - 26 composite ACT
 - Graduate from an eligible high school as the valedictorian or salutatorian

*Test requirements must be met in single test administration.

2011 HOPE Scholarship Award

- **At a Georgia public college, university or technical college:**
 - Award will cover portion of standard tuition
- **At a Georgia private college:**
 - Award will be \$3,600 per academic year for full-time study

*Award amount will vary by year depending on receipts from lottery commission and expenditures of HOPE dollars



2011 Zell Miller Scholarship Award

- **At a Georgia public college, university or technical college:**
 - Award will cover full standard tuition
- **At a Georgia private college:**
 - Award will be \$4,000 per academic year for full-time study



Maintaining the HOPE/Zell Scholarship

- A student must maintain a 3.0 grade point average in college to maintain the HOPE Scholarship.
- A student must maintain a 3.3 grade point average in college to maintain the Zell Miller Scholar program.
- If a student loses eligibility for either the HOPE or Zell Miller Scholar program for any reason, they may regain that eligibility one time. They remain eligible for the HOPE Scholarship provided the student's GPA is still a 3.0 or above.
- If a student did not or does not graduate from high school Academically Eligible for Zell Miller, then the student can never earn Zell Miller.

Maintaining the HOPE/Zell Scholarship

- **HOPE Eligibility Checkpoints**
 - At the end of every Spring Semester
 - 30 Attempted Semester Hours
 - 60 Attempted Semester Hours
 - 90 Attempted Semester Hours

 - Students have a maximum of 127 attempted semester hours (190 quarter hours) to be awarded HOPE Scholarship funds.
 - Students graduating 2011 and beyond have a maximum of 7 years to utilize the HOPE Scholarship before their eligibility expires
 - Exceptions for military service

HOPE Grant Program

- **For students enrolling in a certificate or a diploma program**
- **Need a 3.0 GPA at 30 attempted semester hours to continue receiving grant**
- **Covers portion of tuition**
- **Covers up to 63 semester hours or 95 quarter hours**



View HOPE GPA on GAcollege411

- Select “Your HOPE GPA” under “Shortcuts”
- Log in to your GAcollege411 Account
- Enter Last Name, Date of Birth, and Social Security Number
- Finally, select high school from list

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Questions?

Thank you!