

Georgia Residency Requirements

Citizenship and Georgia Residency.

A student, Dependent or Independent, must meet the citizenship requirements of *Section 504* of these regulations, in addition to the requirements of *Section 505* of these regulations, in order to meet the eligibility requirements for State Programs.

Additional information regarding the process and procedures for determining a student's residency status is provided in *Section 509. Appendix – Determining Residency*.

Dependent Students.

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A Dependent Student meets the Georgia Residency requirements, for purposes of the State Programs, if his or her Parent has established and maintained Domicile in the State of Georgia for at least 12 consecutive months immediately prior to the first day of classes of the school term (semester or quarter) for which the student is seeking assistance from one or more State Programs, **and**:

1. Such student graduated from an Eligible High School located in the State of Georgia; **or**
2. Such Parent claimed the student as a dependent on the Parent's most recent federal income tax return.

A Dependent Student meets the Georgia Residency requirements, for purposes of State Programs, if his or her United States court-appointed Legal Guardian has established and maintained Domicile in the State of Georgia for at least 12 consecutive months immediately prior to the first day of classes of the school term (semester or quarter) for which the student is seeking assistance from a State Program, provided that appointment was not made to avoid Out-of-State Tuition Classification at a USG or TCSG institution and/or to gain eligibility for a State Programs.

A Dependent Child of Military Personnel stationed in Georgia on active duty, shall be treated as a Georgia Resident for purposes of HOPE Scholarship and HOPE Grant eligibility.

Beginning with Fall semester 2011, a Dependent Child of Military Personnel stationed in Georgia on active duty or listing Georgia as his or her home of record, shall be treated as a Georgia Resident for purposes of HOPE Scholarship, Zell Miller Scholarship, HOPE Grant, HOPE GED Grant, Accel Program, TEG eligibility.

Independent Students

An Independent Student meets the Georgia Residency requirements, for purposes of the State Programs, if he or she has established and maintained Domicile in the State of Georgia for at least 12 consecutive months immediately prior to the first day of classes of the school term (semester or quarter) for which the student is seeking assistance from one or more State Programs.

Beginning with the Fall semester 2011, Military Personnel stationed in Georgia on active duty or listing Georgia as his or her home of record, and his or her Spouse shall be treated as a Georgia resident for purposes of HOPE Scholarship, Zell Miller Scholarship, HOPE Grant, HOPE GED Grant, Accel Program, TEG eligibility.

No Independent Student shall have gained or acquired Georgia Residency, for purposes of State Programs, while attending any postsecondary institution located in the State of Georgia without clear evidence of having established Domicile in the State of Georgia for purposes other than attending a postsecondary institution in Georgia.