



Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC)
HOPE Scholarship Program and Zell Miller Scholarship Program
Request for an Extension to the Seven-Year Expiration of Eligibility Date Due to Active Duty Military Service

Based on HOPE Scholarship Program and Zell Miller Scholarship Program regulations, a student who receives the HOPE Scholarship for the first time during the Summer 2011 term or later, and meets all other eligibility requirements, may receive the HOPE Scholarship or the Zell Miller Scholarship until 7 years after the date of his or her high school graduation date, home study completion date, or successful GED test date. Each student's "Expiration of Eligibility" date will be set to June 30th of the seventh academic year following the student's high school graduation date, home study completion date, or successful GED test date.

(Students that received the HOPE Scholarship prior to Summer 2011 have an Expiration of Eligibility date of June 30, 2015, regardless of high school graduation date, home study completion date, or successful GED test date.)

Students that served on Active Duty in the United States Military may be granted an Extension to his or her Expiration of Eligibility date. The period of active duty military service will be added to the seven year limit for such student.

No Extensions, other than for Active Duty Military Service, may be considered or granted.

The request for a Military Extension will be reviewed by Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) and the decision to approve or deny the request is final and cannot be appealed.

In order for an extension to be considered, the student **must** submit the *Application for an Extension to the Seven-Year Expiration of Eligibility Date Due to Active Duty Service* and documentation of active duty military service to the Commission office at any time following completion of the military service.

Requests for an Extension may be submitted to GSFC via US mail, email, or hand delivery. All required documentation must be provided at the time of submission. Requests which do not include all required documentation will not be considered by GSFC. Items are to be received by the Commission in one complete packet.

The Commission staff will notify the student of the approval or denial of the Extension by U.S. mail to the address indicated on the application.

All documentation should be forwarded to:

Georgia Student Finance Commission
Program Administration
2082 East Exchange Place
Tucker, GA 30084

For questions related to the *Application for an Extension to the Seven-Year Expiration of Eligibility Date Due to Active Duty Service*, please call Georgia Student Finance Commission at 1-800-505-4732.

