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Georgia Student Finance Commission  
Georgia Student Finance Authority  
Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation  
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Timothy A. Connell  
PRESIDENT

April 7, 2011

Re: Accel Program for FY2012

Dear Colleagues:

House Bill 326, the bill making significant changes to the HOPE Programs, was signed into law by Governor Nathan Deal on March 15, 2011. As you may know, House Bill 326 did not include changes to the Accel Program because Accel is based upon regulation and not statute. Additionally, it is anticipated that for Fiscal Year 2012 and beyond, the Accel Program will be funded through State general funds and not lottery funds.

As such, there are no anticipated changes to the general eligibility or award amounts for the Accel Program. At a public institution, the award amount will continue to include full tuition, HOPE-approved mandatory fees, and a book allowance.

At a private institution, the award amount will be \$4,000 per year.

Further details, including the exact book allowance award amounts, will be provided in the program regulations once finalized.

Should you have questions regarding the Accel Program, please contact Caylee French, Division Director, Student Aid Services at 770-724-9244 or via email at [cayleef@gsfc.org](mailto:cayleef@gsfc.org).

We hope that your students will continue to participate and find value in the Accel Program.

Sincerely,

Timothy A. Connell

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