

**HOPE Scholarship/Grant
7th Grade Advisement Activity
Estimated time: 20-30 Minutes**

Georgia's Teachers-As-Advisors Framework

Goal 7-2.2 - Recognize and attain performance levels necessary to reach educational and career goals

a. Recognize the importance of achievement and performance to the attainment of educational and career goals

Objective: Students will become familiar with the HOPE Program.

Materials: *Georgia's HOPE PROGRAM* brochure. School should order from GAcollge411 at https://www.gsfc.org/gheac/order_loan/index.cfm

Activity:

1. *Say:* Good morning. Welcome to advisement. I hope all of your classes are going well. Remember if you are having problems, let me know so I can help you. If you would prefer to talk with a counselor, I can arrange that for you also. When things get tough, the tough get going! We want to help you with whatever might be troubling you. Today we are going to revisit Georgia's HOPE Program. You can get all the financial aid information you will need under the FINANCIAL PLANNING tab including the HOPE Scholarship and Grant on GAcollge411. Show your family this web site, so when the time comes to apply for financial aid, they will be familiar with this site. We will talk about the scholarship and the grant today.
2. *Distribute the brochure, Georgia's HOPE Program. Say:* Take this home and share it with your family. You will need to know as much as you can about scholarships and other financial aid resources when the time comes to finance your postsecondary education.
3. *Say:* Open your brochure and read the section under the title **HOPE Program**. *On the board or flip chart, write scholarship, grants and General Education Development (GED).* *After students have completed reading that section, ask:* What is the HOPE Scholarship program? HOPE Grant program? HOPE GED program? We don't encourage a GED because it will narrow your employment opportunities.
4. *Say:* Now read the section under the title **HOPE Scholarship**. *After students have completed reading that section, ask:* What does the HOPE Scholarship cover at public colleges? At private colleges? What are the primary eligibility requirements? (*Primary requirements are bullet numbers 1, 2, 3, and the very last bullet for students enrolling in the 9th grade for first time during the 08-09 school year.*), Are there limits to how much money you can receive? How can you apply for the HOPE Scholarship? Where can you find these forms?
5. *Say:* Now read the section titled **HOPE Grant**. *After students have completed reading that section, ask:* What does the HOPE Grant cover? What are the eligibility requirements? Are there limits to the amount of money you can receive? How do you apply for the grant?
6. *Say:* Flip your brochure over. Read the sections titled: Application Deadlines and Georgia **HOPE** Eligible colleges, universities and public technical college information. *After students have completed reading that section, ask:* Are there application deadlines? Where can you get a list of all the postsecondary schools eligible for the HOPE program?
7. *Say:* Keep this brochure to remind yourself that if you keep your grades at a B average (a GPA [Grade Point Average] of 3.0), you will have the financial aid you'll needed to attend school after you graduate. Remember, scholarships and grants do not have to be paid back----this is free money! If you do have to borrow money, you will have to pay that money back! So study and keep your grades up!
8. *Dismiss:* We will continue to learn more about financial aid before you have to apply for it. Have a great day and remember to utilize GAcollge411 for your education and career plans. See you the next time we meet.