

Verification of Lawful Presence
GSFAPPS Applicant ONLY
HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarship Recipients

In accordance with Georgia Verification of Lawful Presence (O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1), recipients of all Georgia State Scholarship and Grant funding must be verified by the University to determine eligibility. Georgia College must verify the lawful presence of GSFAPPS applicants through the collection of at least one of the below described documents prior to disbursing funds each semester.

Recipients that complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) have this verification of lawful presence cleared through the automated federal database matches that are performed.

GSFAPPS applicants will be awarded HOPE or Zell Miller Scholarship upon receipt of their application and funds will be authorized to their semester bills; however, actual disbursement to their bill will not be made until acceptable documentation is received by Georgia College.

Since this state law requires verification for both attendance at a University System of Georgia institution and receipt of State Scholarship & Grant funding, recipients may have also received this request from our Admissions Office; therefore, our office will update their Financial Aid requirement if satisfied with Admissions (recipients will NOT need to submit to both offices).

A recipient may clear the verification through one of the following:

Recipients may opt to complete the FAFSA which is an annual application.

- The recipient must be determined to be eligible for federal student aid by the Georgia College Financial Aid Office.

Recipients may supply a **legible copy** of one of the documents to the Financial Aid Office via U.S. mail, fax (478-445-0729), or email attachment (financialaid@gcsu.edu):

- A current Driver's License issued by the State of Georgia after January 1, 2008.
- A current ID issued by the State of Georgia after January 1, 2008.
- A Certificate of Naturalization (USCIS form N-550 or N-570).
- A Certificate of Citizenship (USCIS form N-560 or N-561).
- A U.S. certificate of Birth Abroad issued by the Department of State (DS-1350) or a Consular Report of Birth Abroad (FS-240).

Applicant may supply a **certified copy** to the Financial Aid Office via U.S. mail:

- U.S. Birth Certificate showing the student was born in the U.S. or a U.S. Territory (no photocopy is acceptable).

Applicant may supply **in person** to the Financial Aid Office:

- A current military ID (service member only, not dependent)
- A current U.S. Passport.
- A current valid Permanent Resident Card