

# GEORGIA HOPE PROGRAM

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## **Zell Miller Scholarship Minimum Eligibility:**

- 3.7 HOPE GPA
- Combined SAT score of at least 1200 (critical reading score and math-no super scoring) OR ACT of at least 26
- Meet course GA Student Finance Commission rigor requirement (please see rigor requirements attachment)

## **HOPE Scholarship Minimum Eligibility:**

- 3.0 HOPE GPA
- Meet course GA Student Finance Commission rigor requirement (please see rigor requirements attachment)

### **CALCULATING A HOPE GPA**

**ONLY includes all courses taken in the 5 core academic subject areas in grades 9 – 12.**

**English**  
**Science**  
**Social Studies**  
**Mathematics**  
**Foreign Language**

## **Semester Grades are Unweighted**

The 10 honors points for Dual Enrollment, Advanced Placement and IB classes are subtracted before grades are converted to the 4.0 scale.

## **Numeric Grades are Converted to a Quality Points**

A = 4 points                      B = 3 points                      C = 2 points                      F = 0 points

- Add a .5 point to each AP, IB and Dual Enrollment grade (points cannot go higher than 4)

Example....

| Course   | Semester Grade w/Honors Points | Semester Grade w/out Honors Points | Converted to 4.0 scale points |
|--|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Lit Honors                          | 88                             | 88                                 | 3                             |
| GPS Geometry   | 80                             | 80                                 | 3                             |
| Chemistry  | 79                             | 79                                 | 2                             |
| AP World History   | 90                             | 80                                 | 3.5                           |
| French 2 Honors  | 95                             | 95                                 | 4                             |
| Weight Training  | 93                             | 93                                 | Not a core class              |
| Add converted points                                       |                                |                                    | 15.5                          |
| Calculate the Average: Divide sum by # of eligible classes |                                |                                    | 15.5 ÷ 5                      |
| HOPE GPA   |                                |                                    | 3.1                           |

## CALCULATING THE HOPE GPA

**STEP 1:** Identify core academic subject classes and eliminate non-core classes

**STEP 2:** Subtract the 10 honors points from all AP, IB and DE classes

**STEP 3:** Assign 4.0 scale quality points to each grade for eligible classes (4, 3, 2, or 0)

**STEP 4:** Add .5 Weight to quality points for all AP, IB & DE classes

**STEP 5:** Add all quality points together

**STEP 6:** Divide sum of quality points by the total # of core academic courses

*This will give you an estimated HOPE GPA. All official HOPE GPAs and eligibility are determined by the Georgia Student Finance Commission.*

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### GPA #1: Calculate the HOPE GPA for the grades below:

| Course  | Semester Grade w/Honors Points<br>(if applicable) | Semester Grade w/out Honors Points | Core Academic Courses Converted to 4.0 scale points |
|---|---|------------------------------------|---|
| 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Lit Honors  | 88  |                                    |   |
| Algebra   | 90  |                                    |   |
| Biology   | 79  |                                    |   |
| French 2 Honors   | 86  |                                    |   |
| Health  | 92  |                                    |   |
| Intro to Business & Tech  | 75  |                                    |   |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Lit  | 95  |                                    |   |
| Geometry  | 80  |                                    |   |
| Chemistry Honors  | 77  |                                    |   |
| AP World History  | 86  |                                    |   |
| French 3  | 89  |                                    |   |
| Chorus  | 88  |                                    |   |
| Add converted points  |   |                                    |   |
| Calculate the average: Divide sum by total # of course academic courses |   |                                    |   |
| HOPE GPA  |   |                                    |   |

### GPA #2: Calculate the HOPE GPA for the grades below:

| Course  | Semester Grade w/Honors Points<br>(if applicable) | Semester Grade w/out Honors Points | Core Academic Courses Converted to 4.0 scale points |
|---|---|------------------------------------|---|
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade Lit  | 89  |                                    |   |
| Algebra 2   | 80  |                                    |   |
| Physics Honors  | 88  |                                    |   |
| AP US History   | 94  |                                    |   |
| French 4 Honors   | 78  |                                    |   |
| Graphic Design  | 93  |                                    |   |
| AP Literature   | 90  |                                    |   |
| Pre-Calculus  | 92  |                                    |   |
| Forensic Science  | 95  |                                    |   |
| AP Economics  | 102   |                                    |   |
| Ceramics 1  | 84  |                                    |   |
| Journalism  | 91  |                                    |   |
| Add converted points  |   |                                    |   |
| Calculate the average: Divide sum by total # of course academic courses |   |                                    |   |
| HOPE GPA  |   |                                    |   |

## CALCULATING THE HOPE GPA: **ANSWER KEY**

**STEP 1:** Identify core academic subject classes and eliminate non-core classes

**STEP 2:** Subtract the 10 honors points from all AP, IB and DE classes

**STEP 3:** Assign 4.0 scale quality points to each grade for eligible classes (4, 3, 2, or 0)

**STEP 4:** Add .5 Weight to quality points for all AP, IB & DE classes

**STEP 5:** Add all quality points together

**STEP 6:** Divide sum of quality points by the total # of core academic courses

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### GPA #1: Calculate the HOPE GPA for the grades below:

| Course  | Semester Grade w/Honors Points<br>(if applicable) | Semester Grade w/out Honors Points | Core Academic Courses Converted to 4.0 scale points |
|---|---|------------------------------------|---|
| 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Lit Honors  | 88  | 88                                 | 3   |
| Algebra   | 90  | 90                                 | 4   |
| Biology   | 79  | 79                                 | 2   |
| French 2 Honors   | 86  | 86                                 | 3   |
| Health  | 92  | ---                                | ---   |
| Intro to Business & Tech  | 75  | ---                                | ---   |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Lit  | 95  | 95                                 | 4   |
| Geometry  | 80  | 80                                 | 3   |
| Chemistry Honors  | 77  | 77                                 | 2   |
| AP World History  | 86  | 76                                 | 2.5   |
| French 3  | 89  | 89                                 | 3   |
| Chorus  | 88  | ---                                | ---   |
| Add converted points  |   |                                    | 26.5  |
| Calculate the average: Divide sum by total # of course academic courses |   |                                    | 9   |
| HOPE GPA  |   |                                    | 2.94  |

### GPA #2: Calculate the HOPE GPA for the grades below:

| Course  | Semester Grade w/Honors Points<br>(if applicable) | Semester Grade w/out Honors Points | Core Academic Courses Converted to 4.0 scale points |
|---|---|------------------------------------|---|
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade Lit  | 94  | 94                                 | 4   |
| Algebra 2   | 90  | 90                                 | 4   |
| Physics Honors  | 88  | 88                                 | 3   |
| AP US History   | 94  | 84                                 | 3.5   |
| French 4 Honors   | 78  | 78                                 | 2   |
| Graphic Design  | 93  | ---                                | ---   |
| AP Literature   | 80  | 70                                 | 2.5   |
| Pre-Calculus  | 92  | 92                                 | 4   |
| Forensic Science  | 95  | 95                                 | 4   |
| AP Economics  | 93  | 83                                 | 3.5   |
| Ceramics 1  | 84  | ---                                | ---   |
| Journalism  | 91  | 91                                 | 4   |
| Add converted points  |   |                                    | 34.5  |
| Calculate the average: Divide sum by total # of course academic courses |   |                                    | 34.5 ÷ 10   |
| HOPE GPA  |   |                                    | 3.45  |