Application Standardization

Georgia Student Financial Aid Application System (GSFAPPS)

USG Joint Enrollment Meeting
April 13, 2005

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GSFAPPS Introduction

- **<u>Primary Means</u>** of applying for financial aid
  - Scholarships
  - Grants
  - Service Cancelable Loans

- Replaces multiple paper-based and e-HOPE/ e-TEG applications
  - 24 separate applications/renewal applications
  - Multiple deadline dates

GSFAPPS Considerations

Key Considerations

- Electronic interface

- Security

- Accuracy

- Accelerated processing

- Positive feedback

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GSFAPPS Features

Key Features

- Web-based, with option to print a paper application

- Real-time, on-line edits

- Pre-populate fields where possible

- Ability to suspend application and return

GSFAPPS Features (cont.)

Key Features (continued)

- Branches to obtain program unique data

- Built-in HELP throughout

- Ability to review application and print

- Provides a list of follow-up documents

- Email confirmations and notifications

GSFAPPS Benefits

- Simplify and standardize
  - Application Forms
  - Submittal dates

- Centralize eligibility checks at GSFC
  - GSFC to create eligibility verification process
  - Schools only certify relative to:
    - Enrollment, course load, GPA, hours, etc.

- Reduced workload on Schools

GSFAPPS Implementation

- **Careful design & testing by GSFC**

- **Conducting Working Group Sessions**

  - Deborah Barbone – No. Georgia Col & State University
  - Janis Bowles – Columbus State University
  - Jean Dobson – Emory University
  - Lenora Jackson – Spelman College
  - Susan Little – University of Georgia
  - Rich Loftus – University System of Georgia
  - Andy Parsons – Dept of Technical & Adult Education
  - Pennie Strong – Central Georgia Technical College
  - Vincent Walters – Gwinnett Technical College
  - Robin Winston – DeVry University

GSFAPPS Implementation (cont)

- Will be conducting state-wide implementation workshops

- Implement for "new" (first-time) applicants

- Current recipients "grandfathered"

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GSFAPPS Implementation (cont)

Communication & Training

- April :   USG Conference
- May: Demo to GSFC Staff
- June: GASFAA Conference
- June – Oct: On Going Activities:

    - GSFC Newsletter
    - GACollege411 Activities
    - GSFC Web Site

GSFAPPS Implementation (cont)

Communication & Training (cont)

- August: System Training for GSFC Staff
- Sept: PROBE Counselor Workshops

              PROBE Student Fairs

              GSFC Mailing to Schools

              Half-day Workshops
              (Savannah, Macon, Albany, Dalton, Atlanta)

- October: Implementation & Press-release

To Use GSFAPPS

Applicant

- Access GSFAPPS as a registered user of www.GACollege411.com

- Screen will look similar to depiction on next slide

Log In

To Use GSFAPPS (cont.)

Applicant

- www.GACollege411.com provides the link to GSFAPPS

- Follow on-line instructions

- Applicant selects Program(s) for which to apply from the screen on the next slide

Program Selection

Available GSFC Programs

Let's start by selecting Programs you wish to apply for:

To see a program description, hold cursor over the program name. To select a program, click it's name, read it's requirements and select the box at the bottom of the page that appears.

Program Name	
Accel Program	☐
Charles McDaniel Teacher Scholarship	☐
GA Military State Service Loan	☐
Georgia National Guard Service Loan Program	☐
Georgia Tuition Equalization Grant	☐
HOPE Grant Program	☐
HOPE Scholarship Program	☐
Hope Teacher Scholarship Loan	☐
Law Enforcement Personnel Dependents Grant	☐
North Georgia College and State University ROTC Grant	☐
North Georgia Military Scholarship Loans	☐
Promise Teacher Scholarship Loans	☐
Public Safety Memorial Grant	☐
Registered Nurse Service Cancelable Loan Program:	☐
Scholarship for Engineering Loans (SEE)	☐

▶ SELECT

To Use GSFAPPS (cont.)

Applicant

- Placing the cursor on a specific Program displays a description of that Program

- As an example, selecting the HOPE Scholarship Program would display a screen similar to the next slide

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▶ SELECT	

Provides academic scholarships to GA residents seeking college degrees at eligible GA postsecondary schools.

To Use GSFAPPS (cont.)

<u>Applicant</u>

- After viewing the Program description, if the Program is selected (clicked) for application, GSFAPPS will present the Program requirements

- Using the HOPE Teacher SC Loan as an example, the Program requirements will look similar to the screen on the <u>next slide</u>

Program Requirements
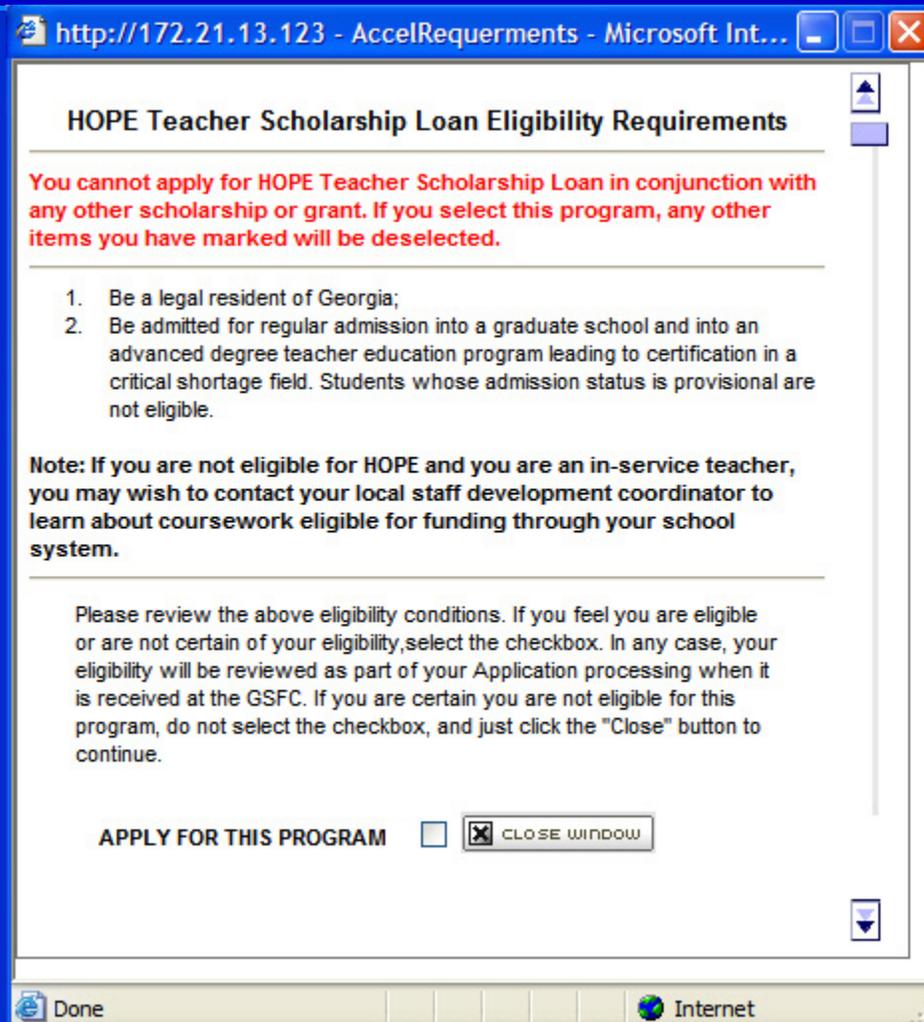
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HOPE Teacher Scholarship Loan Eligibility Requirements

You cannot apply for HOPE Teacher Scholarship Loan in conjunction with any other scholarship or grant. If you select this program, any other items you have marked will be deselected.

1. Be a legal resident of Georgia;
2. Be admitted for regular admission into a graduate school and into an advanced degree teacher education program leading to certification in a critical shortage field. Students whose admission status is provisional are not eligible.

Note: If you are not eligible for HOPE and you are an in-service teacher, you may wish to contact your local staff development coordinator to learn about coursework eligible for funding through your school system.

Please review the above eligibility conditions. If you feel you are eligible or are not certain of your eligibility, select the checkbox. In any case, your eligibility will be reviewed as part of your Application processing when it is received at the GSFC. If you are certain you are not eligible for this program, do not select the checkbox, and just click the "Close" button to continue.

APPLY FOR THIS PROGRAM ☐ ☒ CLOSE WINDOW

Done   Internet

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To Use GSFAPPS (cont.)

Applicant

- Complete remainder of Application by following on-line instructions

- Must complete every field to proceed to next screen

- <u>Next 2 slides</u> illustrate representative input screens (Note the "Help" icon for each field)

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Application Entry

Application Entry (cont.)

To Use GSFAPPS (cont.)

Applicant

- Once all questions have been answered, completed Application is presented

- Applicant has three options:
    - Edit
    - Print
    - Submit

- Illustrative screen is depicted on the next slide

Application Review

To Use GSFAPPS (cont.)

Applicant

- Upon submission, GSFAPPS will inform Applicant about receiving confirmation notice

- If Program requires supplemental document, Applicant will be instructed what to submit

- The next slide depicts what an Applicant applying for both HOPE Teacher Scholarship Loan and Public Safety Memorial Grant would see

Documentation

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Congratulations!

You have finished your online application.

You will receive an email from the GSFC confirming receipt of your application for further processing.

Below you will find a list of supplementary documents
you have to submit in order for your application to be processed.

Hope Teacher Scholarship Loan

- None Required

Public Safety Memorial Grant

- The Preliminary Documentation Form. Download Here
- A letter from the deceased parent's former employer on offical letterhead stating that your parent was killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty.
- Copy of the student's birth certificate or adoption papers.

Please mail these documents to the address displayed at the bottom of this screen.

Thank you for using GSFAPPS.

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To Use GSFAPPS

Colleges & Universities

- Exchange data files via SURFER or update student data on-line

- Certify certain data as accurate

- Certification reporting for HOPE funds via submission of an invoice

Summary

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Closing

- Questions?

- Thank you for your attention.

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