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Know Your Personal Stats!

Compare your personal stats against the average (and minimum) GPA and admission test scores for your school(s) of interest. How do you measure up?

- _____ = My Weighted GPA
- _____ = My HOPE/Core GPA
- _____ = My SAT score
- _____ = My ACT score

Take advantage of
WWW.GAFUTURES.ORG

- View your **HOPE GPA**
- **APPLY** to Georgia colleges
- Send **TRANSCRIPTS** to Georgia colleges
- **COMPLETE FAFSA** and apply for **HOPE**

My GAFutures login:

Username: _____
Make sure your username is appropriate as college reps may see it.

Password: _____

Step 1

Are you on-track to graduate?

Yes No

* If you plan to attend a USG institution, you will need the following:

- 2 credits of the same **modern language**
- Credit for Algebra II **and** another math **beyond that**

Step 2

What will you do post-graduation?

I have an idea of what I want to do after I graduate. (Go to Step 3.)

My career interest is:

I'm unsure of what I'd like to do after I graduate. (Go to page 2.)

Helpful Hint: Determine your career interests!

Step 3

What should you do to prepare for post-graduation?



College (pages 3-11)



Military (page 12)



Workforce (page 12)

Determining Your Career Interests

Reminder: If you ever have questions, make an appointment with your school counselor.

Learning about your career interests and your abilities will help provide you with direction for life after high school graduation!

Tip #1: Learn about yourself!	Tip #2: Start broad and then hone in!
<p><input type="checkbox"/> What are your interests? What subjects do you enjoy? What do you love to do?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> What type of people do you enjoy working with?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> What's your ideal work environment?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Once you identify a field of interest, you can look at specific career options within that field.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> One thing to pay attention to is where jobs are available. Do the options you're considering look like they will have job openings?</p>

Use the resources listed below to help you learn about your career interests.

Career Possibility	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Next step after graduation	<input type="checkbox"/> Technical College <input type="checkbox"/> Two-Year College <input type="checkbox"/> Four-Year College <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Workforce	<input type="checkbox"/> Technical College <input type="checkbox"/> Two-Year College <input type="checkbox"/> Four-Year College <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Workforce	<input type="checkbox"/> Technical College <input type="checkbox"/> Two-Year College <input type="checkbox"/> Four-Year College <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Workforce

Resource:
www.GAfutures.org

X Create an account on GA Futures.

***Note:** College officials will see your username so create a name that is appropriate.

Username: _____

Password: _____

X Use the "Career Exploration" section to:

🔗 "Learn about Yourself": Use to take assessments to help find potential careers.

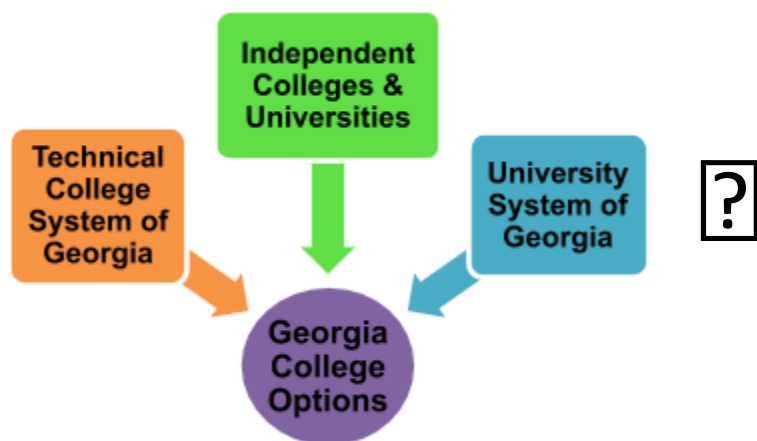
🔗 "Career Planning": Find "Hot Careers" in Georgia based on education level. Search and explore careers.

🔗 "Learn about Skilled Trades": Learn about career options that do not require a 4-year degree.

Overview of College Options – Measuring Up

Research Your Career's Occupational Outlook

What are my options for college?



University System of Georgia (USG)

- Research Universities
- Comprehensive Universities
- State Universities
- State Colleges

- Technical schools: <https://tcsg.edu/colleges.php>
- Private schools: www.georgiacolleges.org
- USG schools: www.usg.edu/inst/

Freshman Index (FI) Requirements (http://www.usg.edu/academic_affairs_handbook/section3/C660)

How the FI is Calculated	How the FI is Calculated	Minimum FI Requirements
<p>The high school GPA is calculated from the grades earned in the 17 <u>Required High School Curriculum (RHSC)</u> courses for students graduating in 2012 or later.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 English including World, American and British Literature • 4 Math including GPS Advanced Algebra and a fourth year of advanced math • 4 Science including Biology, Physics, and Chemistry, Earth Systems or Environmental Science • 3 Social Studies including World History and U.S. History • 2 years of a world language 	<p>The Freshman Index is calculated by combining:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) high school GPA (grade point average) 2) highest earned SAT or ACT test scores <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Formula for SAT Test Takers</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(500 x High School GPA) + SAT Critical Reading + SAT Math</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Formula for ACT Test Takers</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(500 x High School GPA) + (ACT Composite score x 42) + 88</p> </div>	<p>Students seeking admission to a University System of Georgia school MUST meet the following MINIMUM freshman index requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Institutions – 2500 • Comprehensive Universities – 2040 • State Universities – 1940 • State Colleges – 1830* <p>*Refer to the box below for additional information about test score requirements.</p>

Minimum SAT/ACT Score Requirements

For Research Institutions, Comprehensive Universities, and State Universities in Georgia:

- **Minimum SAT** scores = 430 Critical Reading and 400 Math
- **Minimum ACT** scores = 17 Math and 17 English

For State Colleges, please refer to the following link for additional information:

https://www.usg.edu/assets/student_affairs/documents/USG_Admission_Requirements.pdf

Overview of College Options – Measuring Up

How do my GPA and SAT scores compare to USG schools?

College/University	Average* and/or Minimum Core GPA	Average* and/or Minimum SAT or ACT Test Scores Required		Other Requirements
		SAT (Critical Reading + Math)	ACT (Composite)	
RESEARCH INSTITUTES				
Georgia State University	Average: 3.45 Minimum: 2.8	Average: 1120	Average: 22 Minimum: 17	Optional Essay
Georgia Institute of Technology	Average: 3.98	Average: 1450	Average: 32	Essays Letters of Rec Comm Service 8-13 AP or DE
University of Georgia	Average: 3.9	Average: 1330	Average: 29	Essays Letters of Rec
COMPREHENSIVE UNIVERSITIES				
Georgia Southern University	Average: 3.29 Minimum: 2.0 GPA calculated using 17 required courses	Average: 1180 Minimum: 1090	Average: 24 Minimum: 21	They “Superscore” SAT, but <i>not</i> ACT!
Kennesaw State University	Average: 3.25 Minimum: 2.5 GPA calculated using 17 required courses	Average: 1160 Minimum: 1030	Average: 23 Minimum: 20	Competitive Admissions -You won’t be admitted just because you have met the minimum requirements.
University of West GA	Average: 3.15 Minimum: 2.0 GPA calculated using 17 required courses	Average: 1040	Average: 20 Minimum: 17 English and 17 Math	Freshman Index=2120
Valdosta State University	Average: 3.2 Minimum: 2.0	Average: 1090 Minimum: 980	Average: 22 Minimum: 19	
STATE UNIVERSITIES				
Albany State University	Average: 2.92 Minimum: 2.0	Average: 900	Average: 17 Minimum: 17 English & 17 Math	
Armstrong State University	Average: 3.24 Minimum: 2.5	Average: 1080 Minimum: 980	Average: 21 Minimum: 19	Freshman Index 2130

Clayton State	Average: 3.05 Minimum: 2.0 GPA calculated using 17 required courses	Average: 1040	Average: 20 Minimum: 17	
Columbus State	Average: 3.12 Minimum: 2.5	Average: 1060	Average: 20 Minimum: 17 English & 17 Math	
Fort Valley State University (HBCU)	Average: 2.83 Minimum: 2.25	Average: 950	Average: 18 Minimum: 17 English & 17 Math	
Georgia College & State University	Average: 3.48	Average: 1210	Average: 25	Holistic Review Averages listed are just guidelines
Georgia Southwestern	Average: 3.26 Minimum: 2.0	Average: 1040	Average: 21	
Savannah State	Average: 2.77 Minimum: 2.0	Average: 920	Average: 17 Minimum: 17	Freshman Index=1940
University of North GA	Average: 3.55 Minimum: 2.0 GPA calculated using 17 required courses	Average: 1110	Average: 22	Freshman Index=2500

STATE COLLEGES

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	Average: 3.13 Minimum: 2.0	Average: 925	Average: 20 Minimum: 20 English & 20 Math	Freshman Index=1830 If you score below, you are required to take a placement test.
Atlanta Metro State College	Average: 2.58 Minimum: 2.0	Average: 848	Average: 18 Minimum: 17 English & 17 Math	COMPASS Placement Test
Bainbridge College				High School Diploma and ACCUPLACER Placement Test
College of Coastal GA	Average: 2.96 Minimum: 2.0	Average: 903 Minimum: Reading 430 Math 400	Average: 19 Minimum: 17 English & 17 Math	
Dalton State College	Average: 3.10 No minimum listed	Average: 970 Minimum: 330 Reading 310 Math	Average: 20 Minimum: 14 English & 12 Math	1830 Freshman Index
Darton State College (Merged w/ Albany State)	Average: 2.92 Minimum: 2.0	Average: 900	Average: 17 Minimum: 17 English & 17 Math	
East Georgia State College	Average: 2.88 Minimum: 2.0	Average: 970 Minimum: 24 Reading and 25.5 Math	Average: 18 Minimum: 17 English 17 Math	

Georgia Gwinnett College	Average: 2.78 Minimum: 2.0	Average: 1020 Minimum: 25 Reading and 500 Math	Average: 19 Minimum: 17 English 17 Math	
Georgia Highlands	Average: 2.95 Minimum: 2.0	Average: 906 Minimum: 26 Reading and 24 Math	Minimum: 20 English & Math 18	ACCUPLACER placement test in lieu of SAT/ACT
GA Perimeter @ GA State	No minimum GPA listed	Minimum: Math 400 and Reading 430	Minimum: 17 English & 17 Math	
Gordon State College	Average: 2.91 Minimum: 2.0	Average: 874 Minimum: 330 Reading and 310 Math	Average: 18 Minimum: 12 English & 14 Math	Freshman Index=1830
Middle GA State	No minimum GPA listed	Minimum: 20 Reading and 390 Math	Minimum: 15 English & 14 Math	Freshman Index=1860
South GA State	Average: 2.95 Minimum: 2.0	Average: 909 Minimum: Reading 24 and Math 22	Average: 18 Minimum: 17 English & 17 Math	ACCUPLACER

www.usg.edu/research/college_readiness *Averages as of the fall of 2017.

http://www.usg.edu/assets/student_affairs/documents/USG_Admission_Requirements_FINAL.pdf

NOTE #1

Many schools have minimum GPA & test score requirements. Check a school's website for details.

NOTE #2

The USG requires a minimum high school GPA of 2.0 based on the 17 RHSC.

NOTE #3

Schools that are part of the USG may set higher minimum standards for high school GPA and test scores.

NOTE #4

If your GPA or test scores are below the average or the minimum standard, consider starting at a technical school.

* What do I need to know if I'm required to take the Accuplacer exam?

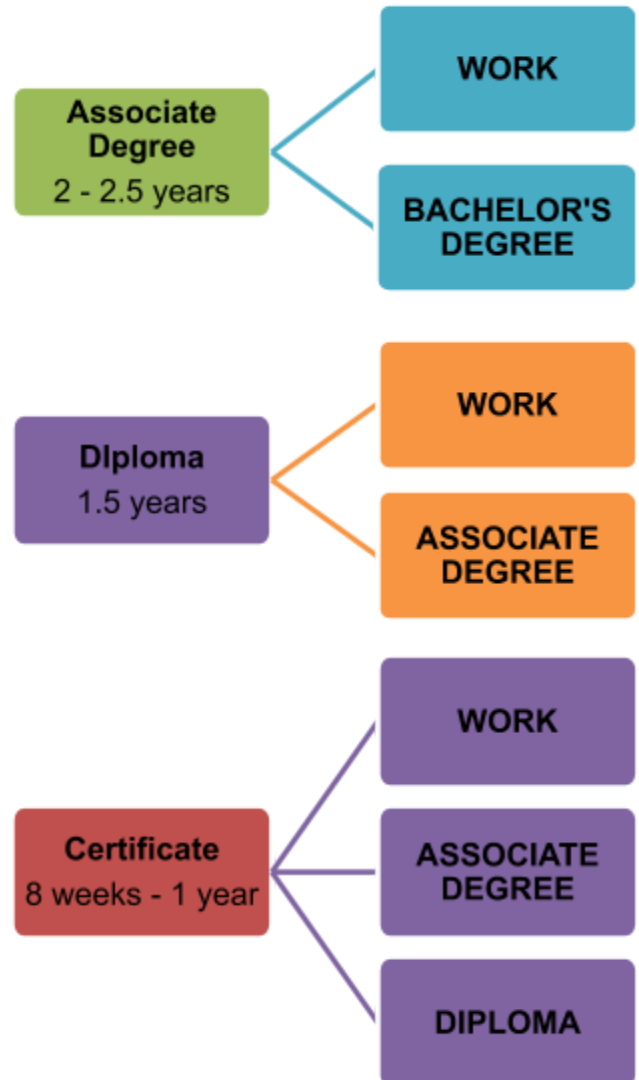
- If you score below the System Minimum Scores in any area (**62** for **Reading**, **32** for **English/Writing**, and **20** for **Mathematics**), you are not eligible for regular admission.
- If your scores place you into learning support for all three areas, you are not eligible for admission to any USG institution.

Starting at a Technical School

What can I do if my GPA isn't high enough to get into the college I want?

- Consider taking classes at a different school, perhaps a technical school. You can start fresh with your GPA, and build it up.
- Once you **earn 30 hours of college credit**, you can apply as a **transfer student** to a school that is part of the University System of Georgia. (See the following link for more information on applying as a transfer: www.usg.edu/policymanual/section4/C328/#n4213.)
- One option when attending technical schools is to take **TAG classes**. TAG stands for "Transfer Admission Guaranteed." TAG classes are guaranteed to transfer to schools that are part of the University System of Georgia.
- List of TAG classes: www.chattahoocheetech.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/Transfer-Agreement-Chart.pdf
- Taking classes at a technical school can help you **save money** during your first year or two of college!

Next Steps...



What are the admission requirements for schools in the Technical College System of Georgia?

Per <https://tcsg.edu/for-students/prospective-students/>, the admission requirements for technical schools in Georgia are as follows:

- A **GED or high school transcript**
 - All applicants must submit the scores from the **SAT, ACT, or Accuplacer** exam.
- Some programs have additional requirements that must be met. **Contact the technical college offering your specific program to learn if any additional requirements apply.**

Researching College Options

I **DON'T** know where I want to apply to college:

- Check Spalding High’s Announcements and Remind 101 to see which colleges are visiting during lunch and Instructional Focus times.
- Attend college fairs during the school year. Mini Zoom webinar fairs are scheduled during two phases—the first October 5-7 and another November 2nd and 4-5, all programs offering participants great connections with college representatives.
 - Griffin-Spalding County **PROBE** fair on October 5-7 and November 2nd, 4-5. Please register for this virtual event at <http://www.gaprobe.org/students/>
- Log into:
 - www.GAfutures.org: Choose “College Planning.” Choose “College Search”
From there, search “State of Georgia Colleges” to find colleges that are eligible for state aid, such as HOPE. Choose “National College Search” to look at all private and public schools.
 - Choose “College Applications” and “High School Transcripts” to apply to college or send your high school transcript.

I **DO** know where I want to apply to college:

- Choose 3 – 5 colleges. Schedule college visits. Plan to apply **30 days** before deadlines!
- If you need recommendation letters, please be sure to complete the Request for Recommendation Letter at least **7 days** prior to your deadline.

College Name:			
Website			
Deadline to Apply**			
Average GPA			
Average ACT Score			
Average SAT Score			

**TERMS TO KNOW

Regular Decision—No application decisions are made until after the set deadline.

Rolling Decision—Application decisions are made as they are received until classes are filled.

Early Action—Application decisions are made earlier than a regular decision date.

Early Decision—An admission decision is made before the usual notification date. There’s a catch! An early decision plan is *binding*—if you’re accepted, you agree to attend the college & withdraw all other applications.

College Name			
<p style="text-align: center;">Application Procedures</p> <p>[†]Not every college requires an application fee</p> <p>^{††}Not every college requires recommendations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Submit application <input type="checkbox"/> Pay fee[†] <input type="checkbox"/> Submit test scores <input type="checkbox"/> Send transcript <input type="checkbox"/> Counselor Rec^{††} <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Rec^{††} 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Submit application <input type="checkbox"/> Pay fee[†] <input type="checkbox"/> Submit test scores <input type="checkbox"/> Send transcript <input type="checkbox"/> Counselor Rec^{††} <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Rec^{††} 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Submit application <input type="checkbox"/> Pay fee[†] <input type="checkbox"/> Submit test scores <input type="checkbox"/> Send transcript <input type="checkbox"/> Counselor Rec^{††} <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Rec^{††}

*****See next page for detailed information about each step in the college application process.**

College Application Process

- APPLICATION:** Complete **before** sending your test scores and/or transcript. Almost every school prefers an ONLINE application.

All schools in Georgia can be applied to through www.GAfutures.org.

Submit applications **30 days** before the deadline! Pay any fees.

- COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTS** (for dates and details see page 8):

If your plan is to attend a...	Take the...	Practice at...
4-YEAR UNIVERSITY	ACT or SAT	ACT: www.ACT.org SAT: www.collegeboard.com
2-YEAR or TECHNICAL COLLEGE	Accuplacer*	https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/student/practice
* Accuplacer tests are given on the college's campus.		

- SEND** your test scores to your potential colleges. Only OFFICIAL scores from College Board or ACT will be accepted by the colleges.

When you register to take either the SAT or ACT, you are allowed **4 free score reports**.

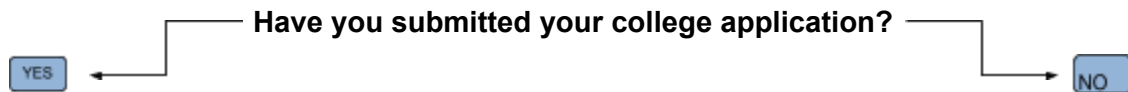
However, you only have a **limited amount of time** to use the free score reports.

Make sure you take advantage or you will have to pay up to **\$12 per report** to send your scores.

Are you qualified for **Free and Reduced Lunch** at Spalding?

If so, ask your counselor about ACT, SAT, and college application **fee waivers**.

- TRANSCRIPTS:**



Request your transcript!

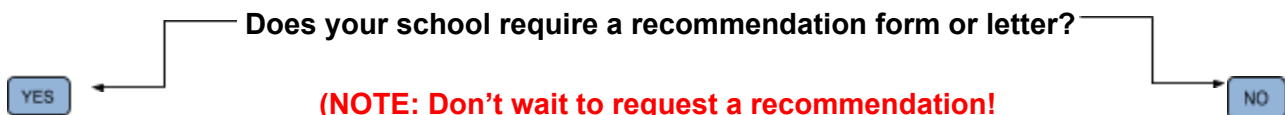
Do not send a transcript until your application is submitted.



Send your transcript for free through made through the www.GAfutures.org.

Transcript requests are Counseling Office and cost \$5.00 each. (The first 2 are free.)

- LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:**



(NOTE: Don't wait to request a recommendation! Request it while you are completing your application!)

Complete the "Request for Recommendation Letter". Request your transcript only!

2020-2021 College Admissions Test Information

SAT			ACT			SAT* vs. ACT	
B a s i c I n f o r m a t i o n	The SAT is an aptitude test, measuring reasoning and verbal abilities.		The ACT is an achievement test, measuring what a student learned.			1600	36
	Register @ http://sat.collegeboard.org .		Register @ www.actstudent.org .			1560	35
	SHS Code: 111513		SHS Code: 111513			1510	34
	Perfect Score: 1600 National Average:		Perfect Score: 36 2015 National Average: 21* <small>*Eng – 20.4, Math – 20.8, Reading – 21.4, Science – 20.9</small>			1460	33
	Each section is worth 200-800 points, which are <u>added</u> together for a combined score.		Each subject is worth 1-36 points which are <u>averaged</u> together for a composite score.			1420	32
	There is no penalty for guessing, so leave <u>nothing</u> blank.		There is no penalty for guessing, so leave <u>nothing</u> blank.			1380	31
Structure: Math (with & without calculator), Reading & Writing, and (Optional) Essay		Structure: English, Math, Reading, Science, (Optional) Essay			1340	30	
Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration	Test Date	Regular Deadline	Late Deadline	1300	29
Aug 29	July 31	Aug 18				1260	28
Sept 26	August 26	Sept 15	Oct 10 & 17	September 25	N/A	1220	27
Oct 3	September 4	Sept 22	Oct 24 & 25	September 25	N/A	1190	26
Nov 7	October 7	Oct 27	Dec 12	November 6	Nov 7-20	1150	25
Dec 5	Nov 5	Nov 24	Feb 6	January 8	Jan 9-15	1110	24
Mar 13	February 12	Mar 2	Apr 17	March 12	Mar 13-26	1070	23
May 8	April 8	Apr 27	Jun 12	May 7	May 8-21	1030	22
Jun 5	May 6	May 26	July 17	June 18	June 19-25	990	21
						950	20
						910	19
						870	18
						830	17
						790	16
						740	15
						690	14

ACCUPLACER

Preparatory Information

<https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/>

Financial Aid Information

What are my options for financial aid?

Grants and Scholarships	Sources: Government, College, Private (Business, Organizations)	Research and apply for scholarships (GA Futures or www.fastweb.com) beginning in August.	Check our Remind 101 for scholarship information and the SHS JAGS Announcements that are sent to your email daily.
Loans	Money must be paid back <u>with interest</u>	Each loan has a different set of terms and conditions.	Pay attention to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how much you'll need to take out for college • how much your monthly payments will be • how much you'll have to pay on interest while you are in school
Federal Work-Study	Student has job on campus	Money earned helps to pay for school	

How do I qualify for scholarship money from Georgia's HOPE Scholarship Program?

Scholarship	Zell Miller Scholarship	HOPE Scholarship	HOPE Grant
Funding	Covers 100% tuition (not including books or fees) at a public college in Georgia. (A lump sum is provided for private schools in Georgia.)	Covers a portion of tuition at any Georgia public 2-year college or 4-year university (not including books or fees).	Covers a portion of the tuition based on the number of credit hours being taken in a technical certificate or diploma program at an eligible college.
HOPE Rigor Requirement	Earn four credits in courses considered to be rigorous.	Earn four credits in courses considered to be rigorous.	NONE
GPA Requirement	Must have a 3.7 HOPE GPA* (calculated by GSFC)	Student must graduate with a HOPE GPA* of 3.0	NONE
Test Score Requirement	(1) scored at least a 1200 on a single administration of the SAT; OR (2) scored a 26 on a single administration of the ACT;	NONE	NONE
Other Requirement	OR (3) was named Valedictorian or Salutatorian.	NONE	Must have high school diploma or GED. Must be a Georgia resident for at least 12 months.
Additional Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HOPE GPA based on <u>all</u> classes taken in the following <u>core</u> subject areas: English, math, science, social studies, world languages • Check www.gsfc.org for more information • View your HOPE GPA on www.GAfutures.org. Click "My HOPE GPA" (on the left side of webpage) 		

How do I apply for financial aid from the government and my college?

- Complete the FAFSA and apply for HOPE after October 1. <https://fafsa.ed.gov/> or <http://www.gafutures.org>

Information for Prospective College Athletes

- For NCAA information, go to www.eligibilitycenter.org. Choose "Enter Here" for "NCAA College-Bound Student-Athletes." Choose the "Resources" link at the top of the screen that appears.
- For NAIA, go to <http://www.naia.org/>. Using the dropdown menu for the "About the NAIA" tab, choose "Play Sports in College." Look under the "Quick Links" section.
- Talk to your coach or the Athletic Director.

Joining the Military



- Learn more about the military. **Decide** if you're ready to join, and **discuss** your decision with a parent or guardian.
- Go to <http://www.military.com/Recruiting/Home/>.
- Choose the right path for you.
- Meet with a recruiter.
- Take the **ASVAB** (Armed Forces Vocational Aptitude Battery). Go to <http://www.military.com/ASVAB>.
- Visit the **MEPS** (Military Entrance Processing Station) with a recruiter & complete a physical, select a MOS (Military Occupational Specialty), and join the branch of choice. Go to <http://www.mepcom.army.mil/>
- Request final transcript in May through the counseling office. Transcripts sent before graduation cost \$5 each.

Branch	Website	Phone Number
U.S. Army	http://www.goarmy.com	1.800.USA.ARMY
Army National Guard	http://www.nationalguard.mil/	1.800.GO.GUARD
U.S. Navy	http://www.navy.com	1.800.USA.NAVY
U.S. Air Force	http://www.airforce.com	1.800.423.USAF
U.S. Marine Corps	http://www.marines.com	1.800.MARINES
U.S. Coast Guard	http://www.gocoastguard.com	1.800.424.8883

Entering the Workforce

- Decide** what type of work you would like to pursue.
- Visit** www.GAfutures.org, and choose the “Career Exploration” tab.
- Find references** to include on your resume. (Make sure you ask someone’s permission before including them as a reference!)
- Look** for job openings and internships on www.internships.com **attend** career fairs, and **search** want ads and websites like www.monster.com and www.ajcjobs.com.
- Complete and submit **applications**.
- Prepare** for interviews by researching potential employers so you can ask 3 questions during the interview.
- Interview**. Before interviewing, know what to wear, know the company, arrive early, & bring a resume.
- Make sure to **send a thank you note** or email after the interview.

