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Move On When Ready, HOPE Scholarship and Zell Miller Scholarship

Dear Colleague:

The following is information regarding revisions to the 2015-2016 (FY 2016) Move On When Ready and HOPE Scholarship for Public and Private Institutions and Zell Miller Scholarship Program Regulations. The Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) and the Georgia Student Finance Authority (GSFA) Boards approved revisions to the Program Regulations at their August 7, 2015 Board meeting. The revisions are effective Fall Term 2015.

2015-2016 Move On When Ready Program Regulations
The revision includes the addition of section 1616 - Transportation Grant. The Transportation Grant funds will be available to MOWR participating public high schools. The Transportation Grant Application will be made available by September 30.

2015-2016 HOPE Scholarship for Public and Private Institutions and Zell Miller Scholarship Program Regulations
The revisions include the seven year limit and academic rigor with respect to the following:

The 2015 legislative session included the passing of HB 91 which allows Georgia high school students in graduating classes prior to 2012 who completed all high school requirements except passing the graduation test to petition their local school board to receive their high school diploma. The academic rigor requirements will not extend to these students. Additionally, their seven year expiration date will be calculated at June 30 of seven years from their petition date. These graduates must provide to GSFC an official high school transcript and a copy of their petition to the local school board along with the request form available on www.GAcollege411.org.

The Seven Year Limit section 105.17 of the HOPE Scholarship for Public Institutions, section 205.17 of the HOPE Scholarship for Private Institutions, and section 4005.16 of the Zell Miller Scholarship Program Regulations has been revised. Eligible students subject to the seven year expiration date will have their expiration date calculated from the first of these events: High school graduation date, Home study completion date, GED earned date, or Petition date of a diploma pursuant to the school board. Students are not eligible for payment for prior terms.
The revised Program Regulations will be posted at http://www.gsfc.org by August 19, 2015. A link to the Program Regulations can also be found at www.GAcollege411.org under "Shortcuts".

If you have questions relating to the revisions of the regulations, please contact Pennie Strong, Vice President, Student Aid Services, at 770.724.9014 or email at pennies@gsfc.org.

Sincerely,

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