



Inclusive Post Secondary Education (IPSE) Grants

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IPSE Grants

A note about language

- IPSE Grants are a 5-year pilot program → not the HOPE Scholarship.
- After the pilot is complete, we “hope” IPSE Grants can be folded into the HOPE Scholarship portfolio. (*Legislative decision.*)
- Note: These funds are called “IPSE Grants” in both the state budget and the regulations at Georgia Student Finance Commission (not “scholarships”).



IPSE Grants

Scholarships for Inclusive Post Secondary Education students

- SB 246: Grant funds went into effect July 1, 2023.
 - 1st eligible semester = Fall 2023
 - Covering 127 students (not including out of state students)
- Grants “shall” cover “standard university tuition” at **public institutions** only (not IPSE programs at private institutions, when applicable), and “may” cover program fees, depending on funds available.



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Eligibility & Requirements

- Students must have a documented *intellectual* disability (not a developmental disability alone).
- *Autism is not necessarily an automatic qualifier for IPSE or these scholarships.*
- Students must be Georgia residents to be eligible:
 - 12 months of residency, with high school completion in Georgia
 - 24 months of residency, with high school completion out of state



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Eligibility & Requirements



- Students should fill out:
 - Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) *yearly*, OR
 - Georgia Student Finance Application (GSFAPP) *every 10 years*
- Must be applied towards tuition or program fees (up to the school).
- **Does not cover books, housing, or meal plans.**
- **Funds go directly to the colleges, not to the students.**

Eligible Institutions

- Albany Technical College (*Albany*)
- Columbus State University (*Columbus*)
- East Georgia State College (*Swainsboro*)
- Georgia College & State University (*Milledgeville*)
- Georgia Institute of Technology (*Atlanta*)
- Georgia Southern University (*Statesboro*)
- Georgia State University (*Atlanta*)
- Kennesaw State University (*Kennesaw*)
- University of Georgia (*Athens*)





Not eligible for IPSE Grants, but...

Estimated Program Costs

Tuition: \$2,676 per semester, \$5,353 per year

Berry Student Fees: \$744 per year

IPSE Program Fee: \$1,000 per semester, \$2,000 per year

Required Meal Plan: \$872 per semester, \$1,744 per year

Total: \$9,841 per year



Program for
Inclusive Learning

Compare to current undergrad rates - **Total Tuition & Fees: \$40,416

Costs do not include books, materials or other course-required expenses. Parking permits are available for an additional fee. No on-campus house is available at the time.

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Policy Funding

- Not lottery-funded yet → Dependent upon legislative allocation
- Allocation for this academic/fiscal year: \$955,830 goes to Georgia Student Finance Commission for distribution (*not GCDD*) to cover IPSE Grants.
- This year's allocation was only enough to cover **tuition** for 2023-2024 students -- *not* any required IPSE program fees.
- This legislative session: Asking to increase the allocation behind these grants to \$2.4M to ensure that all 2024-2025 students can be covered with tuition **and** IPSE program fees (for an anticipated 171 in-state students).



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Notes about IPSE Program Fees

- Typical student/campus fees are not covered by HOPE *or* IPSE Grants. We're aiming to emulate HOPE with our application of IPSE Grants, so we are not advocating to change this part of legislation.
- IPSE program fees, however, are ***not* typical student/campus fees**. They are an additional fee that almost all IPSE programs require on top of tuition, aside from student/campus fees.
- IPSE program fees are necessary to sustain the resources and staff support for our students' individualized educations. (IPSE programs do not benefit from tuition dollars.)
- **IPSE program fees can be as high as \$10,000+ per year in Georgia.**





IPSE Program Fees & Costs

Annual figures

	Tuition Rate for Avg. FT Credit Hours	IPSE Program Fees	Tuition + IPSE Program Fees	Student/Campus Fees for avg. # of Credits	Total Cost Per IPSE Student
Albany Tech	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,194.00	\$2,694.00
Columbus State	\$3,278.34	\$4,000.00	\$7,278.34	\$1,380.00	\$8,658.34
East GA	\$2,660.00	\$10,000.00	\$12,660.00	\$456.00	\$13,116.00
GA College	\$0.00	\$3,400.00	\$3,400.00	\$1,117.50	\$4,517.50
GA Southern	\$4,371.12	\$10,000.00	\$14,371.12	\$1,534.00	\$15,905.12
GA State	\$3,579.26	\$10,000.00	\$13,579.26	\$1,320.00	\$14,899.26
GA Tech	\$10,258.00	\$10,174.00	\$20,432.00	\$1,208.00	\$21,640.00
KSU (ASCE certificate)	\$4,449.60	\$7,000.00	\$11,449.60	\$1,336.00	\$12,785.60
KSU (ALCD certificate)	\$4,449.60	\$6,000.00	\$10,449.60	\$1,336.00	\$11,785.60
UGA	\$9,790.00	\$8,000.00	\$17,790.00	\$1,390.00	\$19,180.00



“The award amounts shown are for the Fall 2023 through Summer 2024 terms. [...] Most award rates for University System of Georgia institutions are calculated by multiplying the Board of Regents' approved hourly rate by the number of hours enrolled; the exceptions are for institutions with flat rates and identified by **.”

Eligible TCSG Institutions	Per Hour Rate	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Albany Technical College (005601)	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$400.00	\$500.00	\$600.00	\$700.00	\$800.00	\$900.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,500.00
Eligible University System of Georgia Institutions																
Columbus State University (001561)	\$182.13	\$182.13	\$364.26	\$546.39	\$728.52	\$910.65	\$1,092.78	\$1,274.91	\$1,457.04	\$1,639.17	\$1,821.30	\$2,003.43	\$2,185.56	\$2,367.69	\$2,549.82	\$2,732.00
East Georgia State College (010997)	\$95.00	\$95.00	\$190.00	\$285.00	\$380.00	\$475.00	\$570.00	\$665.00	\$760.00	\$855.00	\$950.00	\$1,045.00	\$1,140.00	\$1,235.00	\$1,330.00	\$1,425.00
Georgia College and State University (001602)	**	\$2,222.00	\$2,222.00	\$2,222.00	\$2,222.00	\$2,222.00	\$2,222.00	\$3,754.00	\$3,754.00	\$3,754.00	\$3,754.00	\$3,754.00	\$3,754.00	\$3,754.00	\$3,754.00	\$3,754.00
Georgia Institute of Technology (001569)	**	\$3,048.00	\$3,048.00	\$3,048.00	\$3,048.00	\$3,048.00	\$3,048.00	\$5,129.00	\$5,129.00	\$5,129.00	\$5,129.00	\$5,129.00	\$5,129.00	\$5,129.00	\$5,129.00	\$5,129.00
Georgia Southern University (001572)	\$182.13	\$182.13	\$364.26	\$546.39	\$728.52	\$910.65	\$1,092.78	\$1,274.91	\$1,457.04	\$1,639.17	\$1,821.30	\$2,003.43	\$2,185.56	\$2,367.69	\$2,549.82	\$2,732.00
Georgia State University (001574)	\$298.27	\$298.27	\$596.54	\$894.81	\$1,193.08	\$1,491.35	\$1,789.62	\$2,087.89	\$2,386.16	\$2,684.43	\$2,982.70	\$3,280.97	\$3,579.24	\$3,877.51	\$4,175.78	\$4,474.00
Kennesaw State University (001577)	\$185.40	\$185.40	\$370.80	\$556.20	\$741.60	\$927.00	\$1,112.40	\$1,297.80	\$1,483.20	\$1,668.60	\$1,854.00	\$2,039.40	\$2,224.80	\$2,410.20	\$2,595.60	\$2,781.00
University of Georgia (001598)	**	\$2,909.00	\$2,909.00	\$2,909.00	\$2,909.00	\$2,909.00	\$2,909.00	\$4,895.00	\$4,895.00	\$4,895.00	\$4,895.00	\$4,895.00	\$4,895.00	\$4,895.00	\$4,895.00	\$4,895.00



Credit hours per semester for full time students

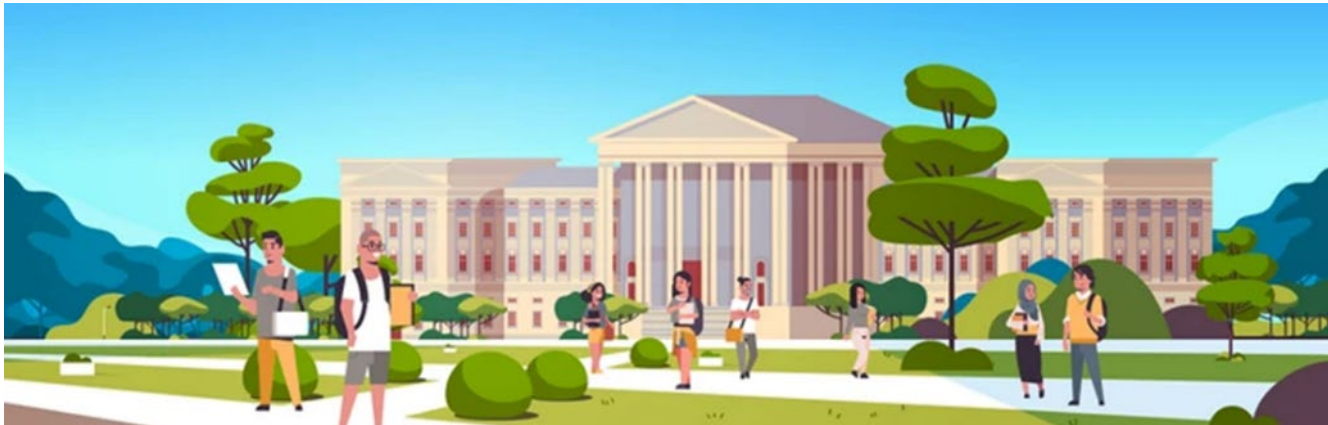
IPSE	FT Credit Hours/ Semester	Notes
Albany Tech LEAP	6	Average. On a 3-semester system. Each certificate requires 9-17 credits.
Columbus State GOALS	9	
East Georgia CHOICE	12-14	Dependent upon student goals.
Georgia College GC THRIVE	6	
Georgia Tech EXCEL	12	
Georgia Southern EAGLE Academy	12	
Georgia State IDEAL	4, 6	4 for first semester; 6-10 for each semester after.
KSU Academy for Incl. Learning	6	
UGA Destination Dawgs	10-12	Average is 10/semester.



- More information on IPSE Grants can be found on the GA Futures website:
<https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/scholarships-grants/ipse-grant/>
- Families can request individual appointments with outreach officers from GSFC:
<https://www.gafutures.org/about-us/outreach/>
- Educators can contact GSFC Program Administration: programadmin@gsfc.org,
(770) 724-9251
- Georgia Senate Bill 246:
<https://www.legis.ga.gov/api/legislation/document/20232024/220541>

Georgia Inclusive Postsecondary Education Consortium

- GAIPSEC hopes to coordinate with GSFC to create one-pagers and/or other online resources for families to more easily compare costs between IPSEs.
- www.GAIPSEC.org will be updated soon.
- Remember to contact your legislators! (*Please consult with GaDOE regarding any boundaries for Georgia educators who want to advocate to their legislators.*)





Looking Ahead

IPSE Growth and Campus Inclusion



	Students who have participated in fraternities	Students who have participated in sororities	<u>Comments</u>
Albany Tech	0	0	<i>N/A: No Greek life on campus</i>
Columbus State	1	0	
East GA	0	0	<i>N/A: No Greek life on campus</i>
GA College	0	0	
GA Southern	1	0	
GA State	0	0	
GA Tech	0	0	
KSU	0	0	
UGA	0	6	<i>All 6 in different chapters</i>



Please contact me anytime with common (or specific)
IPSE questions from families!

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