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Georgia Student Finance Commission  
Georgia Student Finance Authority  
Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation  
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PRESIDENT

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Re: 2012-2013 State Scholarship and Grant Program Regulations

Dear Colleagues:

The 2012-2013 State Scholarship and Grant Program regulations have been updated; amendments and language changes are noted as “new.” These regulations are posted on our website at [www.gsfc.org](http://www.gsfc.org).

Below is a summary of the changes:

**Accel**

High school students in the custody of the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice are allowed to participate in the Accel Program. (Effective January 1, 2013.)

**HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarships**

Georgia law requires schools to submit complete high school academic records to the Georgia Student Finance Commission for the calculation of grade point averages. Similar language has been added to the regulations for HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarship Programs. (Effective January 1, 2013.)

**Zell Miller Scholarship**

Zell Miller Scholarship retroactive payments are allowed for home study students but not for ineligible high school students. This change was needed for consistency with the statutory provision relating to retroactive payments. (Effective November 5, 2012.)

If you have questions relating to these regulation changes, please contact Joy Hawkins, Vice President, Student Aid Services, at [joyh@gsfc.org](mailto:joyh@gsfc.org).

Sincerely,

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