



COLLEGE ACCESS
CHALLENGE G R A N T



***RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS
AND FAMILIES***

COLLEGE ACCESS CHALLENGE GRANT



- *Grant Implementation led by The University System of Georgia on behalf of the Governor's Office.*
- *Grant Partners Include:*
 1. *Technical College System of Georgia*
 2. *Georgia Department of Education*
 3. *Georgia Student Finance Commission*
 4. *Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education*
 5. *Communities in Schools of Georgia*

CACG GOALS

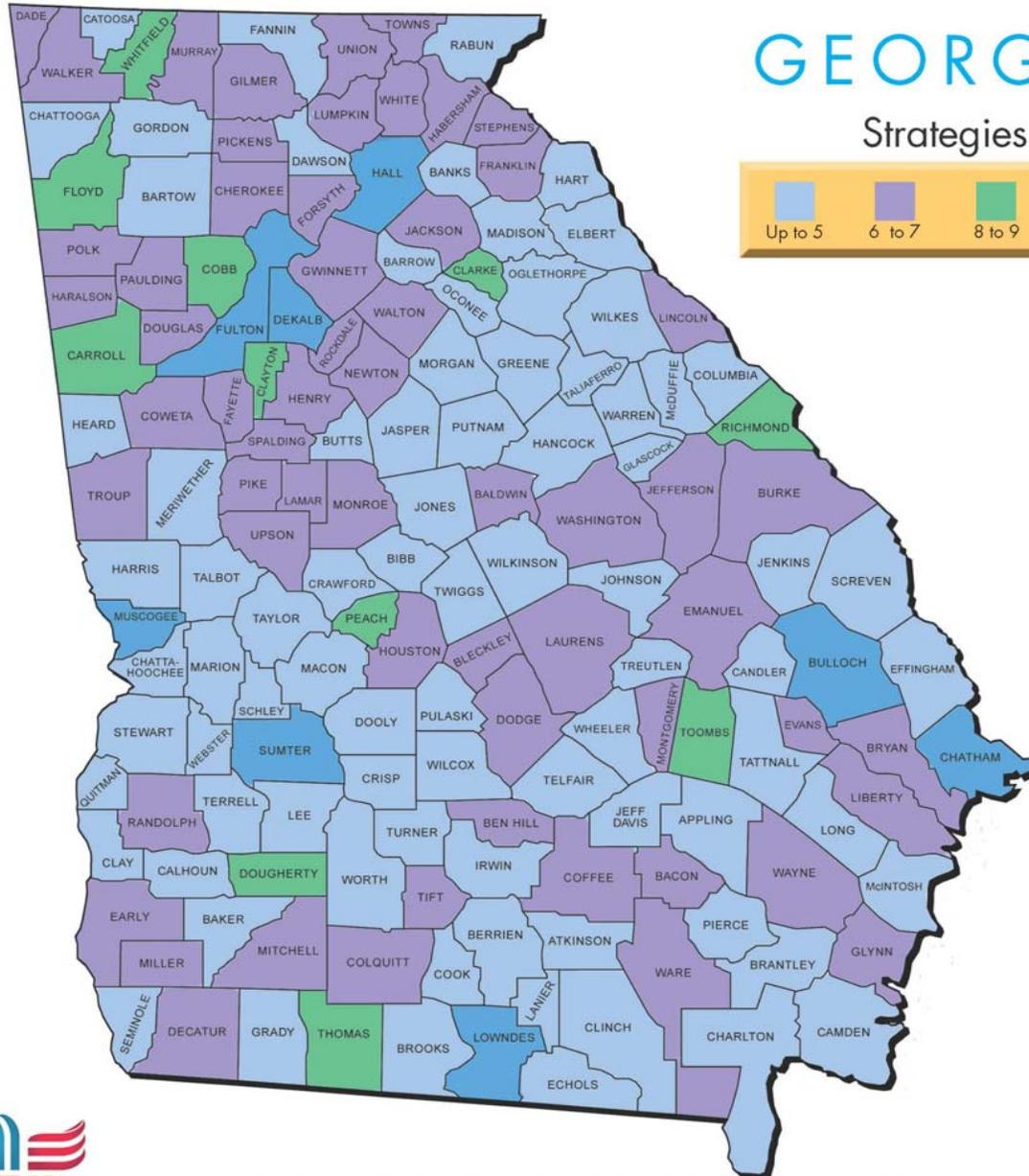
- 1) To increase the number of underrepresented students who graduate from Georgia high schools ready, supported and motivated to go into postsecondary education.
- 2) To increase the number of underrepresented students enrolled and persisting in postsecondary education.
- 3) To increase the college degree attainment of low-income adults with some college credits but no degree.

CACG STRATEGIES

- Apply to College
- Counselor Training and Tools
- GACollege411
- FAFSA Events
- College Textbook Grants
- Near Peer Program
- Adult Learners Consortium
- GATRACS
- Military Outreach
- Public Awareness Resources
- Motivational Modules
- Community Engagement Events
- DOE Individual Graduation Plan

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Strategies



College Access Challenge Grant Georgia Strategies



CACG BIG WINS

- **GACollege411accounts have almost doubled!**
- **FAFSAs filed have almost doubled — for a 182% increase!**
- **College applications through GACollege411 online have risen 65%!**
- **Public higher education enrollment has reached new records!**
 - **311,442 USG students**
 - **197,059 TCSG students**



University System of Georgia ♦ Technical College System of Georgia
Georgia Independent College Association ♦ Communities in Schools
Georgia Student Finance Commission ♦ Georgia Department of Education
Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education

- The Georgia Apply to College program has the goal of providing all Georgia high school seniors with the opportunity to apply to college using Gacollege411.org.
- Please confirm participation to be listed on the site.
- Program has been extended! Apply today!!
- For more information, please visit <http://www.usg.edu/apply-to-college>, email gacw@usg.edu or call 404-962-3110.

COUNSELOR TRAINING MODULES



College Access for
All Students

*College & Career Advisement
Strategies for School Counselors
& Higher Education
Enrollment Professionals*

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING
PROGRAM

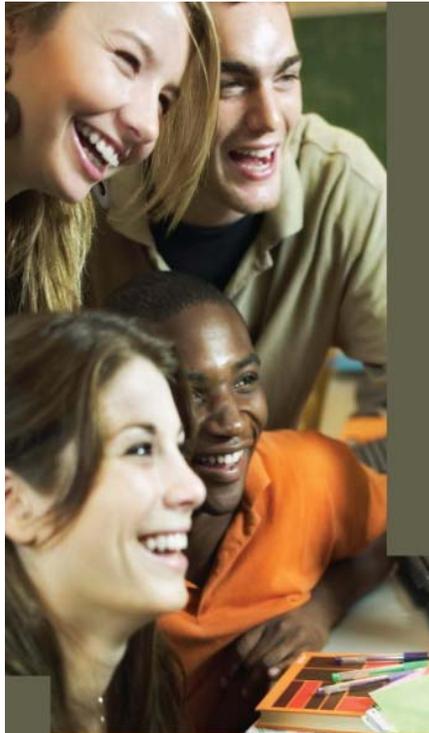
- The **College Access: Creating a College-Going Culture Modules** were developed to provide high quality, online professional learning for certified middle grade and high school counselors and postsecondary enrollment professionals.
- For more information, please visit <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted/collegeaccess.html>.

COUNSELOR TRAINING MODULES

Special Summer Cohort

Register Online Now!

- **Start Date – July 9th – Modules 2 & 3 offered concurrently** (can be taken out of sequence).
 - Module 2 – career planning, academic planning, college choice
 - Module 3 – Financial Literacy, Financial Aid, Admission Tests/Processes
- Registration fee reimbursed after completion of each module (\$100).
- Special ‘summer’ stipend of \$300 awarded to participant for completion of each module.



**College Access for
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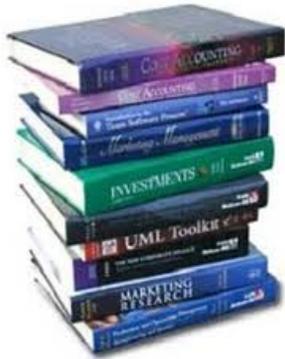
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**PROFESSIONAL LEARNING
PROGRAM**

GACollege411

Expand Your Opportunities

- The College Access Challenge Grant has provided resources to enhance GACollege411 as well as Georgia Student Finance Commission's **Financial Aid and FAFSA Events**.
- For more information or to schedule a financial aid presentation, please visit www.GACollege411.org or email clientservices@gsfc.org.



COLLEGE TEXTBOOK GRANTS

Book Grants to dual enrollment students in Early College, Move on When Ready, and GED Dual Enrollment programs are available to fund college textbook costs not covered through Georgia's dual enrollment funding.

Schools with low income students currently enrolled in these programs can contact the appropriate program directors: **Early College – Dawn Cooper** (dawn.cooper@usg.edu), **Hope Grant/MOWR – Sheila Caldwell** (scaldwell@tcsg.edu) and **GED Dual Enrollment – Carla DeBose** (CDeBose@tcsg.edu) for more information.



NEAR PEER PROGRAM

- The **Near Peer Program** provides college coaches/mentors for “high-need” high school students to help ensure they receive the services needed to successfully apply to and enroll in a postsecondary institution.
- For more information on this strategy, please email sheila.jones@usg.edu.

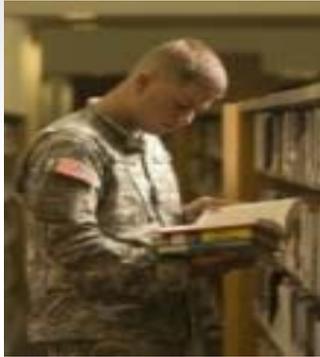


ADULT LEARNING CONSORTIUM

- The **Adult Learning Consortium** is designed to assist in improving adult learner-focused services, programs and outreach to Georgia adults who are interested in completing college.
- The Georgia ONmyLINE website provides access to several courses and degree programs that are well suited for adult learners.
- For more information, please visit www.discoveryourgoal.net.



- The **Georgia Transfer Articulation Portal** will provide a one stop portal where students can find information on how to transfer and articulate courses and credits within and between the University System of Georgia, Technical College System of Georgia, and dual enrollment.
- The portal will contain the information institutions have about which courses articulate between institutions and make that information transparent to students. It is scheduled to launch this spring.
- For more information, email daphene.blackmon@usg.edu.



- The **Military Outreach Strategy** was developed to create military friendly campuses throughout the system and attract, retain and graduate military members, veterans and their families.
- The Military Resource Centers established will serve as the hub for the military student and family members to ask questions, get information, and experience the experience of being with other military students.
- For more information, email militaryoutreach@usg.edu.



- The **CACG Public Awareness Campaign** supports all grant strategies by providing tools to promote the availability of resources.
- Materials that have been developed include but are not limited to logos, videos, banners, flyers, buttons and billboards.
- To view college access videos, please visit <http://vimeo.com/7597084>. To order any other free materials to support CACG strategies or for more information on these materials, please email collegeaccessitems@usg.edu.

GATracs

Georgia Transfer Articulation Cooperative Services

Discover your GOAL

Georgia Opportunities for Adult Learners



YOU. COLLEGE. NOW.
 TAKE YOUR EDUCATION BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL. NOW IS THE TIME.

Sign up NOW.
GAcollge411.org
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- Talk to your Counselors and your Teachers
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- Sign up at GAcollge411.org
- Become a fan of our Facebook page

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usg.edu and tcsg.edu

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Why Not You?

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Take the 1st Step to Success

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Make Your Dream a Reality

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It is Never Too Early To Start Planning For Your Future.

The state of Georgia provides the GCollege411 website with resources to begin planning for college and future career goals. Using GCollege411 and this checklist makes planning for your future simple.

SIXTH GRADE CHECKLIST

- ✓ **CREATE A GCollege411 ACCOUNT**
If your school hasn't already created an account for you then you can do it yourself. To create an account:
 1. Go to GCollege411 homepage
 2. Click on Create an Account
 3. Select Middle School or Junior High School Student
 4. Enter your birth date
 5. Click on Find and scroll down to find your school (look for the full name of your school)
 6. Select the year of your high school graduation
 7. Enter an account name you will be able to remember such as student ID number and last name and then a password that you will remember such as your birth date

- ✓ **TAKE A CAREER ASSESSMENT**
During your 6th grade year you should take at least one Career Assessment. This will help you begin to discover the career path that is right for you based on your personality and interests. You have SIX to choose from:
 - Career Cluster Survey
 - The Career Key
 - Basic Skills Survey
 - Interest Profiler
 - Work Values Sorter
 - Transferable Skills Checklist

When you find careers that interest you, add them to your portfolio.

- ✓ **Begin developing good study habits and maintaining good grades.** You can also take advantage of extracurricular activities and other academic opportunities. All these

HOPE Program SUMMARY

HOPE Scholarship

- Students must graduate from high school with a 3.0 GPA as calculated by the Georgia Student Finance Commission for a college prep diploma or a 3.2 for a career tech diploma. Students graduating under the single diploma type must have a 3.0 GPA as calculated by GSPC.
- Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA in college.
- If a student falls below a 3.0 GPA in college, they may only regain the HOPE Scholarship one time.
- The HOPE Scholarship will not pay for remedial or developmental courses.
- A student may receive the HOPE Scholarship until the first of these events:
 - The student has earned a baccalaureate or first professional degree,
 - The student has attempted at any postsecondary institution a total of 190 quarter hours or 127 semester hours,
 - The student has received a total of combined payment of 127 semester hours or 190 quarter hours from the HOPE Scholarship, HOPE Grant, and Accel program (Accel payments made beginning with Fall 2011 term are excluded from the 127 hour cap); or
 - Beginning with those students receiving HOPE for the first time on or after July 1, 2011, seven years from a student's graduation from high school or the equivalent; provided, however, that for a student that serves on active duty in the military during such seven-year period such active duty service time will be credited back to the seven years.
- The HOPE Scholarship will pay:
 - At an eligible public postsecondary institution, for FY2012, a percentage amount of the standard tuition charges from the previous year. In subsequent years, the award amount will be a percentage of the immediately preceding year's HOPE Award Amount (view the chart on GCollege411 to find award amount).
 - At an eligible private postsecondary institution, a percentage amount of the HOPE award amount for private colleges.

Rigor Requirements

For students graduating on or after May 1, 2015, they must pass 2 courses from the following types of courses

- Advanced Math;
- Advanced Science;
- Advanced Placement (AP) in core subjects;
- International Baccalaureate (IB) in core subjects;
- Core subjects taken at a University System of Georgia (USG) Institution; or
- Advanced Foreign Language

For students graduating on or after May 1, 2016, they must pass 3 courses.

For students graduating on or after May 1, 2017,



What Are You Going To Do After High School?

Is college in your plans?
Or, are you thinking about a certificate program at a technical school?
Or, maybe you plan to get a job?

You can find information to help with any of these options at



GSFAPPS Instructions

USE GSFAPPS TO APPLY FOR MOST STATE SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT PROGRAMS (INCLUDING HOPE)

Go to GCollege411.org
First create a GCollege411 account by clicking on "Create an Account" at the top right of the homepage.

SET UP YOUR PROFILE

- STEP 1 of 3 – Who Are You?**
 - ♦ Click on "GO" next to the appropriate choice (Middle or Junior High School Student, High School Student, College Student, Adult, or Parent)
- STEP 2 of 3**
 - ♦ Use pull down menus for your month and day of birth and type in the 4-digit year. Type in your full school name or choose find to choose from the list of schools already in the database.
 - ♦ Click **Next** at the bottom of the page.
 - Please note, if you are not asked to enter your date of birth you will need to add it to your Profile.
- STEP 3 of 3**
 - ♦ Type in your name
 - ♦ Use pull down menu for **Year of high school graduation**
 - ♦ Type in your **E-mail address** (if you don't have an E-mail address, you can choose to create a GCollege411.org



COLLEGE PLANNING CHECKLIST

GCollege411.org

GCollege411.org is your one-stop website for High School Planning, College Planning, Financial Aid Planning, and Career Planning. You can keep track of your high school classes, and you can also apply to colleges and universities in Georgia (and some out of state), fill out your HOPE Scholarship application and build your resume for job searching once you graduate.

PLAN YOUR STEPS

There is so much to do in high school – let GCollege411 help you navigate through the steps. This checklist can help you know what you need to do to get ahead of the game and get on track.

NINTH GRADE CHECKLIST	TENTH GRADE CHECKLIST
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Update Your Profile within Your Portfolio to reflect that you are now a High School Student and create a connection to your high school. ✓ With the Career Planning tab to explore careers and save 3 new careers in Your Portfolio. ✓ Meet with your counselor to go over Your Plan of Study in the High School Planning section. ✓ Explore Programs and Majors and start thinking about what you might want to major in in college. ✓ Set short-term goals for yourself – academic, career, or personal. You can enter these in Your Portfolio. ✓ Check out Prepare for College in the College Planning section to find out what your postsecondary options are, for help with picking the right college, as well as college entrance requirements. ✓ Use the College Savings Calculator under Financial Aid Planning to help figure out how much you need to start saving – or continue to save – for college. ✓ Explore extracurricular activities in your school and community and record your participation in Your Experiences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Meet with your counselor to review Your Plan of Study to be sure you're still on track. ✓ Learn about the College Credit Now options to help you discover how to earn college credit while still in high school. ✓ Take the PSAT in October. ✓ Talk to your counselor about the tests you'll need for college admissions and take advantage of the FREE test help available in the College Test Prep section. ✓ Start exploring colleges in Georgia and nationwide to find schools that interest you and save your top choices to Your Portfolio. ✓ Continue to track your GPA eligibility for the HOPE Scholarship at Your HOPE GPA. ✓ Keep volunteering and participating in extracurricular activities such as sports and school organizations.

	What is financial aid?	What determines financial aid eligibility?
	How do I apply?	
	What will I qualify for?	

Paying For College
Student Loan and Financial Aid Information



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

- The **Community Engagement Strategy** is promoting the importance of a postsecondary education among underrepresented persons throughout the state through robust community events. This strategy enables community groups to assist local educators and students by providing resources and information and sponsoring events. For more information on community engagement events, please contact creynolds@cisgeorgia.org.

MOTIVATIONAL MODULES

- The Motivational Modules, are a comprehensive resource containing critical messages that schools and communities can instill in the minds of the students and parents regarding the accessibility and importance of college and careers.
- The underlying message of the modules is that college is desirable and obtainable to any student to obtain a better quality of life...but you have to go after it yourself.
- For more information and training on how to use the modules
http://www.gsfc.org/main/publishing/volunteer_resource/index.cfm.

It's for real.

- **Over a lifetime a college graduate earns over \$1 million more than a person with a high school diploma.**



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What kind of paycheck would you like to take home?

High School
Dropout

\$6.55

x 40 hrs./wk.

\$262.00

x 52 wks./yr.

\$13,624



DOE Individual Graduation Plan

- CACG provides additional resources for the Georgia Department of Education promotion and training for Counselors and Career Technical and Agricultural Education Directors on the advisement mandated by the **BRIDGE** Act.
- For more information on this strategy, please contact espann@doe.k12.ga.us.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE STRATEGY

- Please invite us to come speak to your district, school and community partners about one or all of our resources.
- Please invite us to come speak directly with your students **(especially seniors!!)** for any events you are planning promoting college access and success.



NEXT STEPS...



NEXT STEPS...

- Assess needs of your schools and your students
- Review CACG resources that may assist with meeting needs
- Collect information on how to get started
- Reach out to the resource contact if you need assistance

QUESTIONS?

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404-962-3126

OR to get CACG Outreach materials:

CollegeAccessItems@usg.edu