



# Inclusive Post Secondary Education (IPSE) Grants

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# IPSE Grants

## Scholarships for Inclusive Post Secondary Education Students

- 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.
- SB 246: Grant funds went into effect July 1, 2023.
  - 1st eligible semester is Fall 2023
- Grants “shall” cover “standard university tuition” at public institutions or (not IPSE programs at private institutions, when applicable), and “may cover program or student fees, depending on funds available.



# 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*)



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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)
- 162 IPSE students expected for 2023-2024 academic year
- Will likely need more advocacy next legislative session to increase the allocation behind these grants to ensure that all students can be covered



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## Eligibility & Requirements

- Students must have a documented *intellectual* disability (not a developmental disability alone)
- 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, student fees or program fees  
(up to the school)



“The award amounts shown are for the Fall 2023 through Summer 2024 terms. Final eligibility and award amount is determined by the college or university.

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

<https://www.gafutures.org/media/3nzkfnvw/inclusive-postsecondary-education-grant-ipse-progarm-chart-for-certain-psis.pdf> [sic]



# Credit hours per semester for full time students at each IPSE

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



- Complete 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](mailto: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

- GAISPEC is trying to coordinate with GSFC to create one-pager and/or other online resources for families to more easily compare costs between IPSEs.
- [www.GAIPSEC.org](http://www.GAIPSEC.org) will be updated by September
- Remember to thank your legislators!





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