



HOPE Program Changes Frequently Asked Questions

Q1. I've heard and read about upcoming changes to the HOPE Programs. What changes are being made to the HOPE Programs?

A1. No changes have yet been made to the HOPE Programs. Any changes that will be made will be decided and voted upon by the Georgia General Assembly.

Q2. Why are changes being made to the HOPE Programs?

A2. The growth in HOPE Program expenditures has outpaced the growth in Lottery revenues. At the current rate of expenditures, the HOPE Program cannot be sustained at the current benefit level. For a complete review of the history of the HOPE Programs and the current state of the Program, please review the presentation found [here](#).

Q3. When will the changes be finalized?

A3. It is not yet known what, if any, changes will be made. However, no changes will be finalized until presented and voted on as legislation, and passed into Georgia law.

Q4. Will students currently receiving HOPE be impacted by the new changes?

A4. Until any changes are passed into law, the impact on current and future HOPE recipients is unknown.

Q5. Can I speak to or email someone at GSFC regarding my opinion on HOPE changes?

A5. Any changes to the HOPE Program affecting eligibility requirements would require legislative changes, and the Georgia General Assembly is the only entity authorized to make legislative changes to the HOPE Program. Since any changes suggested would require new legislation, you should contact your state legislators to share your thoughts.