

All changes below are effective Fall Semester 2011

HOPE CHECKPOINTS: A student can only lose and regain the HOPE Scholarship one time beginning Fall term 2011, so a student becomes ineligible to regain HOPE after losing HOPE at two checkpoints. The clock starts with Fall and no gains or losses prior to Fall count. Not having the scholarship and then earning it for the first time does not count as starting with a loss.

Checkpoints to gain or regain HOPE are at 30, 60 and 90 hours. Each HOPE recipient is checked after the Spring semester to ensure the student has retained a 3.0 or higher GPA. If a student's GPA is lower than 3.0 at the Spring checkpoint, the student will lose HOPE.

AWARD RATES FOR STUDENTS NEARING 127 HOURS ATTEMPTED: Beginning Fall 2011, a student is eligible only up to the exact number of paid hours remaining in his or her eligibility during the term in which he or she reaches the 127 hours attempted cap. If student is actually enrolled in 12 or more hours, student shall receive \$150 per hour for any remaining hours up to 127. If a student is enrolled in 6 – 11 hours, student shall receive \$75/semester hour for any remaining hours up to the cap.

For example, if Joanna enters a term with 123 Paid hours (4 hours remaining in cap), but is enrolled in 15 semester hours, she is eligible for \$600 (4 hrs x \$150/hr). If Joe enters a term with 124 Paid hours (3 hours remaining), but is enrolled for 7 semester hours, he is eligible for \$225 (3 hours x \$75/hour).

FLAT AWARD RATES:

6 – 11 hours: \$900/semester

12 or more: \$1800/semester

LEARNING SUPPORT COURSEWORK CHANGES: HOPE Scholarship no longer pays for learning support courses. For example, if Howard registers for 12 hours and has a learning support class which is 4 hours, HOPE would only pay for 8 hours. Also, beginning Fall term 2011, learning support courses taken will no longer count toward HOPE hours attempted. However, Learning Support coursework taken and/or accepted for degree credit prior to the Fall 2011 term still counts toward hours attempted and in the HOPE GPA calculation.

ACCEL STUDENTS: ACCEL hours taken Fall 2011 or later does not count toward a student's paid hour limit or hours attempted.

SEVEN YEAR LIMIT:

* A student that received HOPE Scholarship payment at least one time prior to Summer 2011 is eligible to continue receiving the HOPE Scholarship until June 30, 2015

* A student receiving the HOPE Scholarship for the first time during Summer 2011 or later is eligible to receive the HOPE Scholarship through June 30th of the 7th year following the student's date of high school graduation, home school completion, or successful GED test date.

* A student that served on active duty in the military following his or her date of high school graduation or equivalent may request that the active duty service time be added back to his or her 7 years of eligibility.

For more detailed information, please consult the 2011 – 2012 HOPE Regulations for Private Schools through the following link:

<https://www.gsfc.org/Main/publishing/pdf/2011/2012-HOPE-PRIVATE.pdf>