

GEORGIA MATCH

What is the type of admissions redesign?

Invitational Admissions: High school students are proactively notified by a state postsecondary agency or system of their eligibility for admission to a four-year institution based on academic criteria and encouraged to apply without a guarantee of admission.

In which state is it based?

Georgia

What state postsecondary agency or system sponsors the program?

University System of Georgia and the [Georgia Student Finance Commission \(GSFC\)](#)

When was the program first started?




[October of 2023](#) for students applying to college for fall 2024

Does the student or state agency/system initiate the admissions process?

System initiated by letter sent to students

What are the central characteristics of the program?

GEORGIA MATCH notifies students that they are *eligible for admission* at particular institutions based on their high school calculated HOPE Scholarship grade point average (GPA) through 11th grade. However, GEORGIA MATCH is not a guarantee of admission to any of the colleges listed in the letter; students must still apply for admission and provide their final official high school transcript.

 <p>Program Scope</p>	Does the program include all high school districts or only a portion? Is opt-in required?	For students to be included in GEORGIA MATCH program, their high school must submit their transcript data after 11th grade to the Georgia Student Finance Commission so an underclass HOPE Scholarship GPA can be calculated .
	Does the program support admission to four-year institutions, two-year institutions, or both?	Both four-year and two-year institutions participate.
	Which institutions are participating in the program?	45 state institutions are participating, including the state's 22 technical colleges and 23 of the 26 University System of Georgia 4-year institutions. UGA, Georgia Tech, and Georgia College and State University are not participating, because they require a standardized test score and consider factors beyond students' GPA for admissions.
 <p>Eligibility Criteria and Application</p>	What are the academic eligibility criteria for students?	HOPE Scholarship GPA through 11th grade
	Are students still required to apply to postsecondary institutions?	Students are not directly admitted upon receiving an admissions letter; they still need to complete the full application, submit their high school transcript, and submit test scores if required.
	Is the application fee waived?	Some institutions have an admission application fee. Most colleges waive their application fees in November and March during Apply to College Month.
 <p>Data and Policy</p>	What is the data source for the program?	High schools must submit student transcript data after 11th grade so an underclass HOPE GPA can be calculated.
	Did the state or system adopt policy related to the program, and if so what does the policy include?	The GEORGIA MATCH initiative was created in collaboration of several state agencies including the Governor's Office, the Georgia Student Finance Commission, and the University System of Georgia, but was not a result of a specific standalone legislation.

Information above is up to date as of December 2025