



Your 2021-2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) indicates that you have not been a Georgia resident since January 1, 2016. In order to determine your eligibility for HOPE, additional Georgia residency documentation must be submitted to the Financial Aid Office for review.

What documentation is required to verify my residency status?

One of the following documents must show 2-year proof of Georgia residency:

- Valid Georgia driver's license showing an issue date over two years ago
- Valid Georgia identification card showing an issue date over two years ago
- Copies of 2018 and 2019 Georgia income tax returns (*i.e.*, *Georgia 500*, page 1)
- Copy of active voter registration in Georgia showing a date over two years ago
 - If you do not have a physical card, please visit <https://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov/MVP/mvp.do> to print off an electronic confirmation.

What happens if I don't have any documentation?

If you are unable to provide any of the items listed, contact NGTC's Financial Aid Office to receive further information about other acceptable documentation that can be used to prove Georgia residency for HOPE purposes.

Can I receive HOPE without meeting residency?

Students who cannot prove Georgia residency for two years **are ineligible for any state financial aid**. This includes HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarship, HOPE and Zell Miller Grant, HOPE Career Grant, HOPE GED Voucher, or Student Access Loan.

Does this affect my federal financial aid?

No, this residency status does not affect your federal financial aid eligibility. This residency documentation is used to determine state aid eligibility only.