

STANDARD TYPES

OF FINANCIAL AID

Pell Grant is a federal need-based grant that does not have to be repaid. Any remaining funds that a student is eligible for will be disbursed to the student between the 4th and 6th week of the quarter.

Hope Scholarship is state aid awarded to Georgia Residents in an associate degree program; who are academically HOPE scholarship eligible. This aid covers all tuition, most fees, and a \$50 or \$100 book check.

Hope Grant is state aid awarded to Georgia Residents in a diploma or certificate program. This aid covers all tuition, most fees, and a \$50 or \$100 book check.

Athens Technical College does NOT participate in ANY Federal or State Loan Programs.

HOW TO APPLY

FOR AID

Students should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on-line at

www.FAFSA.ed.gov

FEDERAL SCHOOL

CODE

005600

FREQUENTLY

ASKED QUESTIONS

Do I need to be enrolled full time to receive aid?

No, financial aid does not require full-time enrollment; however, your financial aid will be adjusted to reflect your enrollment.

How does dropping a class affect my aid?

If the course is dropped within the drop/add period (usually the first three days of the quarter), the class is not counted for financial aid purpose. The student may owe part of the HOPE book check.

How does my withdrawal or failing a class affect my aid?

Financial aid is required by Federal and State regulations to have a Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Policy. If you fail or withdraw from a class you will most likely violate this policy and be at risk for losing your aid. See a financial aid counselor for details or refer to the ATC Catalog for details on ATC's SAP policy.

Will Financial Aid pay for Developmental Classes?

Pell Grant will not pay for Developmental studies classes if you not accepted as a *Provisional Acceptance* or *Regular Acceptance*. However, if these classes are required for your degree, diploma, or certificate level program of study and you are eligible for HOPE, state aid will pay for developmental classes.

I am not eligible for HOPE Scholarship but I want an Associate Degree, what options do I have for Financial Aid?

Many programs have diploma options that can serve as a stepping stone into the associate degree. See a financial aid counselor for details or refer to the ATC Catalog on diploma options for Associate degree Programs.

Acceptance

Diploma

Degree

Status
Developmental →
Provisional →
REGULAR ACCEPT →
NON-GEORGIA RESIDENT →
SPECIAL ADMIT →

Programs (Eligible funding)
HOPE Grant* →
HOPE Grant *, PELL Grant + →
HOPE GRANT*, PELL Grant+ →
PELL Grant + ONLY →
NO AID →

Programs (Eligible funding)
HOPE Scholarship **
HOPE Scholarship **, PELL Grant+
HOPE Scholarship **, PELL Grant+
PELL Grant + ONLY
NO AID

Students who wish to pursue diploma or associate degree level competitive programs in the allied health fields are not eligible to receive PELL Grant until they are regularly accepted into the program. Initially, students pursuing these programs will be classified as Health Care Assistant, Health Care Science, or Health Science to allow those eligible to receive PELL funding to take advantage of these additional funds.

Competitive Degrees

- Dental Hygiene
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography
- Nursing (ADN)
- Paramedic Technology
- Physical Therapy Assistant
- Radiography
- Respiratory Therapist
- Veterinary Technology

Competitive Diploma

- Dental Assisting
- Medical Assisting
- Paramedic Technology
- Practical Nursing
- Surgical Technology

Competitive TCC

- Emergency Medical Technician

The ONLY Pell Eligible TCCs

- Analytical Chemistry Lab Tech
- Automotive Repainting and Refinishing Specialist
- Biological Sciences Lab Tech
- Cosmetic Esthetician
- Health Care Assistant
- Health Care Science
- Kitchen & Bath Designer
- Molecular Biology Technician
- Regulatory Compliance Tech
- Technical Communications Specialist

Citizenship

STATUS
 Students must be a U.S. Citizen, Permanent Resident Alien, or an eligible non-citizen as defined by the U.S. Department of Education to receive ANY financial aid. See a counselor for details or refer to the ATC Catalog.

*Students must meet Georgia residency requirements as mandated by the Georgia Student Finance Commission, be in a diploma or certificate program, and taking required classes, per the curricula outline in the ATC Catalog.

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+PELL Grant eligibility is determined by the U.S. Department of Education. Applications must be completed each year a student wishes to be considered for funds. Students are required to be accepted into a program of study and taking required classes, per the curriculum outlined in the catalog.