

The Georgia Foster Care Scholarship provides financial assistance for the cost of attendance to eligible students who were in foster care at the age of 14 under the supervision of the Georgia Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) and who are enrolled at an Eligible Postsecondary Institution.

For the Georgia Foster Care Scholarship details check out: <https://www.gafutures.org>:

- Program Eligibility
- Award Information
- Eligible Colleges and Universities
- Application Procedure and Deadline

How to Apply – Student's Steps

- Complete the FAFSA each year. Complete any required Federal Verification with your College's Financial Aid Office.
- Complete the Georgia Foster Care Scholarship Application.
 - Have documentation of your dates in Georgia foster care. This may be the Georgia DFCS Foster Care Verification Letter
- Upload your completed application with a Georgia DFCS Foster Care Verification Letter by signing into your GAfutures account. Go to My GAfutures and use the Student Dashboard > Document Upload > Scholarships & Grants – Applications & Supporting Documents.

Application Process

- GSFA will review the application and supporting documentation for meeting the foster care requirement.
- The eligible college will be notified of your application. The college determines if students meet all program eligibility requirements and determines award amounts.
- The applicant will be notified by email when the application is processed and the college is notified.

Annual Renewal

- If you are awarded the Georgia Foster Care Scholarship, to continue receiving it for subsequent years at an eligible college, you must notify GSFA of your enrollment for the new school year and the college you are attending by emailing sgfunds@gsfc.org.

If you have any questions about the Georgia Foster Care Scholarship you may contact Program Administration at 800-505-4732 or emailing sgfunds@gsfc.org.

Due to limited funding, the Georgia Student Finance Authority is not currently determining initial eligibility for the Georgia Foster Care Scholarship applications. Should additional funding become available, complete applications will be reviewed in the order in which they were received.

PART A – TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT - Please Print

1. Last Name		First Name	Middle Initial	2. Gender (Assigned at Birth) ☐ Male ☐ Female	
3. Social Security Number		4. Permanent Mailing Address Street Address: _____			
5. Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)		City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____			
6. Current Age		7. Email Address (Personal Email)			
8. U.S. Citizenship Status ☐ U.S. Citizen ☐ Permanent Resident Alien ☐ Other			9. Have you lived in Georgia your entire life? ☐ Yes ☐ No If No, when did you move to Georgia (MM/YYYY) _____		
10. Qualifying Student Status (Check Yes or No for each one)					
I was a foster child in the custody of Georgia DFCS for at least six (6) months after my 14th birthday.					Yes
Currently in the custody of Georgia DFCS?					No
Currently participating in Georgia DFCS independent living program?					
Was adopted from permanent legal custody of and placed for adoption by DFCS following my 14 th birthday?					
My family is receiving or has previously received state-funded adoption services through GA Department of Human Services.					
11. List below the eligible Georgia college or university you plan to attend or are attending.					

STUDENT CERTIFICATION, AUTHORIZATION AND AGREEMENT

I certify that the information reported above, and on any other document or writing in connection with this application for student financial assistance is or will be true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I authorize use of the information on this form by the Georgia Student Finance Authority as described in the Instructions. I authorize release and exchange of information between the Georgia Student Finance Authority and educational institutions, state and federal agencies from which student financial assistance is sought or obtained by me, and agree that such information exchanged may include financial, enrollment, academic status, legal residency and location information necessary to assure proper administration of student aid programs by state, federal and institutional administrators.

Student Signature

Phone Number

Date Signed

Be sure to upload this application and documentation to support your Georgia foster care dates.

You can upload the application and document through GAfutures' secure Document Upload by signing into your GAfutures Student Account. Go to My GAfutures Student Dashboard, select Document Upload and Scholarships & Grants – Applications & Supporting Documents.