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What is GEORGIA MATCH?





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The **GEORGIA MATCH** letter identifies up to 45 public colleges and universities that are an academic match for the student.

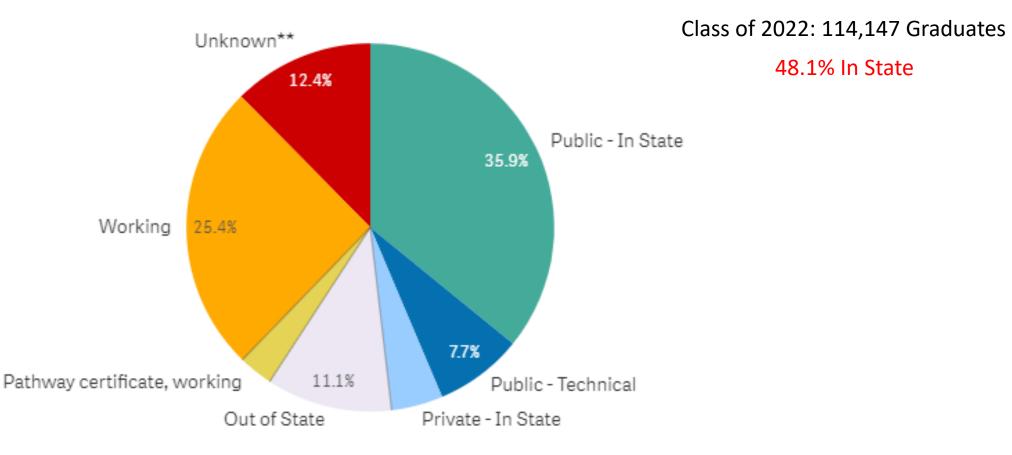
The institutions listed are **holding a spot** for the student, and ready for the student to **claim their spot**.

GEORGIA MATCH letters are sent to all public and private high school seniors (130,000+).



The Case for GEORGIA MATCH

Graduate Outcomes – Year After High School Graduation



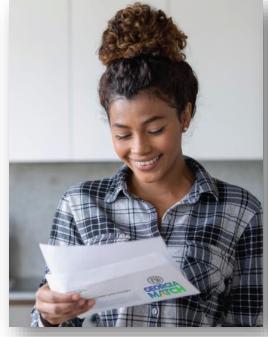
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Traditional Admission vs GEORGIA MATCH



- Student receives ACCEPTANCE and REJECTION letters.
- Process is dependent on the high school student taking the first step.





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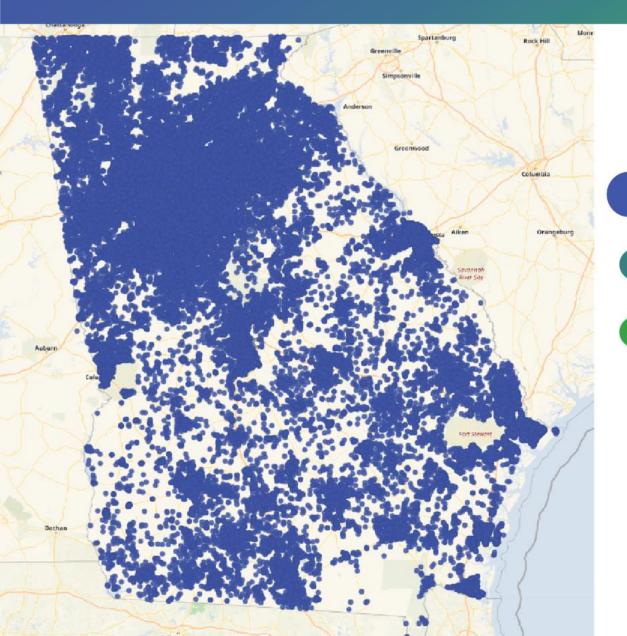
- No rejection letters! Less Anxiety!
- The letter will reach students that never contemplated applying to college.



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GEORGIA MATCH - Year One Results



Students that received a GEORGIA MATCH letter

Students that applied to a GEORGIA MATCH institution

Students that enrolled at a GEORGIA MATCH institution



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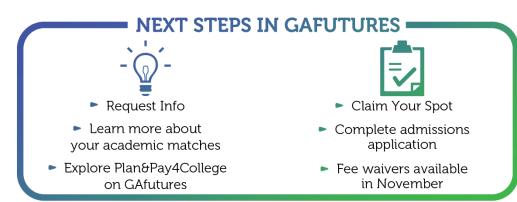
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How Colleges are Selected on the Letter

		Minimum		Freshman Index	
OPEID	Institution	HS GPA (Using HOPE GPA)	OR	Minimum FI HS GPA (Using HOPE GPA)	Minimum FI (Using HOPE GPA)
012165	Atlanta Metropolitan State College	2	OR	2	0
001558	College of Coastal Georgia	2	OR	2	0
010997	East Georgia State College	2	OR	2	0
041429	Georgia Gwinnett College	2	OR	2	0
009507	Georgia Highlands College	2	OR	2	0
001573	Georgia Southwestern State University	2	OR	2	0
001575	Gordon State College	2	OR	2	0
001581	Middle Georgia State University	2	OR	2	0
001574	Perimeter Colleges of Ga State Univ	2	OR	2	0
001592	South Georgia State College	2	OR	2	0
001585	University of North Georgia	2	OR	2	0
001561	Columbus State University	2.2	OR	2.2	0
003956	Dalton State College	2.2	OR	2.2	0
001541	Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	2.5	OR	2	1830
001544	Albany State University	3	OR	2	1940
008976	Clayton State University	3	OR	2	1940
001590	Savannah State University	3	OR	2	1940
001566	Fort Valley State University	3	OR	2.25	1940
001601	University of West Georgia	3.2	OR	2	2040
001599	Valdosta State University	3.2	OR	2	2040
001572	Georgia Southern University	3.2	OR	2.5	2090
001577	Kennesaw State University	3.2	OR	2.5	2200
005599	Augusta University	3.4	OR	2	2400
001574	Georgia State University - Atlanta	3.4	OR	2.75	2500

TCSG: All 22 TCSG colleges will be listed on every student letter (no minimum HOPE GPA).

USG: There are two ways for students to meet USG's preliminary academic eligibility requirement to have an institution listed on their letter:

- A. By meeting the minimum HOPE GPA requirement, or
- B. By meeting the Freshman Index requirements

Notes:

- USG requires students to meet Required High School Curriculum and testing requirements.
- USG institutions will make every effort to allow students to make up missing requirements.



GEORGIA MATCH – Implementation









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- In early October, GSFC proactively sends a letter to every high school senior attending a public or private high school in Georgia.
- The letter identifies all the USG & TCSG colleges that the student is academically qualified to attend based on their HOPE GPA or Freshman Index score.
- The letter will reach students that never contemplated applying to college! We are holding a spot for you!
- November is Apply to College Month (free college applications)!
 TCSG waives app fees all year. USG waives app fees in November & March.



How GSFC Supports High Schools

Get the word out!

- Share GSFC provided communications with students and families ahead of letter delivery.
- Share GEORGIA MATCH social media across the various platforms.
- Display items from the GEORGIA MATCH promotion kits around the high school.
- Hold events to support and encourage participation in GEORGIA MATCH.





How GSFC Supports High Schools

- Online GEORGIA MATCH Training Sessions (June September)
- Face-to-face Fall Training Sessions (October)
- Communications/Social Media Toolkit
- Copies of each student's letter
- Clicks Report available each Monday morning to show students' activity
- Outreach Representatives assigned to each high school



University System of Georgia

GEORGIA MATCH signifies eligibility for admission for all institutions on the letter.

- 23 of 26 colleges participate in GEORGIA MATCH
- 35 satellite locations
- All institution levels from access to highly selective
- 344,392 students (Fall 2023)
- \$1M+ more in average lifetime earnings than peers without college degrees



Technical College System of Georgia

The GEORGIA MATCH admission offer is GUARANTEED for all of Georgia's high school graduates at TCSG colleges!

- 22 Colleges and 88 Campuses
- Over 600 Programs
- The HOPE Career Grant provides an additional award for students enrolled in certificate and diploma programs in 18 high demand career fields:

Automotive TechnologyAviation TechnologyCertified Engineer AssistantCommercial Truck DrivingComputer ProgrammingComputer Technology

Construction Technology Diesel Equipment Technology Early Childhood Care & Ed Electrical Lineman Technology Health Science Industrial Maintenance

Law Enforcement & Criminal Justice Logistics/Transportation Technology Movie Production Set Design Practical Nursing Precision Manufacturing Welding and Joining Technology

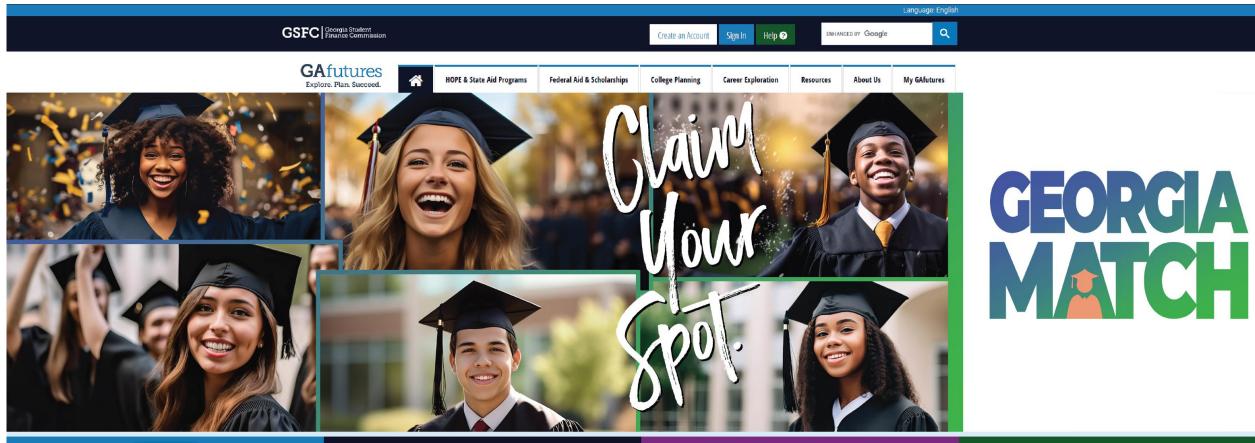


How the Letters are Created

- GSFC receives transcripts from 800+ Georgia public and private high schools.
 - Data sharing and program participation agreements.
- Those transcripts are used to calculate the HOPE GPA
 - GPA only includes core courses in English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Foreign Languages
- USG and TCSG use the HOPE GPA as the GPA used to determine academic eligibility.
 - USG policy still requires students to meet Required High School Curriculum and testing requirements.



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Learn more about direct admission into Georgia's public colleges and universities 血

College Search Search Colleges and Universities in the state of Georgia and across the country.







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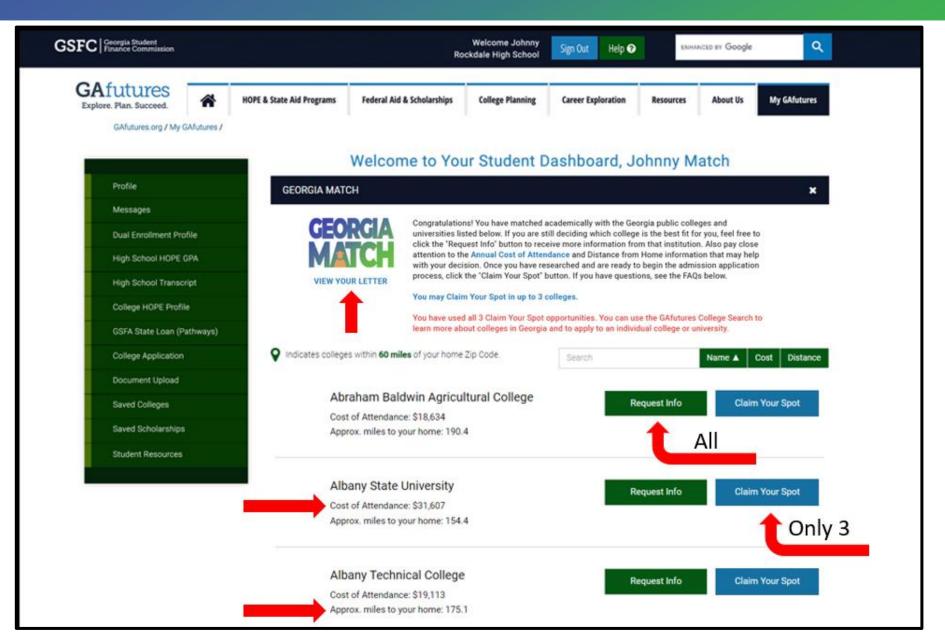
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Landing Page

- Access by QR code from the letter or navigate from GAfutures
- Page is publicly available (you don't need a letter)



GEORGIA MATCH Dashboard





Claim Your Spot & HS Transcripts

 For the Class of 2025, when a student clicks the "Claim Your Spot" button, they'll be given the opportunity to also transmit their most recent transcript on record at GSFC.

By selecting "Transmit" you authorize GAfutures to send your most recent high school transcript that is on file at GAfutures to the college listed above.

If you do not want to transmit your most recent high school transcript, then select "No thanks".

Please Note: If you have sent your transcript to the college above within the last 30 days, it will not be resent at this time.

Transmit No thanks



What Happens When Students Click a Button?

- **Request Info**: the college will contact the student and share standard recruitment materials.
- **Claim Your Spot**: the college will contact the student with information about completing the application process for Fall term 2025.
- Institutions will contact the students by email, mail, text or calls.
- Institutions will confirm final admission eligibility using their normal processes.



GEORGIA MATCH – Digital Marketing





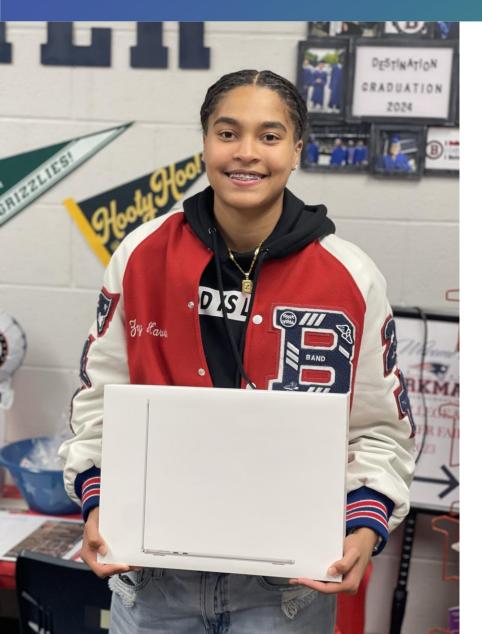


GEORGIA MATCH – Year One Activity





Year Two Enhancements



Electronic copy of the **GEORGIA MATCH** letter will be immediately available at the **GAfutures.org** student dashboard.

Confirmation emails will be sent when students request information or claim their spot.

The student may release their High School transcript to the institution when **claiming a spot**.

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Year 2 Implementation Timeline



Tracking Postsecondary Impacts





Lessons Learned



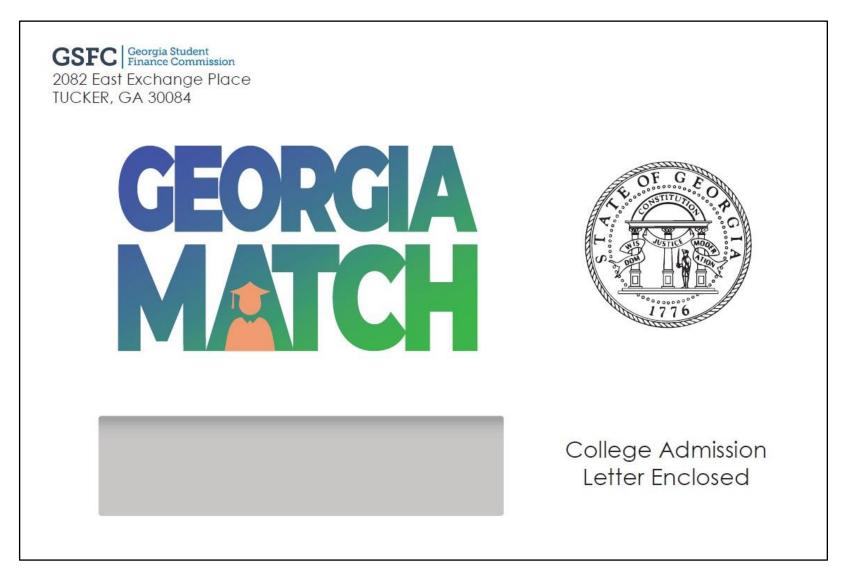


The Envelope (Year One)

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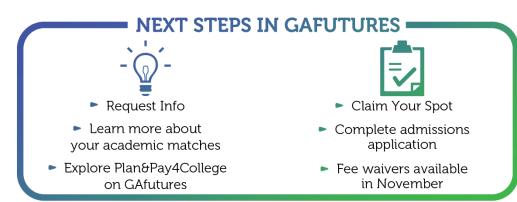
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