



## Funding F.A.Q's – Adapted from gafutures.org

(Dual Enrollment Funding Program FAQs – effective Summer term 2020)

**Advisement** - *GA Futures allows no exceptions for the approved courses, grade level, or the Funding Cap effective 2020-2021 (Summer 2020 and continuing)*

### **What courses can my student participate in that are funded by the state?**

- Courses that Toccoa Falls College offers that are state funded can be found at <https://tfc.edu/admissions/dual-enrollment/>. The heading “What classes can I take?” provides a document that has been updated to show availability in the courses and what courses are being offered each session/semester.

### **What are the limits on the state-funded Dual Enrollment funding Program?**

- The Dual Enrollment Funding Cap is 30 semester hours. This is a hard cap. The hours are based on hours paid by Dual Enrollment funding for terms of enrollment in the program.
- All first-time students effective Summer term 2020 and beyond are subject to the Dual Enrollment Funding Cap.
- Students who received Dual Enrollment funding for 18 semester or less hours, through Spring term 2020, are subject to the Funding Cap. For Summer Term 2020 and later, these students may receive funding for the remaining hours up to the Dual Enrollment Funding Cap of 30 semester hours.

Example:

- A student who received Dual Enrollment funding for 15 semester hours through Spring term 2020, may receive Dual Enrollment funding for 15 semester hours, Summer term 2020 and after.
- Students who received Dual Enrollment funding for 19 semester or 29 quarter or more hours through Spring term 2020, Funding Cap is extended for an additional 12 semester hours or 18 quarter hours of funding.

Example:

- A student who received Dual Enrollment funding for 19 semester hours through Spring term 2020, may receive Dual Enrollment funding for 12 semester hours.

## Who is eligible for state funding?

### 9<sup>th</sup> Graders

- Students in 9<sup>th</sup> grade are not eligible to participate in the Dual Enrollment funding Program.

### 10<sup>th</sup> Graders

- Students in 10<sup>th</sup> grade have the option to pay out of pocket for courses if they do not meet the following criteria, at the state regulated discounted rate of \$250 per credit hour + the cost of textbooks.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Graders who have a minimum SAT score of 1200 or minimum ACT composite score of 26 in a single national test administration, may enroll in any approved courses listed on the Course Directory at a TCSG, USG or private eligible participating postsecondary institution.

Note: GSFC must have the required test score(s) in the Dual Enrollment system prior to the student's Dual Enrollment funding Application being approved by the high school or home study.

- Students that were 9<sup>th</sup> graders during the 2019-2020 school year and participated in Dual Enrollment during the 2019-2020 (received funding for FY 2020) year may enroll as 10<sup>th</sup> graders in any approved Dual Enrollment courses listed on the Course Directory at any eligible participating postsecondary institution (USG, TCSG or private) for the 2020-2021 year.

### 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Graders

- Eligible students may take any approved Dual Enrollment courses listed on the Course Directory, at an eligible participating postsecondary institution (USG, TCSG or private).

## How does a student receive state funding?

- The new annual online application is available on [GAfutures](#) and may be completed by high school and home study students who are enrolled and physically attending a participating eligible public or private high school in Georgia or an eligible participating home study program in Georgia.
- The student must first create a GAfutures account profile that includes the student's correct information (legal name, email address, home address, social security number and date of birth). If the student does not have a valid social security number, when creating a GAfutures account profile, they will be assigned a GAfutures temporary ID.
- Upon selecting the Dual Enrollment funding application for the 2020 – 2021 school year, the student's GAfutures account profile will prepopulate the funding application. The school year includes Summer term 2020, Fall term 2020, Fall 1 term 2020, Winter term 2021 and Spring term 2021.
- Within the application the student must provide a parent/guardian's email address for the parent/guardian to electronically complete and sign the Dual Enrollment Participation Agreement for their student.
- The student will receive an application ID upon submission of the application and should provide the application ID to the parent/guardian.
- The parent/guardian will receive an email with instructions to complete and sign the Dual Enrollment Participation Agreement. The parent/guardian will be prompted to provide the student's date of birth and the application ID (as provided and emailed to the student) or student's social security number and date of birth. The parent/guardian may visit [GAfutures.org\DE Parent Agreement](#) to access the paper agreement.

- The high school/home study and postsecondary institution must approve the student's online application prior to drop/add ending.

### **Can a student retake or withdraw from a Dual Enrollment course?**

- Effective Summer term 2020 (FY2021), a student may not receive funding for the same course twice. Courses taken Summer term 2020 or later cannot be retaken and receive funding; does not include courses taken through Spring term 2020.
- Effective Summer term 2020 (FY2021), students become ineligible to continue to receive Dual Enrollment funding after their 2<sup>nd</sup> course withdrawal. Course withdrawals prior to Summer term 2020 are not included.

### **Are there any extenuating circumstances regarding withdrawals or retaking a course?**

- A student who withdrew from or wishes to retake/repeat a Dual Enrollment course may submit a written Extenuating Circumstance Appeal Request with supporting documentation. The Appeal Request form will be made available on GAFutures in May 2020. (Consideration given only for courses taken Summer term 2020 or later.)
- The student must have experienced an extenuating circumstance of serious illness, serious injury or a death of an immediate family member.
- Appeals do not allow for additional hours of Dual Enrollment program funding eligibility. The appeal solely allows for continued participation in the Dual Enrollment program, up to the 30 semester hours program Funding Cap.

### **What happens if a student has used all of their allotted state funding?**

- Students may choose to self-pay for additional credit hours/courses at the discounted tuition rate of \$250 per credit hour + the cost of textbooks.

\*Note – the above rules and regulations are based upon a document released on March 13<sup>th</sup> 2020 by GAFutures.org. It is important to be aware of any changes in state legislation that may impact your student eligibility to receive state funding. Any funding that Toccoa Falls College does not receive due to being outside of the state's limitations for funding will be the student's responsibility to reconcile.