

## Tuition and Fees FAQ for the LEA at GPTC And ideas for funding justifications

Total tuition & fees - \$3434.00.

If the student is **HOPE GRANT** eligible, it pays roughly \$1005 (making tuition \$2429). In order to be HOPE eligible the student cannot have a degree and must have lived in Georgia for at least one year.

If the student is **PELL** eligible, it has been our experience that PELL pays roughly \$1900 (leaving \$1457 after PELL or \$529 after HOPE and PELL)

Pell is based on the student's prior year income (and need) or depending on age, parent's prior year income. There are other eligibility factors such as family size etc.

**FINANCIAL AID** will be determined after completing their FAFSA application (<https://fafsa.ed.gov/>) this application can be completed at any time (sooner rather than later). Have them enter school code 016582 in the application when it is asked for by the system. They will also need their Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) from their previous year tax return, it will tell them what line to get it from on the tax return (again, depending on age, they may need their parents).

Anyone who is in default on school loans or other financial aid repayments will not be eligible for any future financial aid.

**GI BILL** will pay for everything. It will also pay them a monthly stipend while they are in training, but they have to apply for it (I do not think the stipend is automatic). It has been my understanding from previous students that the monthly stipend has been approximately \$1500.

If the Student is **ZELL MILLER HOPE** Scholarship eligible the student will receive a 100% refund on the tuition portion of the tuition and fees (\$3000.00 refund). The requirements for Zell Miller are; must be Georgia resident for previous twelve (12) months, cannot have Bachelor degree or higher (Associate's ok), must maintain 3.5 GPA per semester (around 92 test grade avg.)

Discussion on financially feasibility for your recruit to attend GPTC LEA

- We have some agencies that pay for the total tuition and fees
- Others pick up what is left after financial aid
- However, others have taken a hard stance of "we have to pay for whatever training we send them to so we send them to the 408 hour academy so it doesn't cost us anything."
  - Here is another consideration
  - When students attend us they are getting 42 semester hours of college credit toward their 60 hour degree. They do not get that elsewhere. So the employee actually has an option here...if the agency does not want to pay for it they can give their employee the option of coming here and letting the employee pay for their "training" because the employee is getting the college credit. The employer is not *making* them pay for their training.
  - If your agency offers tuition reimbursement this will save the agency money later. The student will receive the 42 hours, but the agency/student is only paying for 15 hours. I

would simply ask you to look at other reimbursement scenarios to determine how much 42 hours will cost at another time...\$3400 now versus an estimated \$9000+ later

**POST entrance exam.** As a college we require passing scores on all sections of the Accuplacer exam including Math (Accuplacer Next Gen score of 229). Combining scores from multiple tests are not allowed by POST. All section scores must be from the same type of exam (COMPASS, Accuplacer, etc.). Scores are valid for 5 years.

\*\*Please note that the Academy makes no assurances or promises about the above information where it concerns specific financial aid funding. This is based on our experiences with past situations and funding is based on individual situations, needs and eligibility. The office of Financial Aid and the Registrar is the authority on monies owed and funding.