

Beginning with the Summer 2026 term (FY 2027), students must meet both U.S. Citizenship and Georgia Residency eligibility requirements to receive DE Funding or ACE Grant. February 6, 2026 these updates were added to the FY 2026 Regulations for Dual Enrollment (DE) and ACE Grant.

GAfutures Dual Enrollment and ACE Grant pages have been updated, and the 2026-2027 DE Funding application includes new questions for the student to answer and to assist the Postsecondary Institution (PSI) in determining if the student meets the eligibility requirements.

US Citizenship requirement

- Be a U.S. Citizen or Eligible Non-Citizen
 - An Eligible Non-Citizen is a person who, in accordance with Federal Title IV Program regulations:
 - Is a U.S. permanent resident with a Permanent Resident Alien Card (I-551); or
 - A conditional permanent resident (I-551C); or
 - Holds an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from the Department of Homeland Security showing any of the following designations: “refugee,” “asylum granted,” “parolee” (I-94 confirms paroled for a minimum of one year and status has not expired), or
 - “Cuban-Haitian entrant.” or
 - Victims of human trafficking, in accordance with the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act, may also be considered Eligible Non-Citizens.

Georgia Residency requirement

Students must be a GA Resident according to the following requirements:

- Board of Regents’ Georgia Residency requirements if attending a USG institution
- State Board of TCSG’s Georgia Residency requirements if attending a technical college
- Georgia Residency Requirement as listed in the *Georgia Residency Requirements at Private Institutions Regulations*, if attending an eligible private institution

Determining eligibility is the responsibility of the Postsecondary Institutions where the student has applied for Dual Enrollment funding or ACE Grant.

Dual Enrollment Funding Application

- Students must have a GAfutures account with a valid SSN to submit a 2026-2027 DE Funding Application.
- The Application includes questions for US Citizenship and GA Residency.
- Responses to the US Citizenship and GA Residency questions are displayed on the GAfutures> PSF>Dual Enrollment> DE Single View (DE Application)
- The PSI can accept the student reported answers for citizenship and residency in most cases.
 - The PSI must obtain documentation if there is conflicting information for either citizenship or GA residency status.
 - The PSI must obtain documentation for students listed as eligible non-citizens.

Processing Dual Enrollment Funding Applications

The GAfutures HSF> Dual Enrollment Single View (applications) has been updated to include a Course Reject reason of: "Eligibility Requirement Not Met- Student Not eligible".

PSIs need to communicate with the high schools regarding any Dual Enrollment or ACE Grant applicants that do not qualify for the program for whatever reason.

Updated DE Funding Application Questions

US Citizenship & Georgia Residency

US Citizenship Status * ?
Select

Georgia Residency Status * ?
Select

Parent Residency Status

Did one or both of your parents claim you on their most recent federal or state tax return? * ? Yes No

Is your parent serving on active US Military Duty and Station in Georgia? * Yes No

Is your parent serving on active US Military duty and their Home of Record is Georgia? * Yes No

Does your parent live in Georgia? * Yes No

US Citizenship Status options:
Select
Yes, I am a US citizen.
I am an eligible non-citizen.
I am not a US citizen or eligible non-citizen.

Georgia Residency Status options:
Select
I have always lived in Georgia
I moved to Georgia
I do not live in Georgia

Students' answers will display on the 2026 –2027 HSF and PSF Dual Enrollment Single View (DE application). GSFAPP has very similar questions and the PSIs can access the students' answers in the PSF Applications Module.

GSFAPP for ACE Grant:

- Students must have a GAfutures account with a valid SSN to submit a GSFAPP.
- GSFAPP includes questions for US Citizenship and GA Residency.
- For ACE Grant, the TCSG Institution can accept the student reported answers unless it has conflicting information or the student is an eligible non-citizen.
 - Eligible non-citizen documentation must be collected by the PSI

FAQ:

Q: Does this change impact students who are enrolled in Winter and/or Spring 2026?

A: No, the citizenship and GA residency requirements are effective Summer term 2026 and after

Q: How can the High School identify Dual Enrollment Funding students who did not provide their SSN in the past, how can their record be updated?

A: HSF Reports > Dual Enrollment > Approved Courses Report, will allow the school to run a report of all approved courses for the 2025-2026 School Year. Students on the report without an SSN (who used a Temporary ID such as starting with 777) can be identified.

Students who have an SSN must update their GAfutures Profile to include their SSN prior to completing the 2026-2027 Dual Enrollment Funding application.

Q: Who is responsible for determining if a student meets US Citizenship and Georgia Residency requirements for Dual Enrollment and ACE Grant?

A: The Postsecondary Institutions the student applies for Dual Enrollment funding or ACE Grant must determine if the student meets US Citizenship and GA Residency requirements. The PSIs will use information gathered on the 2026-2027 Dual Enrollment Funding application or GSFAPP to determine eligibility.

Q: If the PSI has conflicting information, does the DE Funding application or GSFAPP need to be corrected?

A: *Citizenship and/or residency conflicts:* If the PSI determines the student meets US Citizenship and GA Residency requirements, the PSI may proceed with awarding and must document the student's file at the institution for the record.

Q: If a student received Dual Enrollment or ACE Grant funding in 2025–2026 but does not meet the U.S. citizenship or Georgia residency requirements for 2026–2027, can they continue receiving that funding?

A: No. Beginning with the Summer 2026 term, all students must meet U.S. Citizenship and Georgia Residency requirements to receive DE funding or the ACE Grant.