



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

APPLY TO COLLEGE MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Georgia is the Top State for Talent Georgia and prioritizes access to educational opportunities for students through the funding of state scholarship, grant, and service cancelable loan programs; and
- WHEREAS:** Workforce trends continue to favor applicants who have achieved education beyond high school, and studies show that college graduates enjoy higher incomes, better health, and greater levels of community involvement; and
- WHEREAS:** Providing students with information regarding educational resources and support is essential to increasing access to higher education, and the Georgia Student Finance Commission administers over \$1.4 billion in annual financial assistance to Georgia students pursuing postsecondary education; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia has awarded over \$16 billion to more than 2.2 million students through the HOPE Scholarship Program since its inception in 1993; and
- WHEREAS:** Students and education leaders across the state are encouraged to participate in Georgia's Apply to College Month by researching prospective postsecondary institutions; and
- WHEREAS:** Over 136,000 Georgia high school seniors may research and apply to GEORGIA MATCH colleges for free through GAfutures.org during the month of November; and
- WHEREAS:** Georgia Apply to College Month is an excellent opportunity to raise awareness of the benefits of higher education and generate important dialogue about resources available to students seeking a college degree.; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 2026 as APPLY TO COLLEGE MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 10th day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

CHIEF OF STAFF