

Georgia's Workforce Development Strategies

Attracting Talent with a High Quality of Life

Living and working in a metropolitan border county like Lamar has its advantages—less traffic congestion, lower overall cost of doing business, locally owned restaurants and shops, strong community loyalty—AND access to any cultural or sporting event imaginable. You can decompress quickly watching a sunset like ours!

Let us prepare a detailed report of our region and ways we can support you as you locate or expand your business in Barnesville-Lamar County.

Partner agencies like the Georgia Department of Economic Development, the Department of Labor, Technical College System of Georgia and the University System of Georgia are just a few.

Georgia has engaged with its communities in effective and strategic ways so that companies can grow and succeed in our state.

Georgia's Quick Start Training Program
Georgia's Hope Scholarship & Hope Grant
Job Training

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Georgia QuickStart

Quick Start is part of the Economic Development division of the Technical College System of Georgia

Their role is to provide customized workforce training, free of charge, as a ***discretionary incentive*** to support qualified new and expanding companies that are creating jobs in Georgia.



Over the past 14 years, Quick Start has ranked No. 1 in the U.S. in all published surveys of site selection professionals. Recently Quick Start received the distinction for the fourth time in the fourth annual survey conducted and published by Area Development magazine.

How does a company qualify for Quick Start's no-cost workforce training?

They consider a number of factors when assessing a prospective project. A QuickStart professional will be glad to review your project.

Information that will facilitate the evaluation process includes:

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| Number of jobs to be created | Hiring timeline |
| Breakdown of jobs by type | Industry sector |
| | Any additional information regarding products, |
| Timetable for operational start up processes, technology, unique requirements, | company background, etc. |

For complete details on whether you qualify for Georgia Quick Start, Go to:

<https://www.georgiaquickstart.org/do-you-qualify>

Allow us to connect you to the professionals at Quick Start. Contact kathy.oxford [at] cityofbarnesville.com (subject: QuickStart) (Kathy Oxford)

Hope Scholarship

Helping Outstanding Pupils

Educationally (HOPE) has provided more than \$9.4 billion of financial assistance for educational programs beyond high school.



The legislation for this program was scripted in 1992 under the supervision of Governor Zell Miller and launched a year later to provide assistance towards the cost of tuition at eligible Georgia postsecondary institutions to incent and reward Georgia's high achieving students.

Funded by the Georgia Lottery for Education, this unique initiative has helped more than 1.7 million students at eligible state public and private universities and public technical schools to create the "better-educated work force...and invest in (Georgia's) economic future" as Miller envisioned in his 1992 State of the State Address.

HOPE consists of six different aid programs. For more information on eligibility requirements, program applications, award amounts, participating institutions and other program-specific information, visit [GAfutures](#).

Job Training

The Georgia Department of Economic Development's, [Workforce Division \(GDEcD, WD\)](#), formerly the Governor's Office of Workforce Development, was created in August 2006 to administer the Workforce Investment Act funds under the leadership of the State Workforce Development Board (SWDB), and ultimately to improve the quality of job training and marketability of Georgia's workforce for the economic growth of the state.



Web Links

- [Georgia's QuickStart Program](#)
- [Georgia Manufacturing Innovation Center](#)
- [Job Training Initiatives in Georgia](#)
- [Georgia's HOPE Scholarship](#)