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MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Dalton Floyd, Chair, and Members,
Commission on Higher Education

From: Ms. Susan Cole, Chair, and Members,
Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services

2002-03 South Carolina Need-based Grants

The South Carolina General Assembly established the South Carolina Need-Based Grants Program in 1996 to provide additional financial assistance to South Carolina's neediest students. Students are required to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form to be considered for the Need-based Grant. The S.C. Higher Education Tuition Grants Commission administers the program for students attending independent institutions in South Carolina. For students attending public institutions, the offices of financial aid administer the program.

Full-time students may receive up to \$2,500 per year and part-time students may receive up to \$1,250 per year. Based on the results of the FAFSA and available funding, the institution determines exact award amounts. The grant must be applied directly towards the cost-of-attendance. Recipients may receive a Need-based Grant for a maximum of eight full-time equivalent semesters toward the first one-year certificate or diploma, first associate degree, and first baccalaureate degree.

For the 2002-03 academic year, \$15.3 million was disbursed to 23,450 State Need-based Grant recipients with an average award amount of \$653 as of August 31, 2003. On the following pages, we have provided the number of recipients and the average award at each institution; the number of recipients by ethnic group; the number of recipients by gender; the number of recipients by student level; the number of recipients by enrollment status; retention statistics; and the number of recipients by county. These reports may also be found at the Commission's website at www.che.sc.gov.

South Carolina Commission on Higher Education
Academic Year: 2002-03
Scholarship Type: Need-based Grants

Date: 09/03/2003

	Revised Fall 2002			Revised Spring 2003			Academic Year		
	Number*	Amount	Avg. Amt.	Number*	Amount	Avg. Amt.	Number*	Amount	Avg. Amt.
Public Institutions									
Senior Institutions									
The Citadel	85	\$83,599	\$984	80	\$77,831	\$973	86	161,430	\$1,877
Clemson Univ.	1,233	837,235	679	1,185	804,202	679	1,356	1,641,437	1,210
Coastal Carolina University	327	173,979	532	319	168,217	527	362	342,196	945
College of Charleston	538	468,893	872	560	469,957	839	618	938,850	1,519
Francis Marion University	463	226,786	490	419	205,138	490	468	431,924	923
Lander University	235	169,412	721	283	203,164	718	298	372,576	1,250
South Carolina State Univ.	419	216,675	517	381	197,753	519	433	414,428	957
U.S.C. - Columbia	1,546	982,235	635	1,406	890,912	634	1,550	1,873,147	1,208
U.S.C. - Aiken	227	168,937	744	219	163,220	745	252	332,158	1,318
U.S.C. - Beaufort	39	32,917	844	32	26,927	841	39	59,844	1,534
U.S.C. - Spartanburg	307	244,024	795	293	232,794	795	336	476,818	1,419
Winthrop University	465	339,890	731	404	290,143	718	467	630,033	1,349
Medical University of S.C.	35	22,922	655	35	22,922	655	35	45,844	1,310
Subtotal Senior Institutions	5,919	3,967,504	670	6,265	7,674,841	1,225	6,265	7,674,841	1,225
Regional Campuses of USC									
U.S.C. - Lancaster	55	41,886	762	50	38,112	762	60	79,998	1,333
U.S.C. - Salkehatchie	43	28,273	658	42	28,273	673	46	56,546	1,229
U.S.C. - Sumter	57	49,352	866	60	50,651	844	75	100,003	1,333
U.S.C. - Union	17	11,865	698	17	11,866	698	17	23,731	1,396
Subtotal Regional Campuses of USC	172	131,376	764	169	128,902	763	198	260,278	1,315
Technical Colleges									
Aiken Tech	345	86,612	251	295	73,550	249	384	160,162	417
Central Carolina Tech	159	74,240	467	154	74,240	482	201	148,480	739
Denmark Tech	83	50,834	612	135	87,396	647	151	138,230	915
Florence-Darlington Tech	239	148,061	620	235	145,720	620	277	293,781	1,061
Greenville Tech	104	79,642	766	204	183,935	902	224	263,577	1,177
Horry-Georgetown Tech	199	112,346	565	204	139,579	684	250	251,925	1,008
Midlands Tech	516	379,818	736	507	398,191	785	622	778,009	1,251
Northeastern Tech	182	27,213	150	182	27,213	150	230	54,426	237
Orangeburg-Calhoun Tech	137	83,030	606	273	91,337	335	302	174,367	577
Piedmont Tech	423	149,720	354	727	159,643	220	879	309,362	352
Spartanburg Tech	163	125,484	770	200	145,747	729	240	271,231	1,130
Tech Coll. of the Low Count	60	32,919	549	67	35,484	530	90	68,402	760
Tri-County Tech	306	148,889	487	335	156,461	467	393	305,350	777
Trident Tech	593	266,716	450	658	319,176	485	764	585,892	767
Williamsburg Tech	50	22,326	447	50	22,325	447	60	44,651	744
York Tech	206	139,047	675	175	115,047	657	241	254,094	1,054
Subtotal Technical Colleges	3,765	1,926,896	512	4,401	2,175,043	494	5,308	4,101,939	773
Independent Institutions									
Senior Institutions									
Allen University	178	24,171	136	139	20,679	149	178	44,850	252
Anderson College	766	107,591	140	686	106,153	155	769	213,744	278
Benedict College	1,004	132,314	132	901	130,102	144	1,007	262,416	261
Bob Jones University									
Charleston Southern Univ.	1,148	173,844	151	981	162,240	165	1,151	336,084	292
Clafin University	915	118,756	130	830	118,311	143	918	237,066	258
Coker College	664	94,495	142	559	86,099	154	667	180,594	271
Columbia College	710	120,974	170	635	118,551	187	711	239,525	337
Columbia International Univ	181	23,722	131	147	21,332	145	182	45,054	248
Converse College	306	63,969	209	278	43,677	157	310	107,645	347
Erskine College	339	60,961	180	319	62,879	197	340	123,840	364
Furman Univ	545	79,912	147	536	141,035	263	546	220,948	405
Johnson and Wales Univ									
Limestone College	776	62,701	81	637	56,341	88	784	119,042	152
Morris College	639	82,824	130	560	80,452	144	640	163,276	255
Newberry College	461	73,799	160	412	71,965	175	461	145,764	316
North Greenville College	842	116,881	139	754	114,337	152	846	231,218	273
Presbyterian College	469	88,843	189	455	94,366	207	469	183,209	391
Southern Wesleyan Univ	666	53,597	80	604	49,767	82	671	103,363	154
Voorhees College	199	26,685	134	156	23,089	148	199	49,774	250
Wofford College	439	87,772	200	427	75,726	177	439	163,498	372
Subtotal Senior Institutions	11,247	1,593,809	142	11,288	3,170,910	281	11,288	3,170,910	281
Two-Year Colleges									
Spartanburg Methodist Coll.	390	56,208	144	346	54,179	157	391	110,387	282
Subtotal Two-Year Colleges	390	56,208	144	346	54,179	157	391	110,387	282
Total All Institutions	21,493	\$7,675,793	\$357	22,469	\$13,203,874	\$588	23,450	\$15,318,353	\$653

* Unduplicated headcount.

Independent Data reported by Tuition Grants Commission

Fall 2002 State Need-Based Grant Recipients by Ethnic Group		
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	89	.4%
Asian/Pacific Islander	222	1.0%
Black/African American	9,042	42.1%
Hispanic	222	1.0%
White/Non-Hispanic	10,982	51.1%
Unknown	936	4.4%
TOTAL	21,493	100%

Fall 2002 State Need-Based Grant Recipients by Gender		
Men	6,903	32.1%
Women	14,196	66.1%
Unknown	394	1.8%
TOTAL	21,493	100%

Fall 2002 State Need-based Grants by Student Level					
Student Level	Public Two-Year	Public Senior	Independent Two-Year	Independent Senior	TOTAL
Freshmen	2,037	1,627	251	3,726	7,641
Sophomores	1,856	1,325	139	2,485	5,805
Juniors	26	1,357	0	2,228	3,611
Seniors	13	1,581	0	2,385	3,979
Unclassified Undergraduate	3	19	0	23	45
First Professional	0	6	0	0	6
Graduate (Masters)	0	0	0	12	12
Not Reported	2	4	0	388	394
TOTAL	3,937	5,919	390	11,247	21,493

Fall 2002 State Need-based Grants by Enrollment Status				
Type of Institution	Full-time	Part-time	Not Reported	TOTAL
Public Senior	5,705	210	4	5,919
Public Two-Year	2,438	1,497	2	3,937
Independent Senior	10,469	390	388	11,247
Independent Two-Year	390	0	0	390
TOTAL	19,002	2,097	394	21,493

Fall 2001 Need-based Grant Recipients Receiving Need-based Grant in Fall 2002

Institution	Received at Same Institution			
	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Total
Public Senior	36.5%	45.9%	43.4%	41.2%
Two-Year Regional of USC	19.6%	0	0	19.6%
Technical (Associate's Only)	16.2%	0	0	16.2%
Independent Senior	59.4%	70.9%	71.0%	66.0%
Independent Two-Years	60.60%	0	0	60.6%
Subtotal	43.9%	62.9%	61.3%	53.0%
Including students who transferred from originating institution to another institution in the State and received the grant.				
Grand Total:	46.0%	67.0%	61.8%	55.3%

