

Scholarship Changes

July 23, 2008

Agenda

- * SC Need-based Grant
 - Foster Care Youth/Independent Living
 - Summer Term Awards
- * LIFE and Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Enhancements
- * SC HOPE Scholarship

**Policy Guidelines and
Scholarship Regulations
can be found at our website
at www.che.sc.gov**

**SC Need-based Grant
Foster Care Youth**

Need-based Grant Foster Care Youth

Foster care youth get first priority and receive the maximum amount of funding of the SC Need-based Grant.

- Eligible full-time students receive \$2,500 per academic year.
- Eligible part-time students receive \$1,250 per academic year.

Need-based Grant Proviso for Foster Care Youth

Foster care youth attending an eligible higher institution in SC are eligible for additional Need-based Grant funding of up to \$2,000 above the \$2,500 maximum.

Additional NBG Funding Award Amount

The additional award is determined each academic year based on the number of eligible foster care youth.

- \$100,000
- Divided equally to eligible foster care youth
= Award amount
- Award amount may vary each year

Institutional Reporting of additional funding for Foster Care Youth

- Foster care recipients are reported with Scholarship/Grant Disbursement data
- Separate record for the student
- Data Type = "F"
- Amount Awarded = Based on allocation as explained on previous slide
- The reporting of the need-based portion follows current procedures

Additional NBG Funds for Foster Care Youth

• Students must self-identify by May 1st and complete a Foster Care Waiver form. The form must be submitted to:

- Institution
- CHE – Need-based Grant Coordinator
- DSS Independent Living – Bonita Strait
 - requires form to be submitted each year

Institutional Disbursement of Additional NBG Funds for Foster Care Youth

Institutions will receive names of foster care youth attending their institutions and award amount to be requested. Institutions must submit a separate invoice for the additional NBG indicating the name of each Foster Care youth to:

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S.C Need-based Grant

Awarding of Summer Session

62-460A Program Definitions for Administering SC NBG at Public Institutions

"Academic year" is defined as the fall, spring and summer semesters during which a part-time student would be expected to earn a minimum of six credit hours for each semester they receive the grant to earn a minimum of 12 credit hours or a full-time student would be expected to earn a minimum of 12 credit hours for each semester they receive the grant to earn a minimum of 24 credit hours.

Awarding of Summer Session

62-465B Student Eligibility

Students enrolled part-time or full-time may not receive a Need-based Grant for more than a maximum of eight full-time equivalent semesters. Students may only receive Need-based Grant funding for up to two semesters of the academic year.

Students who have already been awarded their first baccalaureate degree are not eligible to receive a Need-based Grant.

Awarding of Summer Session

62-470B Policies and Procedures for Awarding Need-based Grants

62-475A Duration of Award and Continued Eligibility

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62-485A Enrollment in Internships, Cooperative Work Programs, Travel Study Programs, or National or International Student Exchange Programs

62-490A Institutional Disbursement of Need-based Grants

Awarding of Summer Session

62-475E.1. Duration of Award and Continued Eligibility

...If a full-time student is awarded a Need-based Grant for only one semester of the academic year, the student must earn at least twelve credit hours by the end of the term. A part-time student who is awarded a Need-based Grant for only one term must earn at least six credit hours by the end of the term. Credit hours earned during any additional semesters (i.e. interim, winterim, or other non-regular semester) cannot be used to replace or reduce the minimum credit hour requirement for the regular academic year; and

Palmetto Fellows & LIFE Scholarship Enhancements

Fourteen Credit Hour Requirement

(2009 Legislative Changes)

Fourteen Credit Hour Requirement Scholarship Enhancements

- Regulations governing the Palmetto Fellows & LIFE Scholarships and Enhancements became law on June 26, 2009
 - changed the minimum level of instruction required in mathematics and science courses
 - beginning with the Fall 2007 freshman class & thereafter, must earn fourteen credit hours in the following courses by the end of the first year:
 - mathematics or
 - life and physical science or
 - a combination of both
 - removed laboratory course requirement

SC HOPE Scholarship

Awarding Process

- Full-time students attending an eligible four-year institution may receive up to \$2,800 (including a \$300 book allowance) toward the cost-of-attendance during the **first year only**. Half will be awarded in the fall semester and half in the spring semester.
- Students are eligible to receive the SC HOPE Scholarship for up to two terms based on initial college enrollment.
- Students who receive the SC HOPE Scholarship and earn a 3.0 LIFE GPA and 30 credit hours by the end of the first year may receive the LIFE Scholarship for the second year of college.

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