

# Scholarship Changes

July 30, 2008

# Agenda

- \* Foster Care Youth/Independent Living
- \* 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](http://www.che.sc.gov)**

# Foster Care Youth

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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:**

**Jeff Richards  
Internal Operations  
SC Commission on Higher Education**

**Palmetto Fellows & LIFE  
Scholarship Enhancements**

**Fourteen Credit Hour Requirement**

**(2008 Legislative Changes)**

# Fourteen Credit Hour Requirement Scholarship Enhancements

- **Act No. 235 (House Bill 4408)** became law on May 22, 2008
  - 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

# Fourteen Credit Hour Requirement Scholarship Enhancements

- Fourteen credit hour requirement waived for scholarship recipients who completed their first year prior to Fall 2007 (all other criteria applicable for Enhancement eligibility)
- See Policy Guideline dated 6/10/08 for details on courses that can and cannot be used:  
[www.che.sc.gov/StudentServices/LIFE/Directives/PolicyGuidelineforthePalmettoFellowsandLIFEScholarshipEnhancements.pdf](http://www.che.sc.gov/StudentServices/LIFE/Directives/PolicyGuidelineforthePalmettoFellowsandLIFEScholarshipEnhancements.pdf)

# 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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