



# SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

*Achieving Access and Success In South Carolina*

# State Scholarships and Grants

Palmetto Fellows Scholarship



LIFE Scholarship



Enhancement Scholarships



SC HOPE Scholarship



Lottery Tuition Assistance Program (LTAP)



SC Need-based Grant

# State Scholarships and Grants General Eligibility Requirements

Must be a South Carolina resident;



Must be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident;



Must be enrolled as degree-seeking student at an eligible South Carolina public or independent institution;



Must not owe refund or repayment on any State or Federal financial aid and not be in default on a Federal student loan; and



Must have never been convicted of any felonies and have not been convicted of any second or subsequent alcohol/drug-related misdemeanor offenses within the past academic year (excluding Lottery Tuition Assistance).

# Palmetto Fellows Scholarship

## Eligibility:

- 1200 SAT/27 ACT (June test administration)
- Top 6% (sophomore, junior, or senior)
- 3.5 GPA UGP

## Alternative Eligibility:

- 1400 SAT/32 ACT
- 4.0 GPA UGP

# Palmetto Fellows Scholarship

- Must immediately enroll in college Fall semester after high school graduation
- Attend a four-year SC eligible institution
- Eight consecutive terms
- Freshman - \$6,700
- Sophomore, junior, and senior - \$7,500

# Palmetto Fellows Scholarship

- Guidance counselors are responsible for identifying eligible students and notifying those students of the application process.
- CHE will e-mail and mail PFS application materials approx. 2 months before both early (December) and late (June) deadlines.

Contact Kristi James at (803) 737-2286 or [kjames@che.sc.gov](mailto:kjames@che.sc.gov) if you do not receive materials.

- Awards recipients are notified via the email addresses they provide in late February (early awards) and mid July (late awards).

# Palmetto Fellows Scholarship

## **Final Awards for Pending Students:**

Must meet all other criteria (either 3.5 GPA at end of senior year & top 6% of graduating senior class or 4.0 GPA at end of senior year)

Must be registered for the June test administration (please verify by requesting copy of registration confirmation). Scores must be sent to the Commission on Higher Education using the following codes:

**SAT Code – 4313**

**ACT Code – 6326**

# Palmetto Fellows Scholarship 2007-08 Award Data

- 5,218 Palmetto Fellows recipients
- \$40,478,125 awarded
- Fall 2008 Enhancements:
  - 1,837 students awarded
  - \$3,008,637 awarded
  - 33.4%

# LIFE Scholarship

## Eligibility at 2-year institution:

- 3.0 GPA UGP
- Up to four terms of eligibility

## Eligibility at 4-year institution:

- **MEET 2 OUT OF 3:**
- 3.0 GPA UGP;
- 1100 SAT/24 ACT;
- Rank in top 30% of class.
- Up to eight terms of eligibility

# LIFE Scholarship

- No application process
- Does NOT have to enroll immediately after high school graduation
- Must be a South Carolina resident at the time of high school graduation and initial college enrollment
- Continued eligibility requirements
- Can earn the scholarship while in college

# LIFE Scholarship 2007-08 Award Data

- 30,641 LIFE Scholarship recipients
- \$147,916,296 awarded
- Fall 2008 Enhancements:
  - 4,228 students awarded
  - \$5,271,064 awarded
  - 14.5%

# Scholarship Enhancement

**Must declare major in mathematics, science, or health related field;**

**To be eligible for Enhancement, during the first year in college, student must earn 14 credit hours in math/science or combination; and**

**Must be a recipient of the LIFE or Palmetto Fellows Scholarship to be eligible to receive the Enhancement.**

## Courses to meet the 14 hour credit requirement for the Enhancement

Credit hours earned in high school while in a dual enrollment program at an eligible institution;



Advanced Placement (AP) credit hours earned on a transcript for a grade of three or more on an AP exam at an eligible institution (only) and/or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses;



College Level Examination Program (CLEP) earned on a transcript of an eligible institution (only);



Credit hours earned in high school while in a dual enrollment program at an eligible institution;



Credit hours earned at in-state and out-of-state eligible institutions;



Exempted credit hours earned on a transcript at an eligible institution (only);



Credit hours earned in summer school at an eligible institution;

# Scholarship Enhancement

- Available at only 4-year institutions starting in second year.
- Students receive up to an additional \$2,500 annually for LIFE and Palmetto Fellows

## Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Enhancement:

Base + Enhancement = up to \$10,000

## LIFE Scholarship Enhancement:

Base + Enhancement = up to \$7,500

# SC HOPE Scholarship

## Eligibility:

- Attend a 4-year institution
- 3.0 GPA UGP
- 2 Terms
- May receive up to \$2800
- No Application Process
- SC Resident at time of high school graduation **and** initial college enrollment

# SC HOPE Scholarship 2007-08 Award Data

- 2,804 scholarship recipients for 2007-08
- \$7,117,245 awarded for 2007-08

# Early High School Graduation

**Students who complete their high school graduation requirements mid-year their senior year.**

**These students may be eligible to receive the SC HOPE or LIFE Scholarship pending approval by the Commission on Higher Education.**

# Early High School Graduation

- Must submit a completed updated version of the Early Graduation Application Form. Previous versions will NOT be accepted. Updated applications can be found at [www.che.sc.gov/StudentServices/LIFE/HS\\_EarlyGradHm.htm](http://www.che.sc.gov/StudentServices/LIFE/HS_EarlyGradHm.htm)
- Letter from the principal indicating student COMPLETED all requirements for high school graduation. Letter must be original, on school letterhead and signed by the principal only.
- Official transcripts must be sent directly from the high school to the SC Commission on Higher Education.
- Students are responsible for ensuring submission is complete by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

# Lottery Tuition Assistance Program (LTAP)

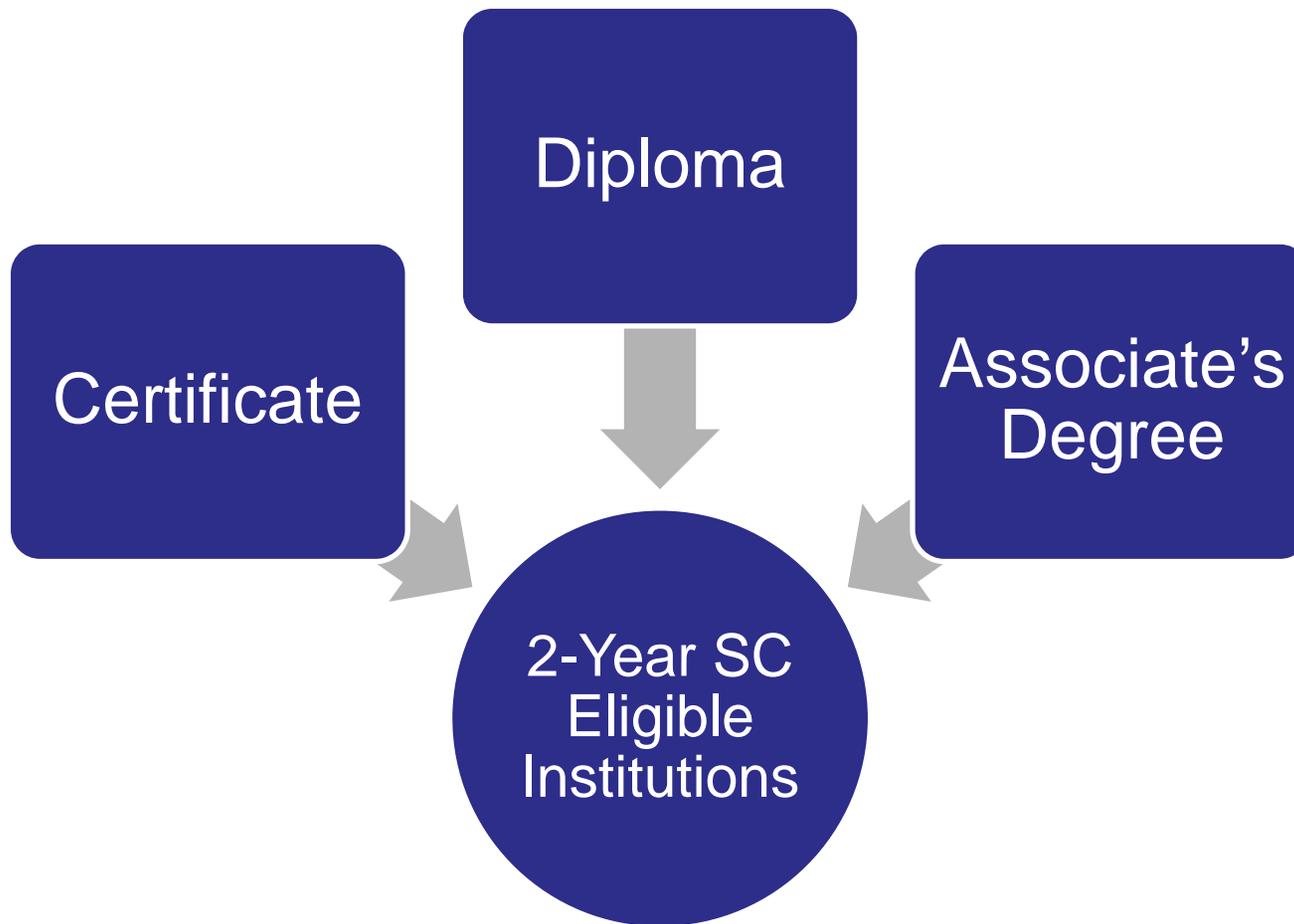
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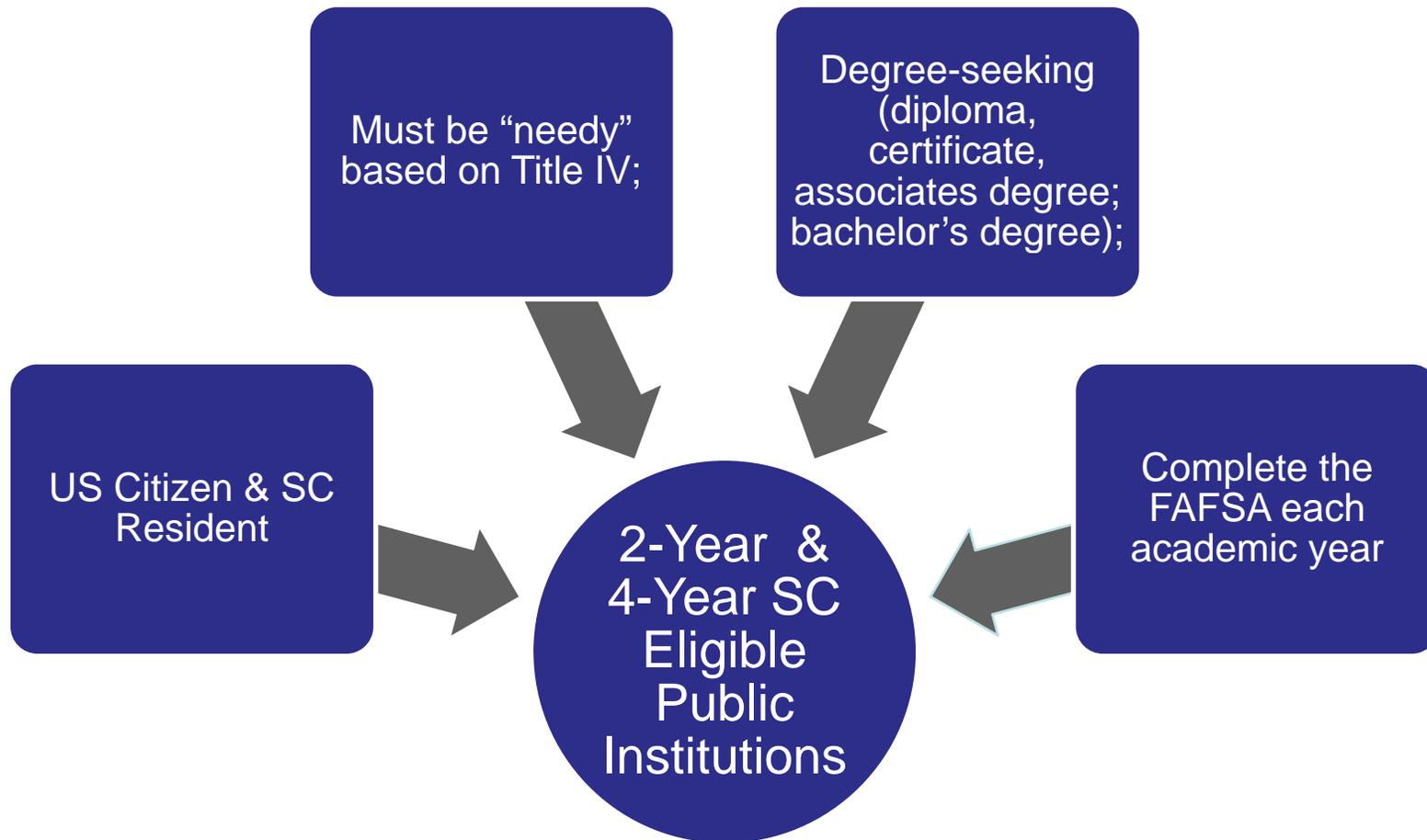
# Lottery Tuition Assistance Award Data

- Awarded fall, spring, and summer terms
- Award amounts may vary each term
- 2009-10 academic year - \$900/\$75 per credit hour
- Awarded to full-time and part-time students

## **2007-08 academic year:**

- 42,017 grant recipients
- \$43,006,457 awarded

# SC Need-based Grant (NBG)



# SC Need-based Grant Award Data

- Maximum award of up to \$2,500 for full-time students
- Maximum award of up to \$1,250 for part-time students
- Eligible foster care youth may receive the maximum award plus additional award

## 2007- 08 Award Data

- 26,751 grant recipients
- \$23,169,481 awarded

# Foster Care Youth

Foster care youth may be eligible for the maximum Need-based Grant award of \$2,500 per year; and Eligible for an additional award for up to \$2,000  
Youth must self-identify by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

[www.che.sc.gov](http://www.che.sc.gov).

Foster care youth may also be eligible for Chafee and ETV funds through DSS.

# Free Financial Aid Information for Students and Families



Saturday, February 27, 2010

For site information please visit

[www.collegegoalsundaysc.org](http://www.collegegoalsundaysc.org)

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**Questions?**



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