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To: Institutional Representatives, S.C. Need-based Grants Program
Public Colleges and Universities

From: Dr. Karen Woodfaulk, Director of Student Services

Subject: NBG Awarded to Students in Custody of SC Department of Social Services

For the 2006-07 academic year, all institutions must award the maximum allowable Need-based Grant (\$2,500 if full-time or \$1,250 if part-time) plus up to an additional \$2,000 to students who are in the custody of DSS. However, an institution should not award the maximum amount if, by doing so, this causes the student to exceed the unmet need in accordance with Title IV regulations. In accordance with Section 62-455.B, in determining the amount awarded for the Need-based Grant, all other sources of gift assistance must be applied to the total cost-of-attendance in accordance with Title IV regulations before calculating the unmet need and awarding the grant.

Students who are in custody of DSS must meet all eligibility requirements stipulated under currently approved Need-based Grant regulations in order to be eligible to receive Need-based Grant funding. In addition, they must supply a letter from the Department of Social Services indicating they are in the custody. According to Budget Proviso 5A.26 of the 2005 Legislative Session, these students have until May 1, 2006 to apply for the 2006-07 academic year. Attached is a list of students in the custody of DSS currently enrolled in college.

If you should have any questions, please contact Dr. Karen Woodfaulk at (803) 737-2244 or Ms. Sandra Rhyne at (803) 737-2280 or e-mail srhyne@che.sc.gov.

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