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MEMORANDUM

To: Directors of Financial Aid
Eligible LIFE Scholarship Institutions

From: Dr. Karen Woodfaulk
Director of Student Services

Re: LIFE Scholarship GPA and Transfer Students

Date: August 26, 2005

During the 2005 Legislative Session the General Assembly approved Act 162. According to Act 162, students must earn a minimum cumulative 3.0 grade point average (GPA) based on grades earned at all eligible public or independent institutions attended for the purposes of determining LIFE Scholarship eligibility.

Definition of Eligible Institution:

An "eligible institution" shall be defined, solely for the purposes of the annual credit hour requirement and the LIFE GPA calculation, as an accredited public or independent postsecondary, degree-granting institution located in-state or out-of-state. The institution must be accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education for participation in federally funded financial aid programs. This list may be found on the US Department of Education's website.

Transfer Students

For determining initial eligibility of a transfer student at the new institution, a student must have a minimum cumulative 3.0 LIFE GPA at all prior institutions and an average of 30 credit hours per academic year based on initial college enrollment. For continued eligibility at the new institution, transfer students must have at least a 3.0 LIFE GPA and earned an average of 30 credit hours (or its equivalent) per year at all institutions based on initial college enrollment.

Thank you very much for your cooperation and patience. If you have any questions, please contact me at 803-737-2244 or Sandra Rhyne, LIFE Scholarship Coordinator, at (803) 737-2280.

Enclosure

cc: Directors of Admissions
Registrars
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