

**First Opening Date of Fiscal Year 2004-05  
for the S.C. Education Lottery Teaching Scholarship Grants Program**

The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education is pleased to announce the opening of the Education Lottery Teaching Scholarship Grants Program, effective **November 15, 2004, for courses taken during Summer II 2004 and/or Fall 2004.** Included in the distribution of Lottery funding, the S. C. General Assembly allocated \$2 million to be awarded in annual grants of \$1000 for South Carolina teachers who are continuing their education to enhance teaching skills in core discipline areas. The Commission on Higher Education was charged with creating a program whereby teachers can apply for funding to assist with the cost of the advanced coursework or graduate degree programs.

Applicants apply by submitting an electronic application. Electronic applications can be accessed through the S.C. Commission on Higher Education's homepage at [www.che.sc.gov](http://www.che.sc.gov). By looking under the **Information Center**, the eligibility *Guidelines* and the link to the electronic application can be found. The submission deadline for the electronic application to be submitted to the Commission is **January 15, 2005**. Applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- ✓ Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident who meets the definition of an eligible non-citizen under the State Residency Statute
- ✓ Be a South Carolina resident
- ✓ Hold a "professional" teaching certificate as defined and conferred by the State Department of Education
- ✓ Be under contract as a teacher in a SC public school

In addition the applicant must:

- ✓ Be accepted as a degree-seeking graduate student in the teaching field (core content teaching area, early childhood, elementary, middle level, secondary, or special education at the Master's level) and be enrolled in good standing at an eligible S.C. based institution, with appropriate documentation provided; OR
- ✓ Be enrolled for graduate or undergraduate courses in current teaching field (fields are described above) or in a teaching field in which add-on certification is being sought with appropriate documentation provided at an eligible S.C.-based institution

Applicants should review the *Guidelines* ([www.che.sc.gov](http://www.che.sc.gov)) for additional eligibility requirements.