



South Carolina Higher
Education Tuition
Grants Commission

***“Giving South
Carolina Students
a Choice”***



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Governance

1. Governing Statute: SC Code of Laws Chapter 59 Section 113
2. Make up of Commission dictated by statute
3. Commission reports solely to South Carolina General Assembly



South Carolina Higher Education Tuition Grants Commission

2005-2006 Commission Members

Chairman:	Dr. Walt Griffin, Limestone College
Vice Chairman:	Dr. David Swinton, Benedict College
Secretary:	Dr. Jairy Hunter, Charleston Southern University
	Dr. Lee Monroe, Voorhees College
	Dr. George Murray, Columbia International University
	Dr. Luns Richardson, Morris College
	Dr. Charles Teague, Spartanburg Methodist College
	Dr. Luder Whitlock, Erskine College
Ex Officio:	Dr. Conrad Festa, Commission on Higher Education



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Quick Facts

1. Created in 1970 by SC General Assembly
2. South Carolina Residents Only
3. Need-Based Grant
4. Full-time Undergraduates Only



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Quick Facts

5. Must apply Annually
6. June 30 Annual Application Deadline
7. Limited to 4 years (8 semesters)
8. Used for "Tuition-Only," Not Room & Board



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9. Grant Awarded directly to student for use at eligible SC independent college of student's choice
10. 20 SC Independent Colleges eligible to participate
11. Since 1970; 276,910 Grants awarded totaling \$555,279,858



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College Eligibility

Required by Statute:

1. Full SACS Accreditation
2. Independent Eleemosynary College
3. Main campus and headquarters located in South Carolina



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PARTICIPATING COLLEGES

- ◆ Allen University (Columbia)
- ◆ Anderson University (Anderson)
- ◆ Benedict College (Columbia)
- ◆ Charleston Southern University (Charleston)
- ◆ Claflin University (Orangeburg)
- ◆ Coker College (Hartsville)
- ◆ Columbia College (Columbia)
- ◆ Columbia International University (Columbia)
- ◆ Converse College (Spartanburg)
- ◆ Erskine College (Due West)
- ◆ Furman University (Greenville)
- ◆ Limestone College (Gaffney)
- ◆ Morris College (Sumter)
- ◆ Newberry College (Newberry)
- ◆ North Greenville University (Tigerville)
- ◆ Presbyterian College (Clinton)
- ◆ Southern Wesleyan University (Central)
- ◆ Spartanburg Methodist College (Spartanburg)
- ◆ Voorhees College (Denmark)
- ◆ Wofford College (Spartanburg)



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Mission of Program

1. To help offset the higher education costs of attending SC independent colleges for South Carolina students just as the state offsets the higher education costs of our state residents attending SC public colleges; and,



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2. To gain maximum usage of the available independent college facilities located in our state by assisting eligible students afford the cost of the independent colleges and thereby help in the education of our state citizenry;
and,



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3. To preserve the dual system of public and private higher education in our state that provides healthy competition between the two sectors; and,



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4. To save the state tax dollars that are appropriated via the automatic state per student subsidy that goes, regardless of financial need, to all independent students if they migrated into the SC public college system; and,



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5. To give eligible South Carolina students a choice of attending the college that best meets the students' academic needs.



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REVIEW OF 2005-2006 AND 2006-2007 AWARD YEARS

<u>FUNDING SOURCES:</u>	<u>AVAILABLE FUNDS 2005-2006</u>	<u>PROJECTED FUNDS 2006-2007</u>
State Recurring:	\$19,322,247	\$19,322,247
CHE Need-Based Funds:	\$2,163,763 **	\$2,115,150 **
CHE Need-Based Lottery):	\$2,086,922 **	\$1,984,906 **
State Funds Interest:	\$287,960	\$175,000
State Lottery Funds:	\$4,000,000	\$7,766,604
Federal LEAP:	\$325,268	\$325,000
Federal SLEAP:	\$539,845	\$540,000
Carry Forward:	\$1,059,568	\$1,000,000
<u>Total Funding</u>	<u>\$29,785,573</u>	<u>\$33,228,907</u>

**** Based on Independent College Full-time Enrollments for SC Residents as a percentage of state-wide FTEs (For 05-06 - Fall 2004 = 18.03% and For 06-07 - Fall 2005 = 17.70%).**



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	<u>2005-2006</u>	<u>2006-2007</u>
Funding Cutoff Date:	<i>June 30, 2005</i>	<i>June 30, 2006</i>
Applications Received:	26,097	26,300 <i>(Estimate)</i>
Commitments Made:	21,192	21,300 <i>(Estimate)</i>
Grants Realized:	11,885	12,000 <i>(Estimate)</i>
Show-up Rate:	56.08%	56.34% <i>(Estimate)</i>
Maximum Grant:	\$2,850	\$3,100
Average Grant:	\$2,398	\$2,610 <i>(Estimate)</i>



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2005-2006 RECIPIENTS BY COLLEGE

<i>ALLEN UNIVERSITY</i>	<i>193</i>	<i>\$494,250</i>
<i>ANDERSON UNIVERSITY</i>	<i>805</i>	<i>\$2,032,163</i>
<i>BENEDICT COLLEGE</i>	<i>922</i>	<i>\$2,367,425</i>
<i>CHARLESTON SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY</i>	<i>1,230</i>	<i>\$3,225,030</i>
<i>CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY</i>	<i>1,010</i>	<i>\$2,617,295</i>
<i>COKER COLLEGE</i>	<i>663</i>	<i>\$1,426,985</i>
<i>COLUMBIA COLLEGE</i>	<i>575</i>	<i>\$1,493,260</i>
<i>COLUMBIA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY</i>	<i>140</i>	<i>\$370,430</i>
<i>CONVERSE COLLEGE</i>	<i>322</i>	<i>\$783,746</i>
<i>ERSKINE COLLEGE</i>	<i>291</i>	<i>\$794,708</i>
<i>FURMAN UNIVERSITY</i>	<i>523</i>	<i>\$1,446,635</i>
<i>LIMESTONE COLLEGE</i>	<i>999</i>	<i>\$1,306,120</i>
<i>MORRIS COLLEGE</i>	<i>494</i>	<i>\$1,282,637</i>
<i>NEWBERRY COLLEGE</i>	<i>494</i>	<i>\$1,293,516</i>
<i>NORTH GREENVILLE UNIVERSITY</i>	<i>952</i>	<i>\$2,517,946</i>
<i>PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE</i>	<i>468</i>	<i>\$1,280,623</i>
<i>SOUTHERN WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY</i>	<i>718</i>	<i>\$880,064</i>
<i>SPARTANBURG METHODIST COLLEGE</i>	<i>469</i>	<i>\$1,210,607</i>
<i>VOORHEES COLLEGE</i>	<i>182</i>	<i>\$481,093</i>
<i>WOFFORD COLLEGE</i>	<i>442</i>	<i>\$1,209,727</i>



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TUITION GRANTS RECIPIENTS ALSO RECEIVING OTHER STATE FINANCIAL AID (FALL 2005)

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
Palmetto Fellows:	719	6.06% (1/17)
LIFE:	3,651	30.75% (3/10)
HOPE:	495	4.17% (1/24)
LTAP:	224	1.89% (1/53)



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ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

ENTERING/FIRST-TIME FRESHMEN:

Minimum 900 SAT Score OR

Minimum 19 ACT Score OR

Rank in top 75% of Graduating Class OR

Graduate with a final HS GPA of 2.000 or
higher on the SC Uniform Grading Scale



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ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

RETURNING/UPPERCLASS STUDENTS:

Pass at least 24 credit hours during two
full-time semesters AND

Meet college's federal Satisfactory
Academic Progress requirements.



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APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Complete the “Free Application for Federal Student Aid” (FAFSA) by June 30.
2. Indicate “South Carolina Resident” on FAFSA.
3. List at least one participating SC Independent College in the College Choice Section.



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APPLICATION PROCESS

4. SCTG Commission will electronically “draw down” data and compute SCTG eligibility.
5. Student notified of award by SCTG Commission via E-Letter (e-mail) or Paper Letter of SCTG eligibility.



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APPLICATION PROCESS

6. The student enrolls full-time at the South Carolina Independent College of his/her choice.
7. When full-time attendance in the Fall Term and eligibility is confirmed by the college, SCTG funds are electronically disbursed to the student and applied directly to "Tuition" at the chosen college.



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ACCOUNTABILITY

1. Commission audited annually by State Auditor's Office. No findings for seven consecutive years.
2. Only 1.11% of agency budget expended on administrative expenses. 98.89% of agency funding goes directly to students to pay tuition.
3. Agency submits annual Accountability Report to the Governor's Office.



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ACCOUNTABILITY

4. South Carolina Tuition Grants Program Regulations require that administration of the program on each campus be reviewed as part of the college's annual independent audit.
5. Penalty restricting college participation should administrative errors be noted in four successive Program Reviews.



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