

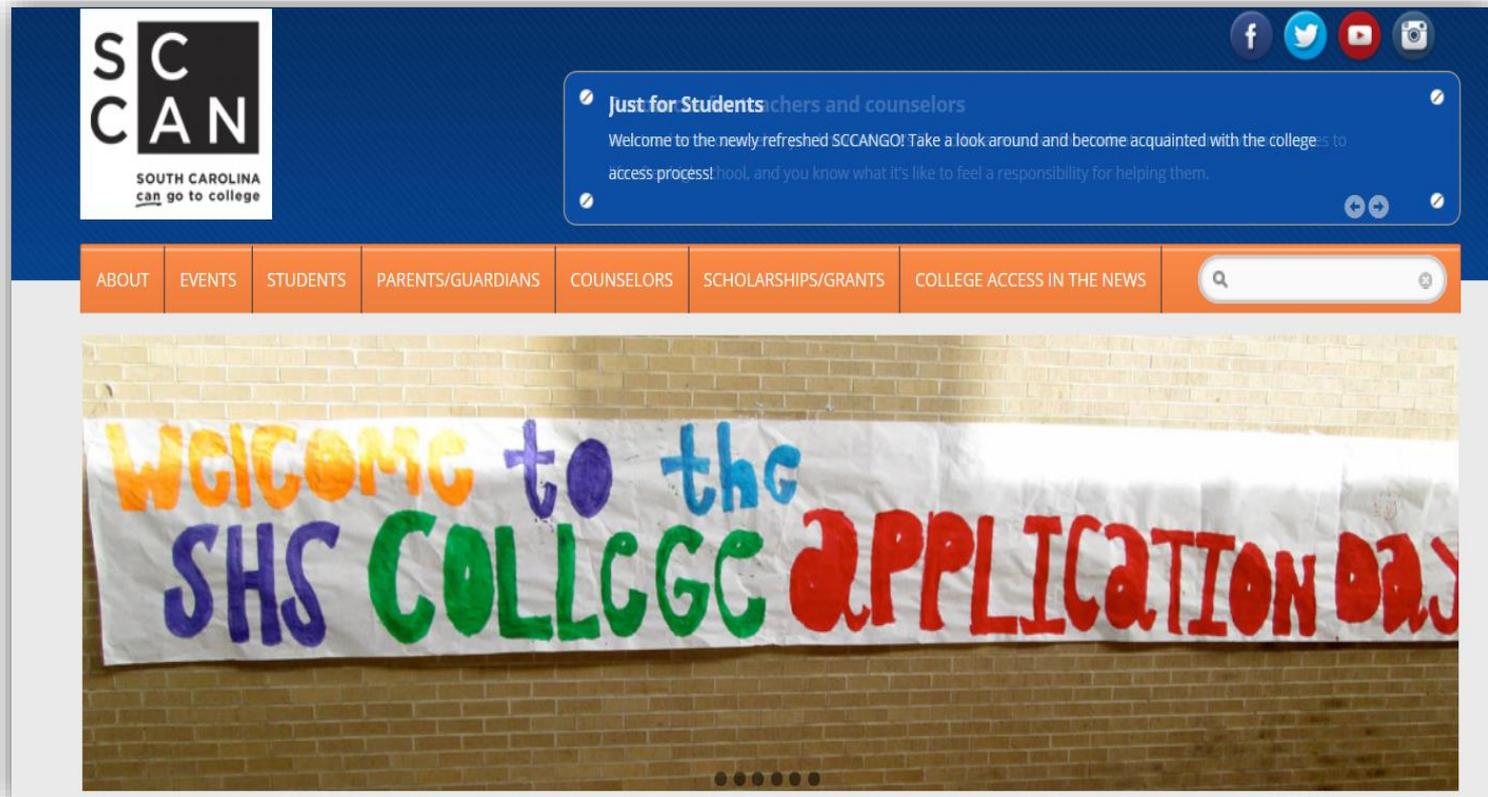


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2015**

College Application Month Training

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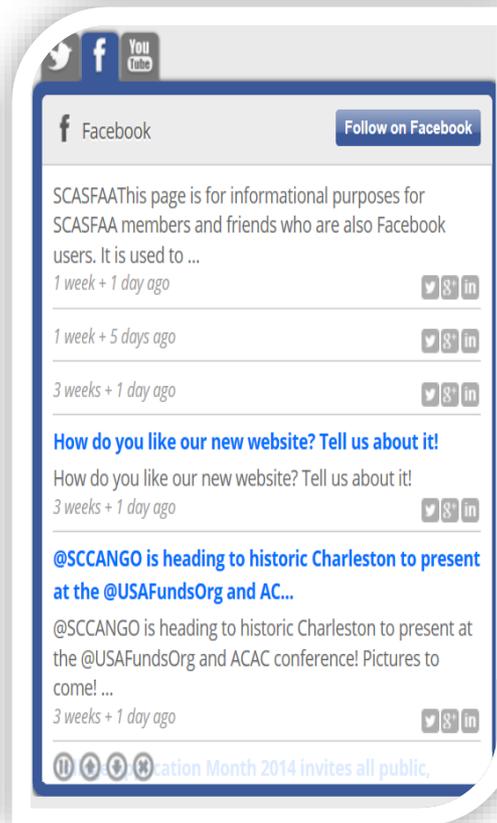


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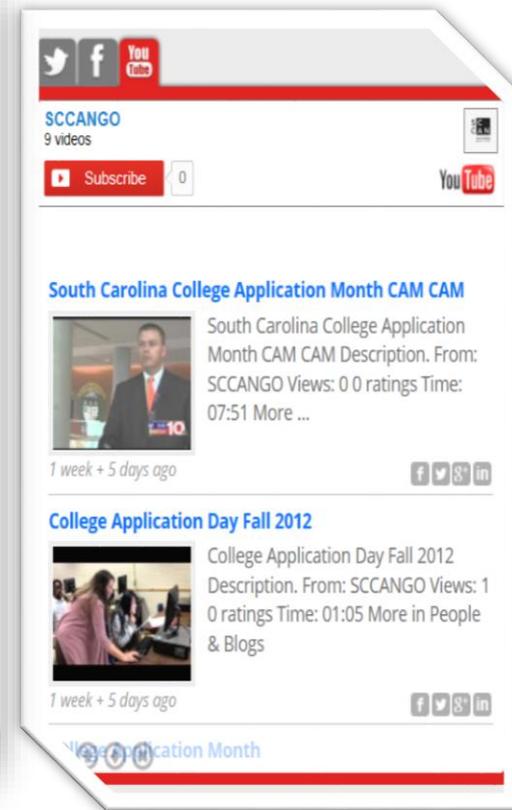
Twitter feed for @SCCANGO. The header shows social media icons for Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube, along with a 'Follow on Twitter' button. The feed contains four tweets from @SCCANGO, each with a profile picture and a timestamp. The tweets are:

- Tweet 1: "Thank you Brashier Middle College Charter HS for your #CAM2014 registration!"
- Tweet 2: "College Application Month 2014 includes 194 SC high schools! Almost reaching our goal of 200 high schools for this year! #CAM2014"
- Tweet 3: "Congratulations to Charleston County School of the Arts for registering to host College Application Month-10/7 for the first time! #CAM2014"
- Tweet 4: "Pledge to host a College Application Month event at your high school in 2015 on [link]"



Facebook page for SCCANGO. The header shows social media icons for Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube, along with a 'Follow on Facebook' button. The page content includes:

- A post from SCASFAA: "This page is for informational purposes for SCASFAA members and friends who are also Facebook users. It is used to ..." with a timestamp of "1 week + 1 day ago".
- A post from SCASFAA: "How do you like our new website? Tell us about it!" with a timestamp of "3 weeks + 1 day ago".
- A post from @SCCANGO: "@SCCANGO is heading to historic Charleston to present at the @USAFundsOrg and ACAC..." with a timestamp of "3 weeks + 1 day ago".



YouTube channel for SCCANGO. The header shows social media icons for Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube, along with a 'Subscribe' button and a '0' subscriber count. The channel content includes:

- A video titled "South Carolina College Application Month CAM CAM" with a description: "South Carolina College Application Month CAM CAM Description. From: SCCANGO Views: 0 0 ratings Time: 07:51 More ..."
- A video titled "College Application Day Fall 2012" with a description: "College Application Day Fall 2012 Description. From: SCCANGO Views: 1 0 ratings Time: 01:05 More in People & Blogs"

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COLLEGE APPLICATION MONTH 2015

September - November
At a High School Near You!

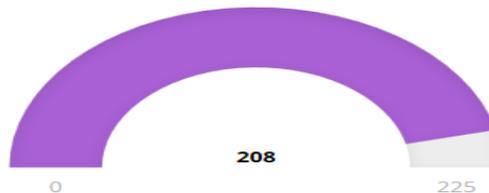
COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES: Please register to attend College Application Month Events

REGISTER

School Counselors: Register now to host your high school event

[Master College Application Month Event List](#)

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I PLEDGE TO HOST A COLLEGE APPLICATION MONTH EVENT IN 2015

Getting Started

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College Application Month Timeline

- **May – June**
 - Consider who will be on your CAM planning committee and reach out to them and set a meeting date when you return.
- **August**
 - Begin meeting with your planning committee and reserving spaces for your CAM event on your scheduled date.
 - You will also receive updated information on application fee waiver information and college representatives who registered for your event either by personal email or by collaborated calendar seen on SCCANGO.
 - Start advertising your event through all outlets (media, press release, school paper social media etc...) and reaching out to businesses and administration.
- **August - November**
 - Remember that your CAM event is **not** when students see their application of choice for the first time. They need to be working through the Student Resource guide (<http://sccango.org/news-and-resources-college-application-month/>) and participating in activities in English class working on essays etc...
 - After the completion of your event, it is important that the site coordinator completes the online **End of Event Report** - <http://sccango.org/report-event-results/>.

Develop a Planning Committee



- Begin putting together and meeting with your planning committee.
- Key people to include: *School counselor, regional coordinator or career specialist, English teacher, IT person, SC GEAR UP Graduation Coach, sporting coach.*

Invite Volunteers

- Does your school have a preferred volunteer list?
- Do you have contact information from volunteers that participated last year?
- Reach out to military recruitment centers, businesses, faith-based entities, fire and police department...



Start Talking about College Application Fees



- Encourage students to talk to their parents/guardians about how the application fee will be paid the day of the event (if a fee waiver or information is not provided by the college representative.)
- A master application fee waiver list will be emailed to all registered school counselors prior to events.
- **Best Practice** – prepaid VISA card

You set your event date... now what?



- How will you share the news of your scheduled date?
- **Best Practices** – social media (free), develop a press release for your local news and radio, area billboards and business signage, high school marquee, etc... **Don't forget to send copies/pictures of your event!**
- Encourage your principal and superintendent to attend and say a few words before each session of the event begins.

Are the Student Booklets Filled Out?

- All students who participate will need to come to their scheduled College Application Month event with a completed Student Resource Booklet. It should already be worked through and filled out prior to your event!
- This is where English teachers and Career specialists are key in assisting with the completion of these booklets.
- Email them home and get the parents/guardians involved (<http://sccango.org/news-and-resources-college-application-month/>)



Check Your Technology Equipment



- Make sure all computers are turned on and www.sccango.org is set as the home screen.
- All firewalls and blockers should be removed from personal email sites and the internet. Have your IT person's contact information on hand in case there is an issue during your event.
- Printer is up and running.
- **Best Practices** - Place a CAM/College Goal rack card at each computer to the students to take home when complete (located in your boxes if you hosted before and also online at <http://sccango.org/news-and-resources-college-application-month/>)

Sign In Sheet



- **Best Practice –**

Please create a sign in sheet that requests the following: name of student, how many applications did they successfully submit during their scheduled session and other information if needed by your school.

This will help all counselors complete the End of Event Report at

<http://sccango.org/news-and-resources-college-application-month/>

Students Are Ready...



- Welcome the students to CAM, introduce volunteers, CHE staff, and other attendees who are present.
- Please prepare to start off each session of the event with an introduction that includes instructions utilizing www.sccango.org:
 - College Net applications
 - Applying to colleges
 - Application Fee Waivers
 - Filling out the student survey
 - Signing in and out

Start on the Homepage and click “EVENTS”

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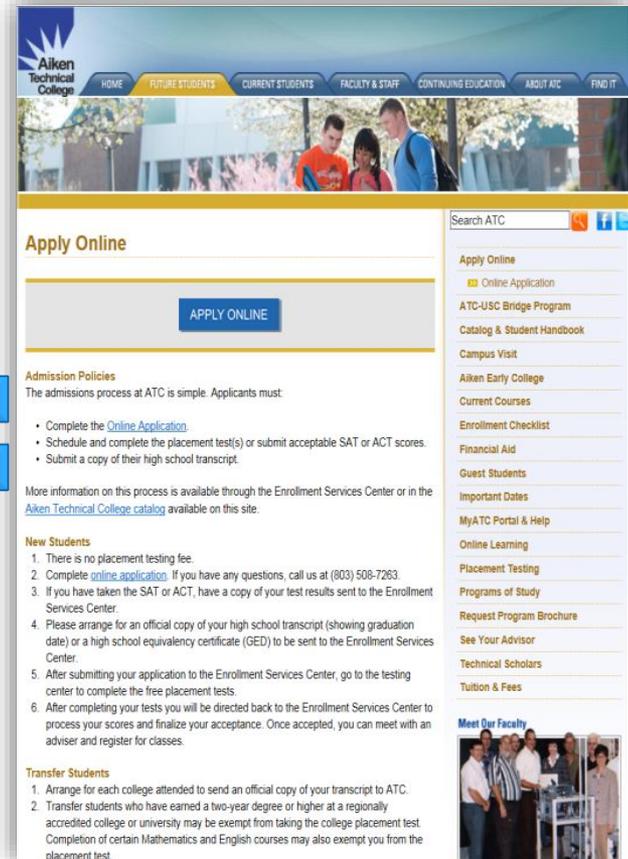
Note: Please take a minute to fill out our [short survey](#) after you are finished applying to schools.

Take Student Survey After You Complete Your Applications



South Carolina Colleges and Universities

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Aiken Technical College	Allen University	American College of the Building Arts
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Aiken Technical College

HOME FUTURE STUDENTS CURRENT STUDENTS FACULTY & STAFF CONTINUING EDUCATION ABOUT ATC FIND IT

Apply Online

APPLY ONLINE

Admission Policies

The admissions process at ATC is simple. Applicants must:

- Complete the [Online Application](#).
- Schedule and complete the placement test(s) or submit acceptable SAT or ACT scores.
- Submit a copy of their high school transcript.

More information on this process is available through the Enrollment Services Center or in the [Aiken Technical College catalog](#) available on this site.

New Students

1. There is no placement testing fee.
2. Complete [online application](#). If you have any questions, call us at (803) 508-7263.
3. If you have taken the SAT or ACT, have a copy of your test results sent to the Enrollment Services Center.
4. Please arrange for an official copy of your high school transcript (showing graduation date) or a high school equivalency certificate (GED) to be sent to the Enrollment Services Center.
5. After submitting your application to the Enrollment Services Center, go to the testing center to complete the free placement tests.
6. After completing your tests you will be directed back to the Enrollment Services Center to process your scores and finalize your acceptance. Once accepted, you can meet with an adviser and register for classes.

Transfer Students

1. Arrange for each college attended to send an official copy of your transcript to ATC.
2. Transfer students who have earned a two-year degree or higher at a regionally accredited college or university may be exempt from taking the college placement test. Completion of certain Mathematics and English courses may also exempt you from the placement test.

Search ATC

- Apply Online
- Online Application
- ATC-USC Bridge Program
- Catalog & Student Handbook
- Campus Visit
- Aiken Early College
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- Enrollment Checklist
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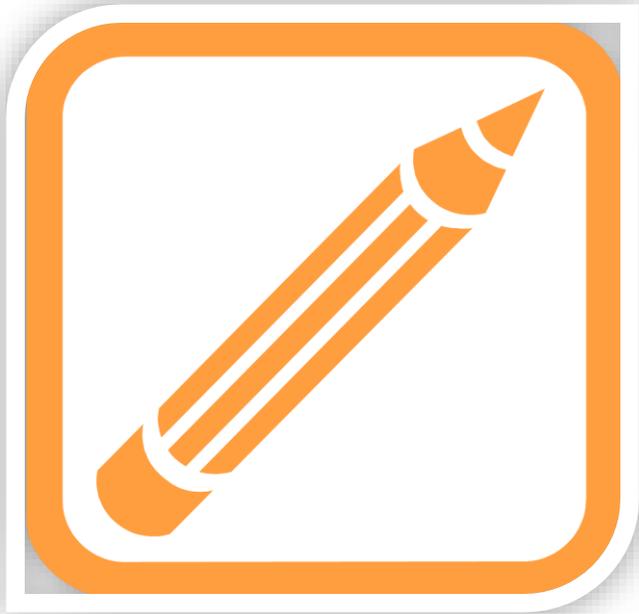
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Almost Done...



- **Best Practices** – Please have students sign out after they received their “I Applied” sticker. (in boxes of those that have hosted before)
- Please follow up by entering this information in the End of Event Report located on www.sccango.

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Site Reporting: **IMPORTANT**

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Remember – HAVE FUN!



College Application Month

Materials

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College Application Month Materials

(if you hosted in 2014, you have materials for 2015)

- Site Coordinator Toolkit
- Student Booklets
- College Organization Folders
- College Application Month and College Goal SC rack cards
- I Applied Stickers

*You can find CAM supplies online at

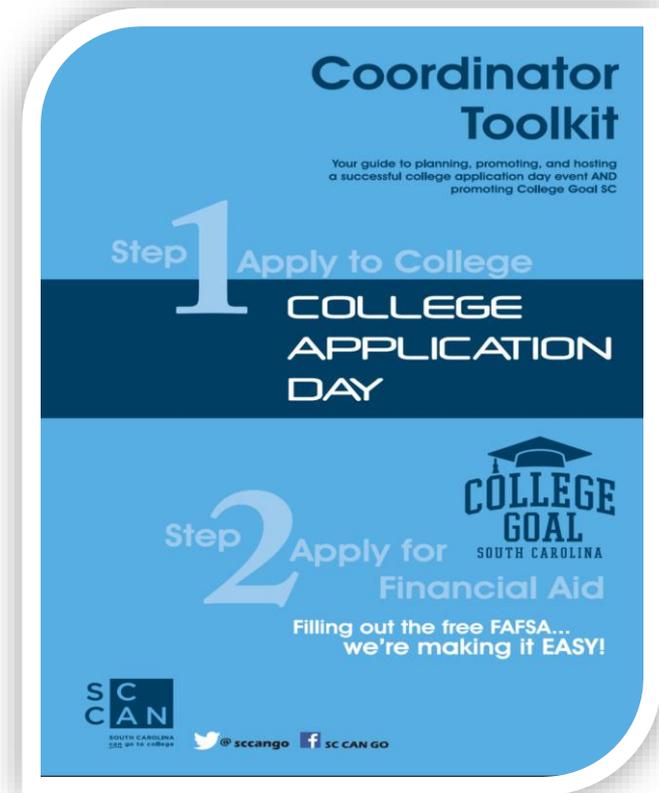
<http://sccango.org/news-and-resources-college-application-month/>

***If you have extra supplies, please use these for future events.**

Site Coordinator Toolkit

- Each box will contain one Site Coordinator Toolkit to assist each high school with preparation of the event from start to finish. This is also located online at <http://sccango.org/news-and-resources-college-application-month/>

Please read this carefully and follow the instructions on how to host a successful College Application Month event.



Complete Student Resource Guides **BEFORE** the event



- It is important that these booklets are completed BEFORE the event date. Have plans to go through the booklet in class or create activities around each section.
- **Best Practice** – teacher collects booklets when completed each day and returns to them the day of the event.
- An online version is available online at <http://sccango.org/news-and-resources-college-application-month/>

Step 1-Step 2 College Process

Step 1 Apply to College

COLLEGE APPLICATION MONTH

WHAT IS COLLEGE APPLICATION MONTH?
College Application Month is STEP 1 of a two-step process in order to remove the barriers to post-secondary access. College Application Days are completely FREE and are held on a week day in high schools during September through November statewide. During these events, students are assisted with the college application process. The goal of College Application Month is to provide a forum for all South Carolina seniors to successfully complete and submit college applications.

College Application Month... Coming this FALL to a high school near you!

Checklist of items NEEDED from the student in order to successfully complete and submit college applications during a College Application Day event:

- Completed College Application Worksheets (located in the Student Resource Guide)
- USB drive with uploaded essays or personal statements (if applicable)
- Credit card information for college application fees (or request fee waiver information from your school counselor)

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For additional College Application Month materials, please visit:
www.sccango.org

Partners: SC Commission on Higher Education, South Carolina Department of Education and the Carolinas Association of Collegiate Registrars & Admissions Officers (CACRAO)



Step 2 Apply for Financial Aid

COLLEGE GOAL SOUTH CAROLINA

Filling out the free FAFSA... we're making it EASY!

College Goal South Carolina is an annual event during the month of February which helps students and families complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA is the single most important financial aid form you will complete as you apply to college. Also, the FAFSA can be a prerequisite for qualifying for private awards.

In addition to receiving professional financial aid assistance in completing the FAFSA at the College Goal South Carolina event, students are also provided information on state scholarship programs, as well as information about the state's two and four year higher education institutions.

Coming in FEBRUARY

www.sccango.org
(The website will continue to be updated with new locations.)

Checklist of items NEEDED from the student and the parent(s)/guardian(s) in order to successfully complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) during a College Goal South Carolina event*:

- Social Security Number
- Alien Registration Number (if you are not a U.S. citizen)
- Most recent federal income tax returns, W-2s, and other records of money earned**
- Bank statements and records of investments (if applicable)
- Records of untaxed income (if applicable)
- Federal Student Aid PIN to sign electronically (if you do not already have one, visit www.pin.ed.gov)

*If you are not a dependent student, you do not need the listed items from your parent(s)/guardian(s).
***You may be able to transfer your federal tax return information into your FAFSA using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool.

Event Materials for Counselors and Students

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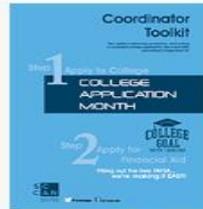
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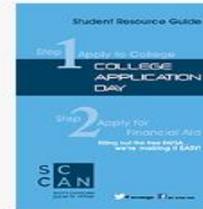
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Coordinator Toolkit

Your guide to planning, promoting and hosting a successful college application day event AND promoting College Goal SC



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Student Resource Guide

Filling out the free FAFSA...
We're making it EASY!



8.5 X 11 Flyer

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11 X 17 Poster

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Palm Interactive Card

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What is College Application Month

Brag about it!

- Please use **#CAM2015** when chatting about College Application Day on Twitter and Facebook.
- Facebook: SC CAN GO
- Twitter: @SCCANGO



More than 500 seniors at **Byrnes High School** got a head start on their future this week by participating in the school's annual "College Application Day." The event is part of a month-long initiative to raise college access and awareness across the state.

Local Rep. Rita Allison visited the school to offer her support, and talk to



students.

The goal of the day is to have every senior complete at least two applications for college. Many schools and universities waive their application fees to encourage participation in the event.

Way to go, **Byrnes!**



State Programs

- SC Need-based Grant
- Lottery Tuition Assistance
- SC HOPE Scholarship
- LIFE Scholarship
- Palmetto Fellows Scholarship

General Eligibility Requirements

SC HOPE, LIFE & Palmetto Fellows Scholarship

SC Need-based Grant

Lottery Tuition Assistance

- US Citizen/Legal Permanent Resident*
- SC Resident*
- No felony convictions
- No second or subsequent alcohol/drug misdemeanors
- Not in default of any state or federal loans
- Enroll in a degree-seeking program at an eligible SC institution

**this must be determined at the time of high school graduation.*

SC Need-based Grant

Must complete the FAFSA application each year and be determined “needy” based on Title IV

Can be used at any 2-year or 4-year public institution.

Must be considered a degree seeking student.

Up to \$2,500 for full-time or \$1,250 for part-time.

SC Need-based Grant

Additional Programs

Foster Care Youth

Up to the maximum
\$2,500 SC NBG
award/year, plus up
to an additional
\$2,000

**Student needs to work with the
Financial Aid office, DSS, and CHE*

College Transition Program

Programs at 5 eligible
SC institutions for
intellectually disabled
students.

**Student needs to be determined
needy by Title IV guidelines*

Lottery Tuition Assistance

**\$100/Credit
hour up to
\$1,200 for
full time**

**Complete
the FAFSA
application**

**Enrolled as a degree
seeking student at one
of the: 16 technical
schools, 2-year USC
satellite campuses, or
Spartanburg
Methodist College**

State Scholarships and Residency: Basic Breakdown

Students must have their immigration status verified through a federal process as either a US Citizen or legal permanent resident before they can be awarded any State scholarship.

Students must be verified by the institution as a SC resident before they can be awarded any State scholarship.

A student who is NOT verified as a US Citizen or legal permanent resident **AND** who is not verified as a SC resident **at the time of their high school graduation** cannot receive State scholarships at the time of initial enrollment or at any point in the future.

SC HOPE Scholarship

Eligibility:

3.0 Cumulative GPA (based on the SC UGP) upon high school graduation

No application Process. Institution reviews final high school transcript.

Must attend an eligible SC 4-year institution

Up to \$2,800
For the 1st academic year only (2 terms)

LIFE Scholarship

Eligibility at a 2-year institution

- 3.0 Cumulative GPA (based on the SC UGP) upon high school graduation

Eligibility at a 4-year institution

- **Earn 2 of the follow 3 requirements**
 - 3.0 Cumulative GPA (based on the SC UGP) upon high school graduation
 - 1100/SAT or 24/ACT
 - Rank in the top 30% of the graduating class

LIFE Scholarship

Terms of Eligibility

- Up to 4 consecutive semesters of eligibility at a 2-year institution
- Up to 8 consecutive semesters of eligibility at a 4-year institution

Up to \$5,000 per academic year

- Not to exceed to the Cost of Attendance
- Must attend an eligible SC institution

“Facts of LIFE” Scholarship

**NO
application
process**

**Not required
to begin
college
immediately
after high
school**

**Can *earn* LIFE
Scholarship
after 1st, 2nd,
or 3rd
academic
year**

**Student has
until the end
of an
academic year
to earn the
GPA/Credit
hours**

Dual Enrollment and college enrollment while in high school and/or prior to enrolling in college

Grades and credit hours earned at colleges and universities (in-state, out-of state, abroad)

LIFE GPA

Includes “F” and “D” Grades

Grades and credit hours earned while enrolled in college (including summer school)

A “Walk Through Life”

**End of 1st
Academic
Year**

**Earn a 3.0
Cum LIFE
GPA**

**Earn at least
30 credit
hours**

**End of 2nd
Academic
Year**

**Earn a 3.0
Cum LIFE
GPA**

**Earn at least
60 credit
hours**

**End of 3rd
Academic
Year**

**Earn a 3.0
Cum LIFE
GPA**

**Earn at least
90 credit
hours**

Palmetto Fellows Scholarship (PFS): Application Periods

- Any eligible student will need to be a part of the Early or Late Award application process during their year of graduation
 - TWO opportunities to apply:
 - Early Award: Mid-October- December 15th
 - Late Award: Mid-April-June 15th
 - Should the deadline fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday the deadline is the preceding Friday.
- *a student cannot use Early Award documentation for the Late Award****
- **a student cannot apply or earn the PFS once they have graduated high school*****
- Counselor driven application process
 - The application and application materials must be submitted via the high school/home school association and in the Commission office by the established deadlines (listed above)

PFS Eligibility Requirements

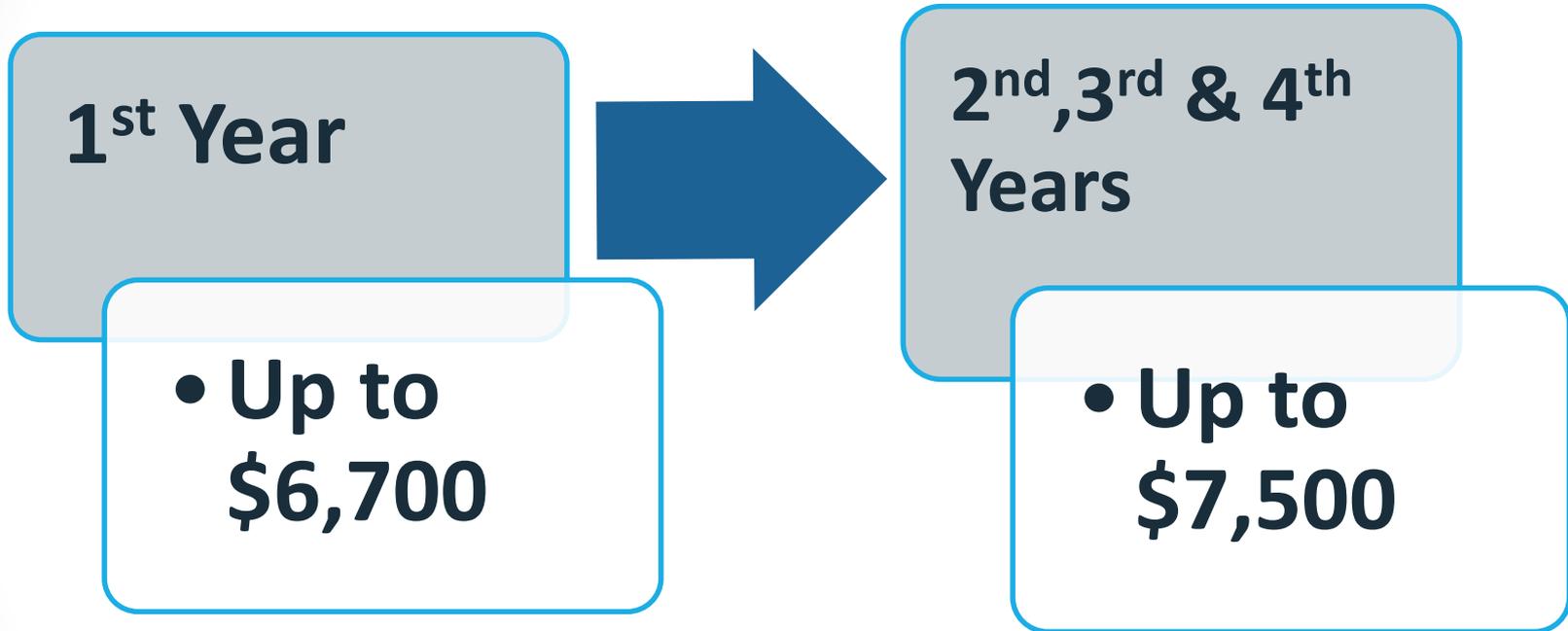
- For schools that have an official policy on rank that has been reviewed by the Commission for compliance with the established Regulations:
 - Rank in the top 6% at the end of the 10th, or the 11th, or the 12th grade academic year
- Earn a 1200 on the SAT/27 on the ACT (through the June test administration of the graduating year)
- Earn a 3.5 cumulative GPA (based on the SC UGP)

OR

Alternate Criteria (without regard to rank)

- Earn a 1400 on the SAT/32 on the ACT (through the June test administration of the graduating year)
- Earn a 4.0 Cumulative GPA (based on the SC UGP)

PFS



Important PFS Points

- The student **MUST** attend an eligible 4-year institution the fall semester immediately following high school graduation
 - Enrolling in a 2-year institution during a fall or spring semester forfeits the student's PFS eligibility
 - Not enrolling the fall semester upon high school graduation forfeits the student's PFS eligibility
- A student who attends an out-of-state institution can use any remaining terms of the PFS should they transfer to an eligible SC institution and meet the PFS renewal requirements
- In order for the student to receive scholarship funds they **MUST** complete the DESIGNATION FORM
 - This is the SOLE responsibility of the student
 - The student is provided this form via email to the email listed on the electronic application

How do I keep the PFS?

3.0
cumulative
institutional
GPA

(Cannot transfer
grades from other
colleges)

Earn 30
credit hours
each
academic
year

Does NOT include AP, IB,
Dual Enrollment, CLEP or
exempted credit hours

LIFE & PFS Enhancements

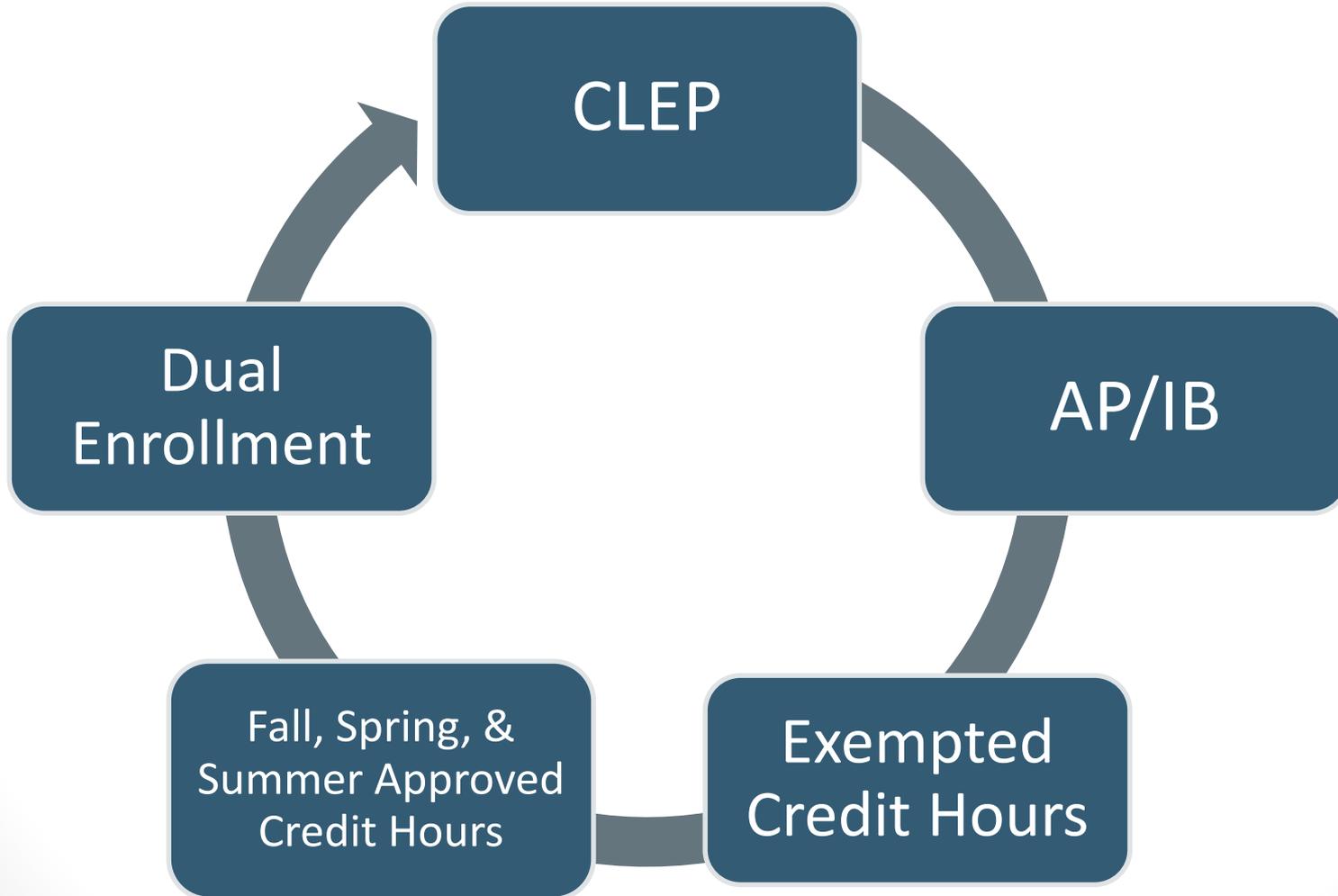
Must be enrolled in an eligible major at their home institution

Must Earn 14 credit hours of math and/or science by the end of the 1st academic year

Starts the student's 2nd academic year (6 semesters) at a 4-year institution only

Up to an additional \$2,500

14 Credit Hour Acceptable Courses



Enhancements

LIFE

1st
Year

- Up to \$5,000

2nd,
3rd, &
4th
Years

- +Enhancement up to \$7,500

PFS

1st
Year

- Up to \$6,700

2nd,
3rd, &
4th
Years

- Up to \$7,500
- + Enhancement up to \$10,000

General State Scholarship & Grant Information

- No State Scholarships or grants may be used at an out-of-state institution at any time
- Academic Common Market
 - Allows for South Carolina residents who are enrolled in specific programs at out-of-state institutions to be charged only the applicable in-State tuition by the institution in which the student is enrolled
 - Contact: Ms. Sandra Carr 803-737-2274 or scarr@che.sc.gov
 - <http://www.che.sc.gov/Students,FamiliesMilitary/LearningAboutCollege/AcademicCommonMarketInformation.aspx>
- **Graduation Bulletin/Program**
 - If the school chooses to designate scholarship recipients in such programs, we would ask that you include the following disclaimer language:
 - ***"The designation of scholarship recipients on this program or in any media is preliminary, based on information provided by the high schools and students at the time of this printing, and is subject to final confirmation and approval by the eligible higher education institution and/or the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education."***

Transcript Requirements: Scholarship Eligibility Purposes

ALL transcripts must identify SC UGP GPA

- All state scholarships and grants are based on the SC UGP, therefore all transcripts must specifically state “SC UGP.”
 - Any transcript that states, “Weighted and Unweighted GPA” OR “Total GPA” will not be accepted for the purposes of awarding state scholarships as it must comply with the **SC UGP**.

All final official transcripts must be date calculated between the date of the high school graduation (May-June) and

no later than **June 15th**

- The final grades/ranking cannot include grades earned after the official graduation date or end of the school year. Summer school grades earned after high school graduation cannot be used in the calculation.

Transcript Requirements: Scholarship Eligibility Purposes

In order to determine eligibility for the State scholarship programs, the financial aid office/institution and/or CHE for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship must have an official transcript on file (electronic or otherwise) that demonstrates the following items:

- **A valid signature** (electronic or otherwise) from the Principal.* In the event that the Principal is not available, the Superintendent signature is acceptable.
- **SC UGP GPA** must be demonstrated and rank (if applicable)
- The **date calculated date** to be date calculated no later than June 15th (regardless of academic year)
 - For the LIFE Scholarship and the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Late Award the transcript **MUST** demonstrate that it is the **final** official transcript, as well as reflect a **graduation date**

**For SC Public high schools: Any questions regarding the setting up of transcripts fields, they need to contact their high school Powerschool coordinator and/or district Powerschool coordinator.*

***For Independent/Private and home school students: The administrator, registrar, or an official from the home school/accountability group*

- If a student is using rank as an eligibility criteria, the high school/home school association **must** have a policy on rank, and rank **must** be demonstrated on the official transcript (*this also applies to rank reports when required*)

Out-of-State High Schools & Scholarship Eligibility

- Out-of-state schools must comply with SCUGP GPA reporting and ranking.
 - For those schools that have a grading scale that substantially deviates from the SC UGP:
 - If the institution determines that a state-approved standardized grading scale substantially deviates from the SC UGP, the grading scale must be submitted to CHE for further review
 - If CHE confirms the grade scale deviation, a transcript conversion to the SC UGP must be completed
 - If the institution is not converting the grades, the out-of-state high school must submit converted transcript in addition to the official out-of-state high school transcript
 - No handwritten or strikethrough edits can be demonstrated on the submitted transcript for scholarship eligibility determination

Out-of-State High Schools & Scholarship Eligibility

- If a student is attempting to use rank as an eligibility criterion from an out-of-state high school:
 - The high school or home school association must have a policy on rank which has been reviewed to verify compliance with the South Carolina Uniform Grading Policy and established statutes and regulations for the State scholarship programs.
 - If the high school or home school association does not rank as a policy, or the student does not meet the rank eligibility requirement once a conversion of the grades to meet the SC UGP GPA and rank requirement then student must use the Alternate Criteria for eligibility (SC UGP GPA and SAT/ACT score).
- If using rank, the entire academic class must be converted to the SCUGP and a ranking report that reflects all students in that academic class, the out-of-state GPA, the SC UGP GPA, and the rank based on the SC UGP GPA must be included in order to determine eligibility and award a State scholarship.

SC Public High School Transcripts

SC Public High Schools - PowerSchool

- For technical issues regarding submitting and/or printing electronic or paper transcripts should first be referred back to the high school or School District IT Department. Each high school and district has an identified contact that should work together first.
- If the issues cannot be resolved at that level, the school/district office can then contact the SC Department of Education PowerSchool Administrator.

Rank & State Scholarship Eligibility

- For the purposes of the LIFE and Palmetto Fellows Scholarship (PFS) programs two students may not occupy the same rank.
 - LIFE Scholarship: Top 30% of the graduating class (NOT rounded up to the next whole number)
 - PFS: Top 6% (rounded up to the next whole number)
- In the event of a tie, the high school/home school association is responsible for determining the legitimate rank for each eligible applicant.
 - For the purposes of the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship the student's GPA may need to be truncated past two decimal points in order to determine the true rank for each student.
 - *Inquire about your School District or Board's approved policy*
- The Commission will NOT be able to participate in a process to determine a student's true rank.

Early Graduates

Early Graduate:

Student graduates mid-year

- For scholarship eligibility the student can ONLY use **SC UGP GPA**
 - **CANNOT** use rank
- SC HOPE/LIFE Scholarship
 - Complete Early Graduate application at planned institution of attendance
- Palmetto Fellows Scholarship
 - Only **ONE** opportunity to apply
 - the Early Award application period of their senior year
 - Can receive LIFE Scholarship only for the 1st semester*. Will receive the PFS the following terms of remaining eligibility.

**Student must attend and eligible 4-year institution only for the spring term*

Graduating Early:

Student graduates academic year(s)early

- SC HOPE/LIFE Scholarship
 - Eligibility is based on the end of the academic year with their “new” graduating class
- Palmetto Fellows Scholarship
 - Can apply during the Early or Late Award application period
 - Early Award Application period can only use end of the 10th grade GPA and rank
 - Late Award application period can use the end of the 10th or 12th grade rank, must use end of the 12th grade GPA

Year-Round Scholarships

- Authorization for Palmetto Fellows/LIFE Scholarship awards to be awarded in summer terms continues for the 2015-16 academic year (Proviso 11.19)
- Students who meet the continued eligibility requirements at the end of a spring semester will be able to use their LIFE or Palmetto Fellows Scholarship for a summer semester
 - Students graduating from high school will not be able to use their scholarship the summer prior to their first fall term of enrollment
 - This does not provide any scholarship recipient with extra terms of eligibility
- If you have any questions feel free to contact our office or the financial aid office at the post-secondary institution

SAT Redesign

- Students will sit for the re-designed SAT beginning March 2016
- The College Board will provide guidance regarding the new scoring and/or language that will be provided to all institutions and shared nationally regarding the following:
 - Redesigned test information
 - Super scoring
- This should be available by September 2015
- CHE is monitoring and will provide additional details relating to South Carolina scholarships.

CHE Contact Information

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