



# **South Carolina Commission on Higher Education**

**College Transition Connection**

**Directors Meeting**

**July 25, 2013**

# Agenda

- 1:00 pm Welcome and Introductions
- 1:10 pm Sharing of Meeting Purpose
- 1:15 pm Discussion of Agenda Topics & Power Point Presentation
- 3:00 pm Adjourn

# Proviso 11.16:

## Commission on Higher Education

- ***College Transition Connection Need-Based Grants:*** Funds appropriated for the College Transition Connection shall be transferred to the Commission on Higher Education Need-Based Grant program. **These funds shall be used to provide need-based grants to South Carolina resident students enrolled at a public institution of higher education in an established college transition program** that serves students with intellectual disabilities. The Commission on Higher Education, in consultation with College Transition Connection, shall develop guidelines for awarding these need-based grants and shall allocate the available funds to eligible institutions on the basis of student need and enrollment in the established college transition programs. **All other grants and gift aid for which these students are eligible must be applied first to the cost of attendance prior to using the need-based grant funding. If the cost of attendance for an eligible student is met with all other grants and gift aid, the need-based grant shall not be used.** The participating institutions, in cooperation with the Commission on Higher Education and College Transition Connection, shall track the number of grant recipients and other information determined necessary to evaluate the effectiveness of these grants in assisting students with intellectual disabilities in college transition programs. **No more than the amount transferred in Fiscal Year 2013-14 for College Transition Connection may be expended from currently appropriated Commission on Higher Education Need-Based Grant funding for grants for students in college transition programs.**

# General Definitions

- **Cost of Attendance (COA)**: Total amount it will cost to attend an institution (varies at each institution). Grant disbursements are ***up to*** the COA not to exceed the COA in an academic year (fall, spring, maymester and summer semesters). Included (but not limited to) are: tuition and fees, on-campus room and board, book allowances, and transportation costs.
- **Needy student**: A post-secondary student enrolled in or accepted for enrollment in a public institution who demonstrates to the institution the financial inability, either parental, familial, or personal, to bear the total COA for any regular academic semester. The determination of need shall be made in accordance with Federal need analysis formulae and provisions.

# Definitions

- **Part-time student:** A student who enrolls in a minimum of 6 credit hours and a maximum of 11 credit hours during the regular academic semester
- **Full-time student:** A student who enrolls in a minimum of 12 credit hours during the regular academic semester.
- **Expected Family Contribution (EFC):** A number that is used to determine a student's eligibility for federal student aid. This number results from the financial information the student provides on his or her Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application. The Financial Aid Officer determines an applicant's need for federal student aid from the U.S. Department of Education & other sources of assistance by subtracting the EFC from the student's COA.
- **Student Aid Report (SAR):** Provides basic information about a student's eligibility for federal student aid. The student's EFC is also provided.

# South Carolina Need-Based Grant (SC NBG)

## General Eligibility Requirements

- US Citizen/Legal Permanent Resident
- SC Resident as set forth by §59-112-10
- Demonstrate “need” as established under Title IV Regulations by completing the Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours (part-time) in an eligible program

# Possible College Transition Connection Requirements

- US Citizen/Legal Permanent Resident
- SC Resident as set forth by §59-112-10
- Complete the FAFSA each academic year
- Information on the FAFSA would need to demonstrate “need” as established by Title IV Regulations
- Enrolled in a College Transition Program
- No GPA requirement needed

# Process

