



# South Carolina Commission on Higher Education

College Transition Programs  
February 26, 2014

# Agenda

**10:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions**

**10:10 a.m. Purpose of Meeting**

**10:15 a.m. Review of Agenda Items**

**12:00 p.m. 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 2013-2014 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.**

# College Transition Programs Participation

Institution	# of Students	Awarded Amount
Clemson Univ.	1	\$ 6,300
Coastal Carolina Univ.	8	\$55,736
College of Charleston	3	\$21,000
USC	8	Pending
Total	20	\$83,036 (+ Pending USC Amount)

# General Eligibility Requirements

- U.S. Citizen/Legal Permanent Resident
- South Carolina Resident
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
  - FAFSA is completed each year
  - Ensures Methodology is consistent at each school for each student
- Enrolled in a College Transition Program
  - Director of the program at each school will provide certification of student enrollment

# Continued Eligibility

Participants in these programs must demonstrate continued eligibility at the end of each academic year in order to receive funds the following year.

- Methods to determine continued eligibility:
  - Satisfactory Academic Progress
  - Good Standing

# Distribution of Awards & Award Process

- Establish an appropriate invoice deadline
  - Fall = September 30
  - Spring = February 25
- Dates open to modification
- Projection of estimated number of eligible student(s) for an academic year
  - 2013-2014 allocated amount was \$179,178
  - Date in Spring to provide CHE with expected number of eligible students for the upcoming academic year