

SCASFAA CONFERENCE

Spring 2013



**SC COMMISSION
ON HIGHER
EDUCATION**

Agenda



- **Legislative Updates**
- **LIFE Scholarship**
- **Palmetto Fellows Scholarship**
- **Transcript Review**
- **House Cleaning Items**
- **Awards**

Legislative Updates



- **S 93**, By Young, **Summary: Tuition Rates.** A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-112-20 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO RATES OF TUITION AND FEES TO BE PAID BY STUDENTS ENTERING OR ATTENDING STATE INSTITUTIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR IN-STATE TUITION RATES TO ELIGIBLE PERSONS FUNDING THEIR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION OR TRAINING WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS GI BILL.

Status: Introduced in Senate on 1/08/13 and referred to Committee on Education on 1/08/13

- **H 3086**, By Crosby, Daning, et al. **Summary: Tuition rates for military personnel and dependents**

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-112-50, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO IN-STATE TUITION RATES FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL AND THEIR DEPENDENTS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE CRITERIA UNDER WHICH VETERANS WHO ARE HONORABLY DISCHARGED AND THEIR DEPENDENTS MAY RECEIVE IN-STATE TUITION RATES.

Status: Passed House. Received 1st reading in Senate on 3/21/2013 and referred to Committee on Education on 3/21/13

Legislative Updates



- **S 259** By Thurmond, **Summary: Tuition For Persons Over 60.**

TO AMEND SECTION 59-111-320 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PERSONS AGE SIXTY AND OVER ATTENDING CLASSES AT STATE-SUPPORTED COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES, AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS WITHOUT PAYMENT OF TUITION, TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT THESE PERSONS RECEIVING COMPENSATION AS FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES MUST PAY TUITION

Legislative Updates



- **H 3710, Part IB: Proviso 3.6 (Budget Bill), Summary: Uniform Grading Policy for Renewal of Merit-Based State Scholarships**
- (Legislative Expenditure Account: Scholarship Eligibility Requirement) It is the intent of the General Assembly that beginning in school year 2014-15 students awarded the merit based scholarships of Palmetto Fellows and Life shall remain eligible as long as they keep a grade average of 80 based on a 100 point scale. The amount of time that the student is eligible shall be determined by the provisions of the scholarships. During school year 2013-14, colleges and universities, from the funds appropriated to or authorized for each college and university, must develop a plan to implement this requirement.

Status: Passed House 3/13/13

- **CHE Section 11, Part 1A Section III, Charleston Transition Connection**
- (Charleston Transition Connection Need-Based Grants) Funds appropriated for the Charleston Transition Connection shall be transferred to the CHE 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.

LIFE Scholarship



LIFE Scholarship & Scholarship Enhancement

Dual Enrollment:

- Any Dual Enrollment credits earned are used in determining the total number of credit hours a LIFE Scholarship recipient has earned
- Any Dual Enrollment credits earned are used in determining the LIFE GPA for a LIFE Scholarship recipient

LIFE Scholarship



- **Rank Reports**
 - For independent/private high schools, Home School Associations, and out-of-state schools that do not have use a comparable grading scale to that of the SC Uniform Grading Scale
 - Students using rank as an eligibility requirement may need to provide an official rank report in addition to their official transcript in order to use rank as an eligibility requirement when awarding the LIFE Scholarship
- **62-1200.10: Student Eligibility: *LIFE Scholarship and LIFE Scholarship Enhancement***

LIFE Scholarship



- **Out-of-state schools must comply with SCUGP GPA reporting and ranking.**
 - GPA Conversion to SCUGP must be attached to transcript
 - If using rank, the entire class must be converted to the SCUGP and a ranking report must be included
- **Home school Associations - Ranking:**
 - Must use the entire class for ranking purposes. If the entire class is not included when calculating class rank, then rank CANNOT be considered.
 - Must provide a ranking report

Palmetto Fellows Scholarship 2013-14 Early Award



- 1,947 Palmetto Fellows Scholarships were awarded for the Early Award period
 - Late Award period will open April 15th and close June 15th
 - Notifications for Late Awards will begin in August
- Designation Form
 - CHE must have the required form on file in order to provide scholarship funds to an institution
 - Still need ****1278**** Designation Forms
 - Deadline is: **AUGUST 31, 2013**

Issues with High School Transcripts



ALL transcripts must identify SCUGP GPA

Since all state scholarships and grants are based on the SC UGP, **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.

- LIFE Scholarship: 62-1200.10
- Palmetto Fellows Scholarship: 62-320

Issues with SC Public High School Transcripts



SC Public High Schools - PowerSchool

- All final transcripts must be dated/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 of the school year. Summer school grades earned after high school graduation cannot be used in the calculation. The final, official transcript must be in compliance with the policies set forth by the SC Department of Education. According to the SCDE, final transcripts must not state “Work In Progress.” In addition, the heading of the final transcript must state:

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
STANDARD HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT**

House Cleaning Items



- The 2013 Appeals Cycle will begin on May 3, 2013, and new applications will be accepted through 5:00pm on September 27, 2013.
- Students are encouraged to review the Guidelines for Appeal on the CHE website after May 3rd to determine if their circumstance truly meets the definition of an extraordinary circumstance or a traumatic event.
- The link to the Appeals Application is:
 - <http://www.che.sc.gov/StudentServices/Appeals/AppealsHm.htm>

House Cleaning Items



- Notification of Eligibility
 - Palmetto Fellows Scholarship: 62-335. Duration and Renewal of Awards
 - ✦ E. By the end of the spring term each academic year, *the institution must notify all Palmetto Fellows who have not met the continued eligibility requirements for the next academic year.* The notification should include information regarding the student's ability to attend summer school in order to meet the continued eligibility requirements.
 - CHE encourages continuation of LIFE Scholarship eligibility notification
- CHE will be hosting regional workshops this Summer for Scholarship/Grant and SC residency training.

Questions



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College Goal SC



Thanks & Appreciation

Total of 22 Statewide Sites

- Aiken Technical College
- Bob Jones University
- Central Carolina Technical College
- Claflin University
- Columbia International University
- Florence-Darlington Technical College
- Francis Marion University
- Horry-Georgetown Technical College
- Midlands Technical College
- Piedmont Technical College- Newberry
- Piedmont Technical College- Lex Walter

- Spartanburg Community College
- Technical College of the Low Country
- Tri-County Technical College
- Trident Technical College
- USC Lancaster
- USC Salkehatchie
- USC TRiO
- USC Union
- USC Upstate
- York Technical College
- Williamsburg Technical College