

South Carolina Commission on Higher Education

February 27, 2013

Agenda

- 10:00 am Welcome
- 10:10 am Overview of Scholarships and Terms
- 10:30 am Open Discussion of Current Issues
- 11:45 am Questions and Next Steps
- 12:00 pm Adjourn

Palmetto Fellows Scholarship (PFS)

- Initial eligibility determined by the Commission during year of graduation from high school by meeting one of the following eligibility requirements
 - **Earn a 3.5 cumulative GPA, rank in the top 6% of academic class, earn a 1200 on the SAT or 27 on the ACT; OR**
 - **Earn a 4.0 cumulative GPA and earn a 1400 on the SAT or 32 on the ACT (no rank eligibility required)**
- Can only be used at an eligible SC 4-year institution (not to exceed 8 semesters)
- Must meet renewal requirements at the end of each academic year to maintain scholarship funding. Once the scholarship is lost it cannot be earned at a later point.

PFS Continued Eligibility

- A PFS recipient has an academic year in which to meet the renewal requirement to continue receive the PFS for the upcoming academic year
- Renewal Requirements:
 - **Earn 30 credit hours by the end of the academic year**
 - **Cannot use AP, IB, CLEP, Dual Enrollment, or exempted credit hours to meet requisite credit hour renewal requirement**
 - **Earn an institutional 3.0 cumulative GPA**
 - **Only grades earned at the home institution will be included in the GPA calculation for renewal requirement**

LIFE Scholarship

- Initial eligibility determined by the planned institution of enrollment upon high school graduation by meeting 2 of the following 3 eligibility requirements
 - **Earn a cumulative 3.0 GPA upon high school graduation**
 - **Rank in the top 30% of the graduating class**
 - **Earn a 1100 on the SAT or 24 on the ACT**
- Can be used at an eligible SC 2-year institution (not to exceed 4 semesters) or an eligible SC 4-year institution (not to exceed 8 semesters)
- Must meet renewal requirements at the end of each academic year to maintain scholarship funding. Should loss of scholarship occur, it can be earned at a later point.

LIFE Scholarship Continued Eligibility

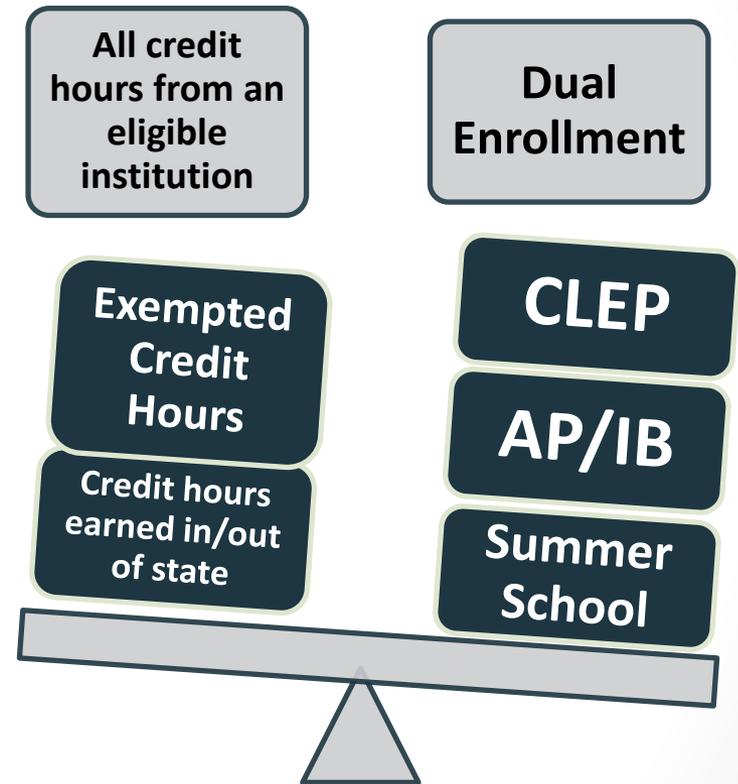
- A LIFE Scholarship recipient has an academic year in which to meet the renewal requirement to continue receive the LIFE Scholarship for the upcoming academic year
- Renewal Requirements:
 - **Earn a cumulative 3.0 LIFE GPA by the end of an academic year**
 - Dual Enrollment grades will be included in the GPA calculation for renewal requirement
 - Any earned grades from any institution will be included in the GPA calculation for renewal requirement
 - **Earn 30 credit hours by the end of the academic year**
 - AP, IB, CLEP, Dual Enrollment, or exempted credit hours are used to meet the requisite credit hour renewal requirement

The authority provided to the state for awarding of scholarships

- **Regulatory Authority**
 - **State Code 59-104-20**
 - **Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Sections:**
 - 62-330 Policy and Procedure for Awarding the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship and Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Enhancement
 - 62-335 Duration and Renewal of Awards
 - **State Code 59-104-25**
 - **LIFE Scholarship Sections:**
 - 62-1200.10 Student Eligibility: Life Scholarship and LIFE Scholarship Enhancement
 - 62-1200.15 Continued Eligibility: Life Scholarship and LIFE Scholarship Enhancement

LIFE and PFS Enhancements

- Must be earned in the 1st academic year
- Only time prior work can be used for PFS
- Must be in an eligible major at that intuition
- Awards start in the 2nd academic year up to a total of 6 semesters



Scholarship Timeline

Fall Semester

Spring Semester*

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Summer

- Enroll at least full time (12 credit hours)

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 - *Institutions inform students of scholarship eligibility at the end of spring
 - PFS: 62-355
 - LIFE: 62-1200.6

- Earn additional requisite credit hours or regain requisite GPA

Next Steps: Future Meeting Dates

- Wednesday, March 6, 2013
- Tuesday, March 12, 2013
- Thursday, March 14, 2013