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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Mr. Dan Ravenel, Interim Chair and Members  
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From: Karen Woodfaulk, Director  
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**2003-04 South Carolina HOPE Scholarship Program Informational Report**

The South Carolina HOPE Scholarship was established under the S.C. Education Lottery Act in 2001. It is a merit-based scholarship program designed to provide financial assistance to first-time entering freshmen who do not qualify for the LIFE or Palmetto Fellows Scholarship upon graduating from high school. The General Assembly authorized funding in the amount of up to \$2,500 (not to exceed the cost of attendance), plus a \$150 book allowance for the first-year of attendance only. The scholarship may only be awarded to students attending an eligible four-year public or independent institution.

The HOPE Scholarship Program was implemented for the first-time during the 2002-03 academic year. There were no changes made to the HOPE Scholarship for the 2003-04 academic year. In order to be eligible for the scholarship for the 2003-04 academic year, students were required to earn a 3.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale or the Uniform Grading Scale (UGS) upon high school graduation.

The HOPE Scholarship is a one-year program. If the student earns 30 credit hours and a cumulative 3.0 GPA by the end of their freshmen year, the student may earn the LIFE Scholarship their sophomore year.

As of August 17, 2004, the Commission on Higher Education awarded 2,434 students the HOPE scholarship. Of those recipients, 21.3 % gained eligibility for LIFE and 78.7% did not

gain eligibility for LIFE. Of those that did not gain eligibility, 67.0 % continued to remain in college within South Carolina. Given the appropriation of \$5.9 million, the Commission staff is concerned about whether this scholarship program is meeting its original intent, which is to encourage students to gain the LIFE Scholarship at the end of the first year.

The following reports provide additional information regarding the 2003-2004 HOPE Scholarship recipients including: number of students awarded and the amount disbursed by institution; recipients by ethnicity; recipients by gender; recipients by county of origin; and Fall 2002 HOPE recipients who received the LIFE Scholarship Fall 2003. These reports may also be found on the Commission's Website at [www.che.sc.gov](http://www.che.sc.gov).

South Carolina Commission on Higher Education  
Academic Year 2003-04  
Scholarship Type: HOPE Scholarship

Institution	Revised Fall 2003		Revised Spring 2004		Academic Year	
	HOPE		HOPE		HOPE	
<b>Four -year Public Institutions</b>	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Number*	Amount
The Citadel	40	\$53,000	40	\$53,000	40	106,000
Clemson Univ.	43	56,975	44	58,300	48	115,275
Coastal Carolina University	149	197,425	139	184,025	153	381,450
College of Charleston	103	136,475	105	139,125	112	275,600
Francis Marion University	202	267,650	201	266,325	216	533,975
Lander University	176	233,200	152	201,069	177	434,269
South Carolina State Univ.	125	165,613	115	152,362	128	317,975
U.S.C. - Columbia	304	402,800	304	402,469	323	805,269
U.S.C. - Aiken	147	194,775	135	176,777	152	371,552
U.S.C. - Beaufort						
U.S.C. - Upstate	191	251,949	180	236,552	206	488,501
Winthrop University	197	261,025	189	249,763	205	510,788
Medical University of S.C.						
<b>SUB-TOTALS</b>	<b>1,677</b>	<b>2,220,887</b>	<b>1,604</b>	<b>2,119,767</b>	<b>1,760</b>	<b>4,340,654</b>
<b>Four -year Independent Institutions</b>						
Allen University	5	6,625	5	6,625	5	13,250
Anderson College	78	103,350	76	100,700	80	204,050
Benedict College	48	63,600	46	60,950	50	124,550
Bob Jones University	36	47,700	35	46,231	38	93,931
Charleston Southern Univ.	114	150,719	101	133,494	114	284,213
Claflin University	46	60,950	43	56,975	49	117,925
Coker College	34	44,388	28	36,438	34	80,826
Columbia College	35	46,375	39	51,675	43	98,050
Columbia International Univ	9	11,925	9	11,925	9	23,850
Converse College	18	23,850	18	23,055	18	46,905
Erskine College	16	21,200	15	19,875	16	41,075
Furman Univ	4	3,976	4	3,976	4	10,600
Johnson and Wales Univ						
Limestone College	24	31,800	18	23,850	25	55,650
Morris College	4	5,300	3	3,975	4	9,275
Newberry College	33	43,725	29	38,425	34	82,150
North Greenville College	75	99,375	74	98,050	79	197,425
Presbyterian College	24	31,800	24	31,800	25	63,600
South University	16	21,200	12	15,900	1	1,666
Southern Wesleyan Univ	22	29,150	1	833	16	37,100
Voorhees College	6	7,950	16	21,200	23	50,350
Wofford College			7	9,275	7	17,225
<b>SUB-TOTALS</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>854,958</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>795,227</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>1,653,666</b>
Spartanburg Methodist Coll.						
<b>SUB-TOTALS</b>						
<b>ACADEMIC TOTALS</b>	<b>2,324</b>	<b>\$3,075,845</b>	<b>2,207</b>	<b>\$2,914,994</b>	<b>2,434</b>	<b>5,994,319</b>

### Fall 2003 HOPE Scholarship Recipients by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Students	Percentage
<b>Black/African-American</b>	758	32.6 %
<b>American Indian/Alaskan National</b>	4	0.2 %
<b>Asian/Pacific Island</b>	29	1.2 %
<b>Hispanic</b>	25	1.1 %
<b>White/Non-Hispanic</b>	1,416	60.9 %
<b>Unknown</b>	92	4.0 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,324</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Fall 2003 HOPE Scholarship Recipients by Gender

Gender	Students	Fall 2002 Percentage
<b>Male</b>	858	36.9 %
<b>Female</b>	1,431	61.6 %
<b>Unknown</b>	35	1.5 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,324</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Fall 2002 HOPE Scholarship Recipients  
Who Received the LIFE Scholarship Fall 2003**

Institution	Freshmen in Fall 2002		
	HOPE Fall 2002 Recipients	Received LIFE Schol. Same Inst Fall 2003	% to Total
<b>Senior Public Institutions</b>			
The Citadel	37	7	16.2%
Clemson University	26	8	30.8%
Coastal Carolina University	130	28	20.8%
College of Charleston	114	22	19.3%
Francis Marion University	158	20	12.7%
Lander University	157	11	6.4%
South Carolina State University	94	13	13.8%
U.S.C. - Columbia	384	132	34.4%
U.S.C. - Aiken	111	21	18.9%
U.S.C. - Beaufort			
U.S.C. Upstate	162	15	9.3%
Winthrop University	190	35	18.4%
Medical University of S.C.			
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,563</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>19.8%</b>
<b>Senior Independent Institutions</b>			
Allen University	0	0	0.0%
Anderson College	76	10	13.2%
Benedict College	17	2	11.8%
Bob Jones University	15	5	33.3%
Charleston Southern University	75	6	8.0%
Clafin University	47	11	23.4%
Coker College	22	4	18.2%
Columbia College	24	6	25.0%
Columbia International University	11	5	45.5%
Converse College	21	1	4.8%
Erskine College	16	1	6.3%
Furman University	1	1	100.0%
Johnson and Wales University	0	0	0.0%
Limestone College	21	2	9.5%
Morris College	3		0.0%
Newberry College	53	8	15.1%
North Greenville College	71	20	28.2%
Presbyterian College	26		0.0%
Southern Wesleyan University	14	5	35.7%
Voorhees College	2		0.0%
Wofford College	7		0.0%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>16.7%</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>2,085</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>19.0%</b>
Students Transferred from originating institution to another institution in the state and received the LIFE scholarship			
Senior Public Institutions		33	
Senior Independent Institutions		13	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>46</b>	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2,085</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>21.3%</b>



