

December 1, 2006

To: Directors of Financial Aid

From: Dr. Karen Woodfaulk, Director of Student Services

Subject: NBG Awarded to Students in Custody of SC Department of Social Services

According to Budget Proviso 5A.26 of the 2005 Legislative Session, all public institutions must award the maximum allowable Need-based Grant (\$2,500 if full-time or \$1,250 if part-time) for the 2006-07 academic year. In accordance with the Budget Proviso, the Commission on Higher Education (CHE) will award additional funds to students attending an approved public or independent SC college/university who are in the custody of the Department of Social Services (DSS).

The Commission on Higher Education has just received the final number of students who are in State custody attending an approved SC college/university. These students must meet all eligibility requirements stipulated under currently approved Need-based Grant regulations in order to be eligible to receive the additional Need-based Grant funding. In addition, they must provide a letter from DSS indicating they are in State custody. Attached is a list of students in State custody. Based on the 50 students enrolled, a full-time student may receive an additional \$2,000 and a part-time student may receive an additional \$1,000 for the 2006-07 academic year. However, an institution should not award the maximum amount if, by doing so, this causes the student to exceed the unmet need in accordance with Title IV regulations. In accordance with Section 62-455.B, in determining the amount awarded for the Need-based Grant, all other sources of gift assistance must be applied to the total cost-of-attendance in accordance with Title IV regulations before calculating the unmet need and awarding the grant. Please have your Business Office request these funds on behalf of the student from CHE.

If you should have any general questions, please contact Dr. Karen Woodfaulk. If you have questions concerning the funds, please contact Mr. Jeff Richards at (803) 737-2273.

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