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MEMORANDUM

To: Director of Financial Aid, Director of Admissions, and Dean of Enrollment
State Scholarship Eligible Institutions

From: Dr. Karen Woodfaulk, Director of Student Services Division

Subject: LIFE Scholarship and the LIFE GPA

Beginning with the 2006-07 academic year, the LIFE GPA must be calculated for all students for the purpose of awarding the LIFE Scholarship. The LIFE GPA must include all grades and credit hours earned at any eligible institution (in-state and out-of-state), including courses that do not transfer based on the institution's policy and college courses taken while in high school. The LIFE GPA must not include continuing education courses, non-degree credit courses for an associate's degree or higher and remedial/developmental courses.

Steps for calculating the LIFE GPA:

- 1) Convert all grades earned at an eligible institution to a 4.0 scale based on each institution's grading policy where the grades were earned = grade points
- 2) Multiply the Grade Points by Attempted Credit Hours = Quality Points (QP)
- 3) Divide the total quality points by the total number of attempted credit hours = LIFE GPA
- 4) LIFE GPA Formula:
$$\frac{(\text{Grade Points} * \text{Attempted Credited Hours} = \text{QP})}{\text{Total Attempted Credit Hours}} = \text{LIFE GPA}$$

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (803) 737-2244, or Dr. Tajuana Massie (Program Manager, LIFE Scholarship) at (803) 737-2271.

Cc: LIFE Scholarship Coordinators