

FY 2015-16 SC National Guard College Assistance Program

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Background

In 2007, to better support the recruitment goals of the SC National Guard (SCNG), legislation was passed that closed the SC National Guard Student Loan Repayment Program and replaced it with a college tuition assistance program. A new tuition assistance program for SC National Guard members, the SC National Guard College Assistance Program (SCNG CAP), was implemented in academic year 2007-08. The SC Commission on Higher Education (CHE) in consultation with the SCNG developed program guidance, and CHE promulgated regulations for the operation and administration of the SCNG CAP pursuant to SC Code of Laws Section 59-114-10 et seq. in 2009.

The SCNG CAP is administered by CHE in consultation with the SCNG and provides tuition assistance for eligible enlisted guard members enrolled in undergraduate programs. Eligible Army Guard members may receive up to \$4,500 per year and eligible Air Guard members may receive up to \$9,000 per year. The cumulative total of all SCNG CAP benefits received may not exceed eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000).

All eligible students have been funded each year by the SCNG CAP with the exception of academic year 2012-13. During academic year 2012-13, the program met its funding capacity during the fall 2012 term and there were no awards for the spring 2013 term. Funding for the SCNG CAP, lottery appropriated funds, increased from \$1.7 million to \$4.5 million in FY2013-14 to serve additional SCNG members. However, the number of SCNG CAP awards did not increase as anticipated. On March 31, 2015, Commission staff met with the SCNG representatives and all parties agreed that the anticipated growth in eligible Air and Army CAP recipients would not exceed 775 for FY2015-16. For FY2015-16, \$3 million of unexpended SCNG CAP funds were transferred to the Veterans Differential Reimbursement Fund per Proviso 3.8. **(Attachment I)**

The SCNG was very successful in their efforts to increase the number of members receiving eligibility for the program for this academic year, 2015-16. The number of eligible applications received (updated) - 1,060 - exceeds the available funding for awards. However, historically, all eligible students do not enroll, enroll part-time, or do not receive an award due to eligibility requirements. CHE will be monitoring the fall 2015 and spring 2016 awards very closely. In the event that all 1,060 members enroll and use the maximum award amount, adjustments may have to occur for the summer 2016 term. As of September 9, 2015, 95 Air Guard students and 965 Army Guard students have received eligibility for this academic year.

South Carolina National Guard College Assistance Program

AY* 2010-2011 through AY* 2014-2015

	AY 2010-2011		AY 2011-2012		AY 2012-2013***		AY 2013-2014		AY 2014-2015	
	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
Research Institutions										
Clemson Univ.	32	136,688	33	117,476	31	75,938	26	102,375	15	63,000
USC Columbia	81	310,610	65	260,411	57	142,150	64	268,080	75	276,484
MUSC			1	4,500	1	2,250	1	4,500	1	2,250
Subtotal	113	447,298	99	382,387	89	220,338	91	374,955	91	341,734
Comprehensive Teaching Institutions										
The Citadel	93	351,558	76	271,064	65	148,500	67	267,750	58	243,562
Coastal Carolina Univ.	32	119,250	39	139,540	36	85,500	47	181,126	51	222,190
College of Charleston	10	42,188	11	41,650	10	26,438	9	49,500	12	51,750
Francis Marion Univ.	39	165,375	30	112,501	32	71,438	32	118,125	25	98,438
Lander Univ.	15	57,768	19	77,846	16	36,000	13	47,813	18	74,250
South Carolina State Univ.	43	159,328	35	146,250	29	63,000	15	60,971	25	103,499
USC Aiken	9	45,536	12	47,812	10	25,269	7	28,164	8	25,313
USC Beaufort	3	13,500	4	15,750	1	1,687	2	4,500	3	6,750
USC Upstate	27	100,688	34	112,938	35	84,938	37	138,938	37	123,749
Winthrop Univ.	26	115,876	31	129,937	24	63,000	20	79,875	20	89,438
Subtotal	297	1,171,066	291	1,095,288	258	605,768	249	976,761	257	1,038,938
Two-Year Regional Campuses of USC										
USC Lancaster	5	15,750	5	18,000	4	8,438	3	11,250	3	7,875
USC Salkehatchie	4	15,750	3	8,438	3	6,750	4	14,062	5	10,404
USC Sumter	7	25,313	6	28,688	3	10,125	3	9,000	6	17,438
USC Union	1	1,688	2	6,188	2	3,938	1	1,688	2	2,250
Subtotal	17	58,500	16	61,313	12	29,250	11	36,000	16	37,966
Technical Colleges										
Aiken	19	73,691	21	77,814	16	31,501	2	7,876	7	21,246
Central Carolina	29	116,913	29	91,290	15	33,418	16	65,874	11	37,266
Denmark	5	12,375								
Florence-Darlington	31	58,397	46	135,338	23	46,688	24	88,875	22	75,938
Greenville	40	137,250	53	167,125	33	78,188	28	98,541	31	108,563
Horry-Georgetown	22	57,938	19	71,437	10	18,000	9	34,872	14	54,187
Midlands	129	397,183	132	438,263	73	170,508	63	241,127	67	247,491
Northeastern	9	27,000	11	33,867	4	6,439			3	7,960
Orangeburg-Calhoun	13	27,798	7	26,422	9	16,389	4	12,374	5	19,125
Piedmont	19	57,378	35	110,022	25	47,816	9	24,189	7	19,688
Spartanburg CC	31	98,438	37	113,254	18	36,000	10	31,763	15	54,563
TC of The Lowcountry	16	45,008	11	31,149	6	12,376	3	8,439	9	28,688
Tri-County	33	114,225	52	150,328	30	63,141	20	61,313	26	105,252
Trident	39	99,570	49	155,817	21	48,938	19	74,254	25	72,004
Williamsburg	3	7,313	5	20,250			1	9,000		
York	28	92,815	23	73,130	7	15,188	26	89,440	15	56,815
Subtotal	466	1,423,289	530	1,695,505	290	624,588	234	847,935	257	908,783
Independent Senior Institutions										
Allen University**	1	4,500	1	4,500	2	4,500	4	10,126	3	9,000
Anderson University	10	36,563	13	41,188	10	19,686	5	13,088	3	9,562
Benedict College	22	90,000	16	58,500	9	18,563	1	2,250	5	24,750
Bob Jones University	1	2,250	1	3,375					1	4,500
Charleston Southern Univ.	14	46,970	6	21,938	6	12,937	4	14,625	3	9,000
Claffin University	17	62,500	17	59,750	20	45,000	12	46,687	10	42,750
Coker College	3	10,125	3	7,313	1	2,250	1	2,250	1	4,500
Columbia College	4	13,500	1	4,500						
Columbia International Univ.			1	2,250	1	1,125			2	5,063
Converse College										
Erskine College										
Furman University	1	9,000	2	6,750	2	6,750	1	2,250		
Limestone College	175	558,281	255	797,579	148	291,364	105	344,166	78	251,035
Morris College	14	63,000	10	41,785	4	9,000	1	2,250	3	11,760
Newberry College	4	18,000	7	27,000	4	9,000	1	4,500	1	4,500
North Greenville University	1	4,500	2	6,750	3	6,750	13	51,750	14	57,937
Presbyterian College	1	2,250	1	4,500					1	9,000
South University	23	86,250	28	79,125	11	14,600	11	47,063	8	31,615
Southern Wesleyan Univ.	12	32,062	14	44,438	11	23,625	6	16,875	5	18,000
Voorhees College	7	29,250	3	13,500	7	15,750	4	13,500	10	40,500
Wofford College										
Subtotal	310	1,069,000	381	1,224,740	239	480,900	169	571,379	148	533,472
Independent Two-Year Institutions										
Spartanburg Methodist Coll.	2	4,500							2	4,500
Subtotal	2	4,500							2	4,500
ACADEMIC TOTALS	1,205	\$4,173,653	1,317	\$4,459,232	888	\$1,960,843	754	\$2,807,030	771	\$2,865,392 **

*Academic year includes Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer.

Summer 2015 has not been received from all institutions.

**Total does not reflect Allen University. Spring 2015 has not been finalized by Allen University.

***Awards for 12-13 were only available in Fall 2012