



SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Scholarship & Grants Workshop 2020

Agenda

11:00 am Welcome

11:05 am Scholarship & Grant Workshop

- Funding Levels and Notes of Interest
- Grant Programs
- SCNG CAP
- Scholarship Programs
- Year-Round Scholarships
- Transcripts
- Other
- Legislative Updates
- Data Verification Review

12:00 pm Adjourn

* After the final workshop, a copy of this presentation can be found on the CHE website *

Regulations

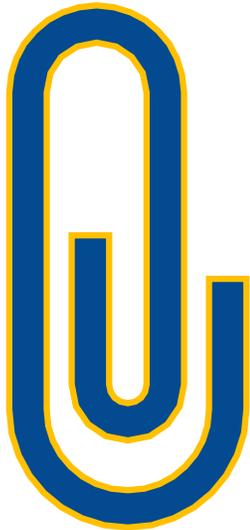
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The screenshot shows the website for the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (CHE). The page title is "Scholarships & Grants for SC Residents". The navigation menu includes: Home, About CHE, Meetings & Events, Data & Publications, Institutions & Educators, and Students, Families & Military. A breadcrumb trail reads: "You are here: Students, Families & Military » Paying For College » Financial Assistance Available » Scholarships & Grants for SC Residents".

The page is organized into several sections, each with a list of links:

- Palmetto Fellows Scholarship**
 - Palmetto Fellows Scholarship - Additional Information
 - Math/Science Scholarship Enhancements
 - Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Regulations
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- LIFE Scholarship**
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- South Carolina National Guard College Assistance Program (SC NG CAP)**
 - SC NG CAP - Additional Information
- Additional Information - All South Carolina Scholarship and Grant Programs**
 - Appeals
 - Dayco Scholarship
 - Eligible Home Schools
 - Residency Consideration
 - Information for Visually Impaired, Hearing Impaired and Multi-Handicapped Students
 - Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Brochure **New**
 - LIFE & Hope Scholarship Brochure **New**
 - All Scholarships and Grants Brochure
 - Foster Care Youth/Independent Living Brochure

Notes of Interest



This presentation will place special emphasis on sections of the regulations that have produced multiple inquiries from institutions, families and public officials over the past year.

- Much of this emphasis will come in the form of scenarios for you to consider. Please note that the institutional names and locations of the scenarios have been changed.
- Due to the time constraints within remote presentation, we are asking that questions be submitted through the chat feature. Questions will be collected and answered and then posted on our website with this presentation after the final workshop.

Funding



SC Need-based Grant:

- ➔ Funding remained the same at \$32,000,000

Lottery Tuition Assistance:

- ➔ Funding remained the same at \$51,100,000
- ➔ Fall 2019: \$100 per credit hour
- ➔ Spring and Summer 2020: \$110 per credit hour

Merit Scholarships:

- ➔ Overall funding increased from \$312,982,119 to \$328,469,396
 - ➔ HOPE Scholarship: \$14,557,008
 - ➔ LIFE Scholarship: \$240,102,429
 - ➔ Palmetto Fellows Scholarship: \$73,809,959

SC National Guard College Assistance Program (CAP)

- ➔ Funding remained the same at \$2,631,129



Governor Henry McMaster signed H. 3411 into law on May 18, 2020. The bill, also called a continuing resolution, provides for the continued and uninterrupted operation of state government into the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020.

Initial Eligibility Requirements for the State Scholarship / Grant Programs

In compliance with the established laws/regulations in place for the HOPE, LIFE, and Palmetto Fellows Scholarship programs, a student must meet the initial eligibility requirements in order to be a recipient of scholarship funds:

- A student must be a US citizen/legal permanent resident*
- A student must be a South Carolina resident*
- No felony convictions
- No second or subsequent alcohol/drug misdemeanors
- Not in default of any state or federal loans
- Enroll in a degree-seeking program at an eligible SC institution

**This must be determined by the institutions at the time of high school graduation and college enrollment.*

Lottery Tuition Assistance
62-900.165. Student Eligibility

Need-Based Grants
62-465. Student Eligibility

SC HOPE Scholarship
62-900.95. Student Eligibility

LIFE Scholarship
62-1200.10. Student Eligibility: LIFE Scholarship and LIFE Scholarship Enhancement

Palmetto Fellows Scholarship
62-315. Initial Eligibility for Palmetto Fellows Scholarship.

Residency as it Pertains to State Scholarships

To be eligible for any State scholarships, students must:

1. Be a U.S. citizen or a legal permanent resident that meets the definition of an eligible non-citizen under State Residency Statutes whose lawful presence has been verified at the time of enrollment at the institution; *and*
 2. Be a South Carolina resident* for in-state purposes at the time of high school graduation *and* at the time of enrollment at the institution;
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*As set forth by Section §59-112-10 – 140 and related R. 62.600-612). Unless listed under the five exceptions located in the residency regulations.

Program Administration

Lottery Tuition Assistance (LTAP)

62-900.190. (A) Refunds and Repayments.

Need-Based Grants

62-495. (D) Refunds and Repayments.

SC HOPE Scholarship

62-900.140. (D) Suspension or Termination of Institutional Participation

LIFE Scholarship

62-1200.75. (D) Suspension or Termination of Institutional Participation: LIFE Scholarship and LIFE Scholarship Enhancement.

Palmetto Fellows Scholarship

62-365. (C) Refunds and Repayments.

The institution is responsible for determining SC residency and lawful presence of all State Scholarship and Grant recipients. If it is determined that the institution has failed to verify the lawful presence and SC residency of all State Scholarship and Grant recipient, the institution shall immediately reimburse the funds disbursed in error.

GRANT PROGRAMS

S.C. Need-Based Grant

In order to be eligible to receive S.C. Need-based Grant funds a student must:

- Complete a FAFSA; and
 - Be 'needy' as defined by Title IV; and
- A US citizen/legal permanent resident and SC resident; and
- Enroll at least part-time as a degree seeking student at the time of grant disbursement; and
- Not convicted of any felonies or second or subsequent alcohol or drug related offenses within the past academic year; and
- Does not owe a refund or repayment on a state grant, PELL grant, or a Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant and not be in default on a loan under the Federal Perkins Loan or Federal Direct Loan program; and
- Complete any other documentation required by the financial aid office at the institution at which the student is enrolled.

Need-Based Grant

Foster Care Youth



Proviso 11.8

- Enables *additional* need-based grant funds for youth in the custody of the Department of Social Services and attending an eligible South Carolina higher education institution

NBG Awarding Process Section 62-470 (F): Institutions must give first priority and award the maximum allowable NBG plus the additional Foster-Care grant up to \$2,000 toward unmet need (\$1,000 per term if full-time, \$500 per term if part-time) to Foster Care youth who are in the custody of DSS.

This may include Foster Care youth who have aged out of the system.

Before you can award, you need:

- A “SC Need-based Grant Waiver Form For Foster Care Youth” completed by the student’s case worker

AND

- A letter from the DSS caseworker indicating that the student is in custody of DSS or participating in Independent Living Services

** Students are only required to provide this documentation once per institution; copies must ALSO be sent to CHE.**

Eligibility Requirements for Foster Care Youth

If the student meets the eligibility requirements of the S.C. Need-based grant and submits proper documentation, you are free to award a full Need-based grant of \$2,500 (if full-time, \$1,250 if part-time) plus the additional Foster Care Youth grant up to \$2,000 toward unmet need (\$1,000 per term if full-time, \$500 per term if part-time).

Once you have awarded, please send CHE an invoice for the additional Foster Care Youth funds.

College Transition Program

- 5 programs in South Carolina
- Funding is up to \$7,500 per year for 8 terms
- Since the 2013-2014 academic year, 218 students have benefited from CTP funds.

Lottery Tuition Assistance Program (LTAP)

62-900.165
*Student
Eligibility*

Each academic year the following must be true:

- Student must complete the FAFSA or a FAFSA waiver
 - *A college may waive the FAFSA requirement when: 1) the student is in high school and is participating in a dual enrollment program; 2) the student has already earned a bachelor's degree; 3) the student is enrolled in a program that is not eligible for federal funds; or 4) the dependent student is not able to obtain his/her parents', guardians' or spouse's tax form.*
- Student has NOT used LTAP funding to earn a certificate, diploma, or degree within a five year period unless the additional certificate, diploma, or degree constitutes progress in the same field of study
- Student must be making SAP towards the completion of the requirements of the program
- Student must be enrolled as a degree seeking student in a 2-year program at one of the: 16 technical schools, 2-year USC satellite campuses, or Spartanburg Methodist College.

Lottery Tuition Assistance Program (LTAP)

62-900.165 Student Eligibility

F. While the student is taking remedial/developmental coursework, an exception to the initial college enrollment applies only to first-time freshmen who met the eligibility requirements for the LIFE Scholarship upon graduation from high school, are enrolled in less than 12 credit hours of non-remedial coursework at an eligible two-year or technical college and taking a minimum of six credit hours of remedial/developmental education coursework during the term may be eligible to receive Lottery Tuition Assistance for the fall and/or spring terms only of their first academic year. First-time freshmen who are eligible for the LIFE Scholarship, attending an eligible two-year or technical college and enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours of non-remedial coursework shall receive the LIFE Scholarship. Once a student is awarded the LIFE Scholarship, they are no longer eligible to receive LTAP during the same academic year. See Section 62-1200.10 (I) of the LIFE Scholarship and LIFE Scholarship Enhancement Regulation.

South Carolina National Guard College Assistance Program (SCNG CAP)

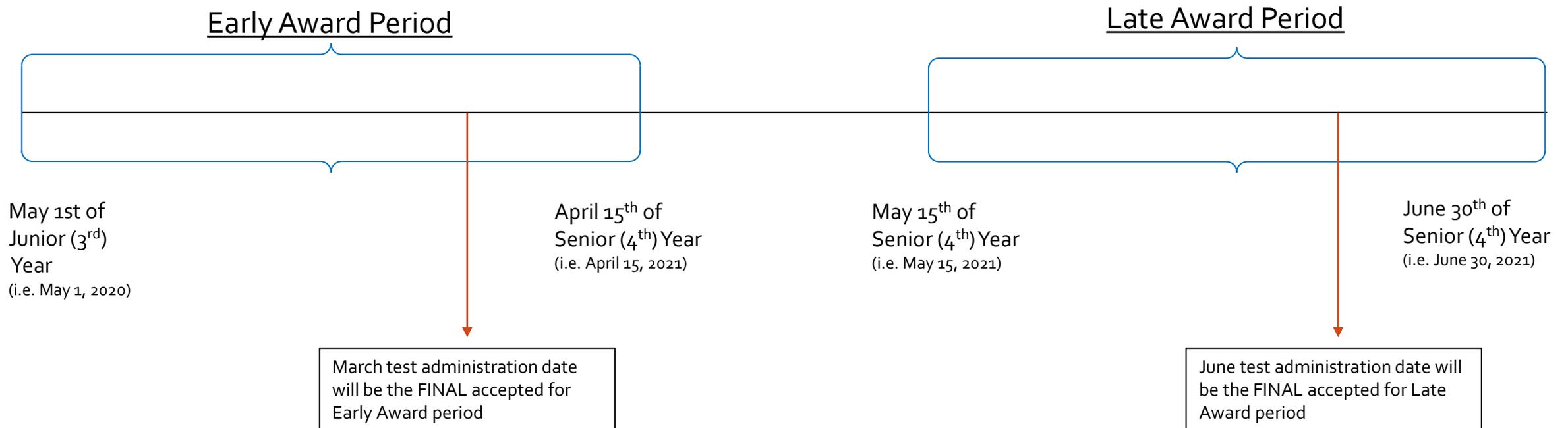
- SCNG CAP offers financial assistance to members of the South Carolina Army and Air National Guard by providing incentives for enlisting or remaining for a specified time in either the South Carolina Army or Air National Guard (SCNG).
- Statutory Authority - SC Code of Laws, Section 59-114-10 Et. Seq.
- The regulation can be accessed at:
<https://www.che.sc.gov/Students,FamiliesMilitary/Military-EducationTraining/NationalGuardCollegeAssistanceProgram.aspx>
- If you or your colleagues need assistance regarding the SCNG CAP, please contact Lorinda Copeland at 803-737-2157 or lcopeland@che.sc.gov.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

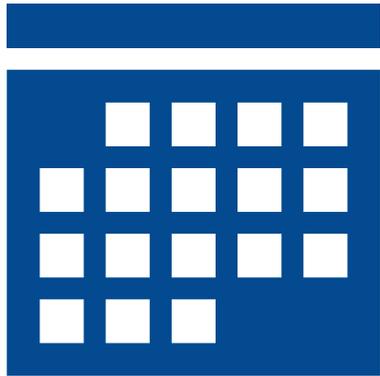
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SCHOLARSHIP

PFS Year-Round Processing Timeline

- CHE will review applications continuously (bi-weekly) to determine eligibility for the PFS
- Decisions will then be uploaded into CHE data system and released to students/schools
- Estimated processing time from date of paper application receipt to decision release: **1 month**



Palmetto Fellows Scholarship (PFS)



Early Award

- 3,212 met the Academic Eligibility requirements
 - Increase of 61 awardees from the 2019 Early Award Process

Late Award

- Application period will close June 30, 2020 at 5:00pm
- Notifications will be sent out in August*

Designation Forms

- 2,284**

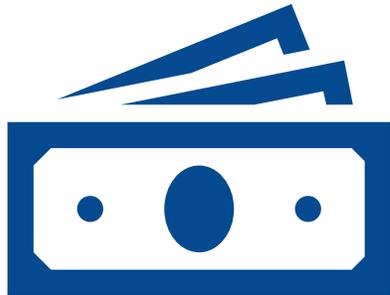
Transfers

- Total Requests for Fall 2020: 45**

* Emergency Regulation allowing July ACT test scores, could delay notification

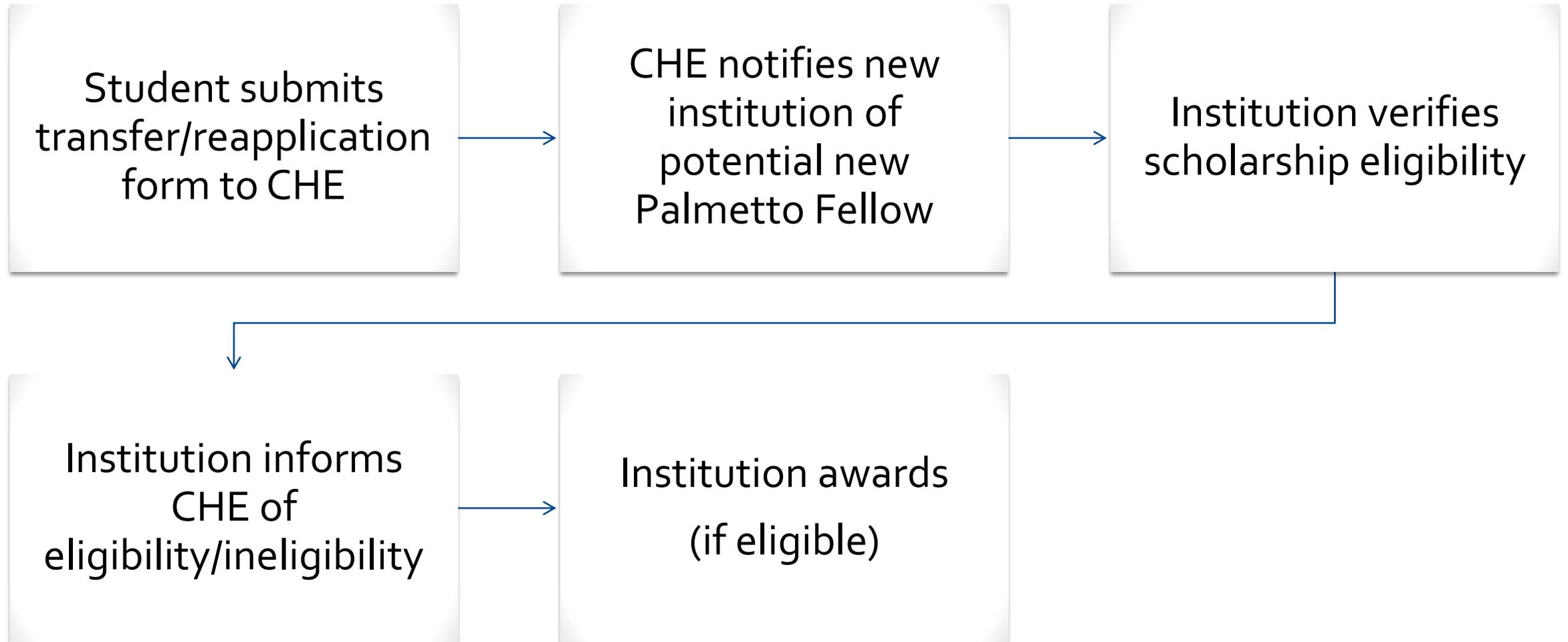
** As of June 11, 2020

62-330 Policies and Procedures for Awarding



E. In determining the amount awarded for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship and the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Enhancement, **all other sources of gift aid, including federal, State, private and institutional funds, must be applied to the unmet cost-of-attendance before calculating the Scholarship and Enhancement amounts and making the award.** Adjustments to the financial aid package will be made to the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship and the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Enhancement in accordance with prescribed Title IV regulations in order to prevent an over-award.

PFS Transfer / Reapplication Process (62-340)



REMINDER:

62-335.

*Duration and
Renewal of
Awards*

E. By the end of the spring term each academic year, the institution must notify all Palmetto Fellows who have not met the continued eligibility requirements for the next academic year.

The notification should include information regarding the student's ability to attend summer school in order to meet the continued eligibility requirements.

Emergency Regulations:

July ACT Test

Break in Enrollment

Changes to the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship

Changes: Emergency Regulation COVID-19 Related July ACT Scores



CHE has enacted emergency regulations to allow for students to continue standardized testing through July of the Senior year. Students will now have the opportunity to obtain a qualifying score by the July test administration of the ACT during 2020.

- It is important to note that while CHE will allow the usage of test scores obtained through July 2020 to qualify for state scholarships, the established deadlines for transcripts (June 15th) and the Palmetto Fellow application period (June 30th) will remain in place. As we continue reviewing all possible avenues to provide relief, we will ensure that appropriate communication to notify students, families, school counseling staff and other constituencies, continues.

Changes: Emergency Regulation COVID-19 Related Break in Enrollment

The Palmetto Fellows and LIFE Scholarship regulations presently require continuous enrollment once the student begins attendance. However, there may be cases where, due to financial, medical or other COVID-19 related circumstances, students may need to enroll in the Spring 2021 term rather than enroll this upcoming Fall 2020 term. [Eligible continuing students who decide to enroll in the Spring 2021 term instead of the Fall 2020 term due to COVID-19 related circumstances are temporarily granted a waiver of this continuous enrollment requirement.](#)

- Students who were eligible for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship entering the Fall 2020 term can utilize a break in enrollment for the Fall 2020 only. Students must re-enroll for the Spring 2021 term. Eligible students can continue to receive the scholarship for their remaining eligible terms upon re-enrolling for Spring 2021 term.
- Students who were eligible for the LIFE Scholarship entering the Fall 2020 term can utilize a break in enrollment for the Fall 2020 term only. Students must re-enroll for the Spring 2021 term. Students will be eligible for their remaining terms of eligibility upon re-enrolling for Spring 2021 term.
- Students who were ineligible for the Palmetto Fellows or LIFE Scholarship entering the Fall 2020 term can still utilize a break in enrollment. However, students will not be eligible for the award upon re-enrollment for Spring 2021 term.

**** Continued Eligibility Requirements remain the same.***



PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP

Frequently Asked Questions

Scenario

- Gap Year-



- A student applies for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship and is determined to meet the academic eligibility requirements during the Early Award process. Should this student decide to not enroll at an eligible college/university the following fall, can they still receive the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship?
- What if a student begins their enrollment and decides to “take a break” after their first year?

Response

- This student can still receive the scholarship if they begin their initial enrollment by the fall term one year following graduation.
 - Graduated June 2020 -> Must enroll by Fall 2021 term
 - Student must complete a reapplication form (found on CHE’s webpage) prior to their initial enrollment in order for their status to be updated and the proper institution to be notified.
 - Student **CANNOT** attempt/earn any college credits during the gap period.
 - Institutions are responsible for verifying that the student has not attempted/earned credit hours during the gap period
- A student may only take a “gap year” immediately following high school graduation. Any break in “continuous enrollment” at an eligible 4-year institution after that point will result in a forfeit of the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship.

Scenario

- Mid-year Enrollment -



- A student completed their high school requirements (graduates) in December and enrolls at an eligible institution the spring term immediately following. Will they be eligible to receive the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship?

Response

- This student must apply for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship during the Early Award Period prior to graduating from high school. If determined to be eligible, they will be able to receive the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship during the spring term. In order to maintain scholarship eligibility, the following year the student must earn 15 credit hours with a cumulative institutional GPA of 3.0.

Scenario



- A student applied for and was determined to be academically eligible for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship. This student completed the Designation Form indicating that they will be attending a 4-year institution outside of SC. If this student were to transfer to an eligible in-state institution could they still receive the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship?

Response

- This student must complete the Reapplication Form found on the CHE website in order to “transfer” back in-state. CHE Staff will then verify that the student did, in fact, apply for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship and that they were academically eligible for the scholarship. This student MUST have met the continued eligible requirements (3.0 cumulative GPA and 30 credit hours per year) in order to be eligible to receive the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship upon transferring to an approved in-state institution. A student cannot receive the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship if they have completed their undergraduate degree or have been enrolled for more than 8 terms at the out-of-state institution.

Scenario



- Can a student take courses at a local 2-year institution during the summer in order to increase their GPA and meet the continued eligibility requirements?

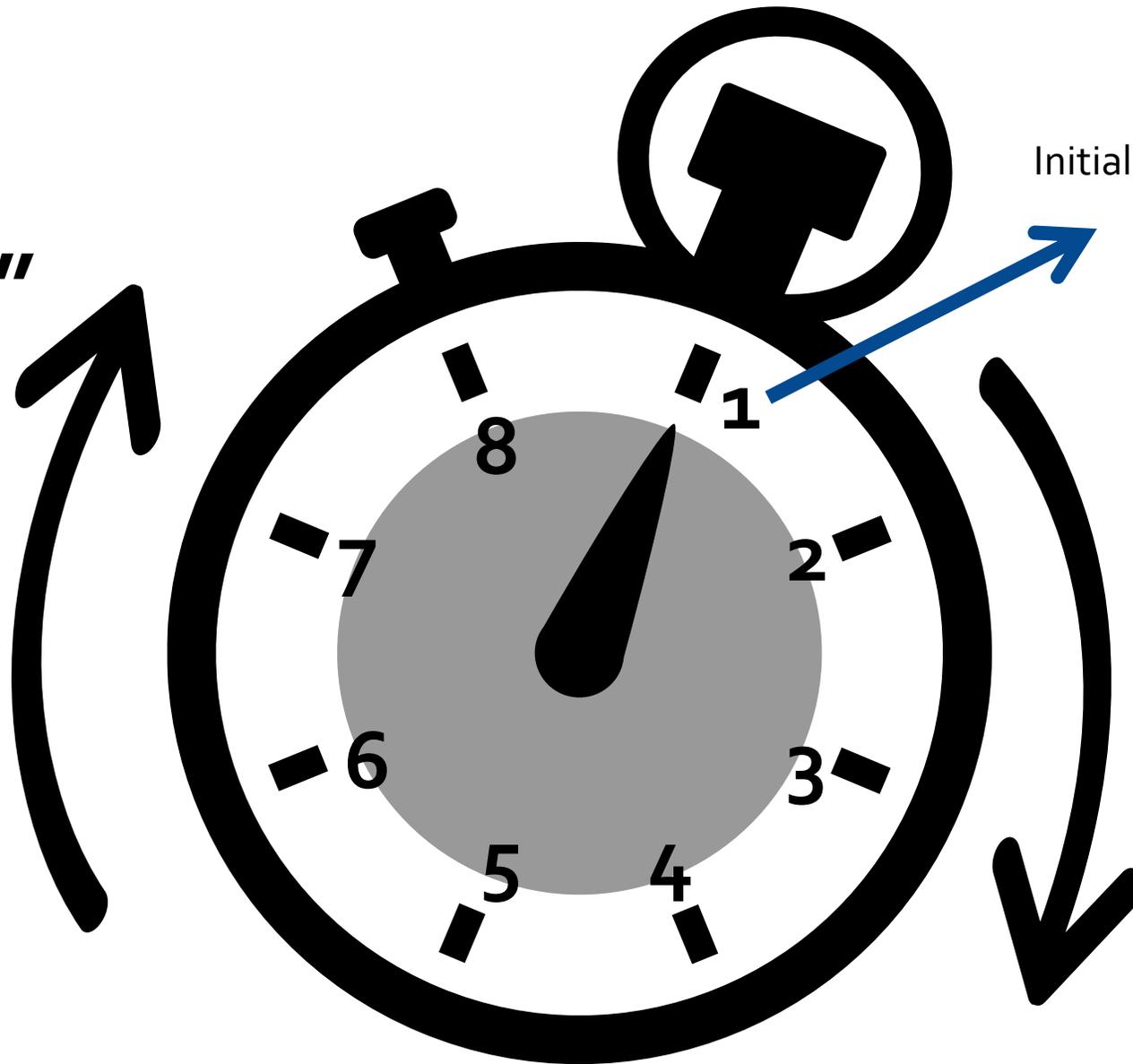
Response

- **NO**. A Palmetto Fellow must take courses at their **home** institution in order to increase their GPA.
- A student may attend an institution other than their home institution for the purpose of increasing earned credit hours if the home institution accepts these hours back for credit (we always recommend a transient student form be completed).
 - *(62-335.G.2. Earn at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA at the home institution for graduation purposes by the end of each academic year)*



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Terms of Eligibility "LIFE Clock"



Initial College Enrollment
TERM 1

Continuous
LIFE 62-1200.5.UU.
Palmetto Fellows 62-310.G.

How to Calculate LIFE GPA

AP			Credits: 7	} 16
Dual Enrollment				
English 101	C	QP: 6	Credits: 3	
English 102	C	QP: 6	Credits: 3	
Transfer				} 16
Math	C	QP: 6	Credits: 3	
Fall 2018				} 43
Biology 101	B	QP: 12	Credits: 4	
History	B	QP: 9	Credits: 3	
Psych 101	A	QP: 12	Credits: 3	
Seminar	A	QP: 12	Credits: 3	} 27
Spring 2019				
Biology 102	A	QP: 16	Credits: 4	
Soc 101	A	QP: 12	Credits: 3	
Art History	B	QP: 9	Credits: 3	
Chemistry	B	QP: 9	Credits: 4	

Total Quality Points : 109

GPA Hours: 36

Earned Hours: 43

Institutional GPA: 3.37

LIFE GPA: 3.02



LIFE SCHOLARSHIP

Frequently Asked Questions

Scenario



- Is there a “shelf expiration” for the LIFE Scholarship? Meaning, if a student does not enroll in a college within a certain period of time will they lose their ability to receive the LIFE Scholarship?

Response

(62-1200.10 Student Eligibility: LIFE Scholarship and LIFE Scholarship Enhancement)

There is no time limit on the ‘gap’ between high school graduation and college enrollment. If the student was eligible out of high school, they are still eligible today as long as they are still considered

- 1) A SC resident now and at the time of HS graduation;
- 2) Did not take any college level classes between high school graduation and college enrollment;
- 3) Also double check the high school transcript to verify the GPA was on the current SC UGP.

If the transcript does not match with the current SC UGP, institutions will need to do a GPA conversion or ask the high school to do the GPA conversion from the previous grading scale to the current scale.

SCHOLARSHIP ENHANCEMENT



Initial Eligibility Requirements for Enhancement

- A student must meet ALL of the eligibility requirements for a Palmetto Fellows or the LIFE Scholarship;
- Be a recipient of Palmetto Fellows or LIFE Scholarship;
- Must be a declared math or science major in a CHE approved program;
- Must have taken at least fourteen credit hours of instruction in mathematics and life and physical science courses before the end of their **FIRST** academic year in school.

****(CLEP), Dual Enrollment, Pass/Fail courses with a grade of "Pass" (only), Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory courses with a grade of "Satisfactory" (only), (IB) courses and (AP) courses in mathematics and life and physical sciences taken in high school in which the student scored a three or more on the advanced placement test and received college credit may count toward the fulfillment of this minimum requirement.***

Palmetto Fellows 62-335.H.

LIFE 62-1200.10.O

**** Students enrolled at two-year institutions are not eligible to receive a LIFE Scholarship Enhancement***

Eligible Classes / Programs

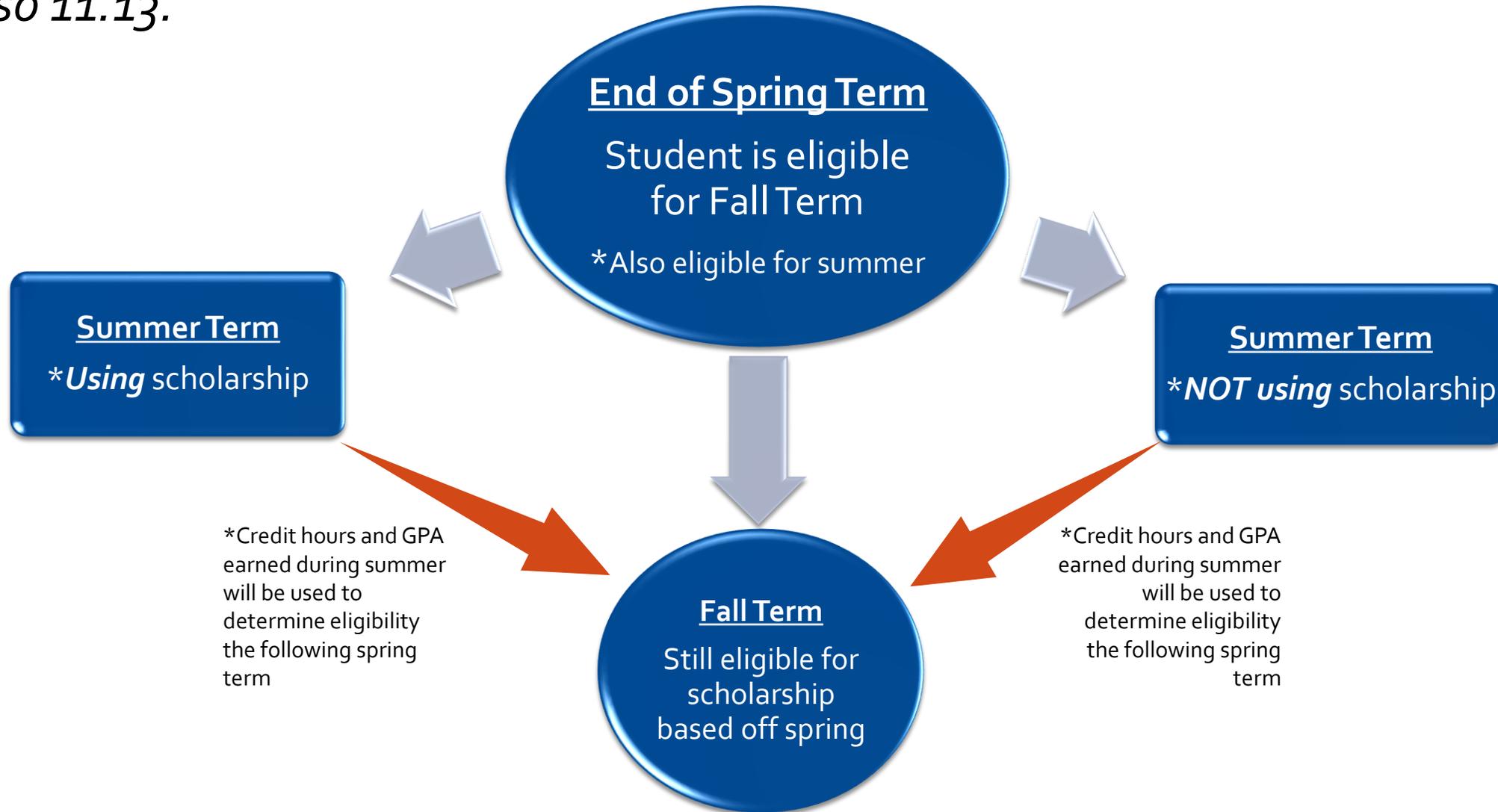


- Approved lists of eligible majors and eligible courses to meet the fourteen credit hour course requirement for the Palmetto Fellows or LIFE Scholarship Enhancement are provided on the Commission's website at www.che.sc.gov.
- CIP codes have been approved by the Commission on Higher Education for eligible degree programs in the fields of mathematics and science.
- If you'd like to add courses or degree programs to the list, please visit our website for more information on how to do so, or contact CHE directly. The link for instructions to the process is:

http://www.che.sc.gov/CHE_Docs/academicaffairs/2015-02-05_scholarship_enhancement_program_eligibility_process.pdf

Year-Round LIFE Scholarships

Proviso 11.13.



Scenario



- If a student was eligible to receive LIFE at the end of spring, but took a summer class to meet the enhancement credit hour eligibility, and then dropped below the GPA requirement, are they still eligible to receive the enhancement in the fall?

Response

(Year-round guidelines)

- As long as the student was eligible for the base LIFE scholarship at the end of the Spring term and met the enhancement requirements by the end of summer (14 credit hours), they are eligible for the scholarship and the enhancement beginning in the fall term.
- In order to maintain eligibility for the following academic year the student must meet the requisite GPA and credit hours by the end of the upcoming spring term.



TRANSCRIPTS

Transcript Requirements:

*Scholarship
Eligibility Purposes*

All state scholarships and grants are based on the SC UGP, therefore **all transcripts must specifically state "SC UGP."**

- Any transcript that states, "Weighted and Unweighted GPA" OR "Total GPA" will not be accepted for the purposes of awarding state scholarships as it must comply with the **SC UGP**.

All final official transcripts must be date calculated between the date of the high school graduation and **no later than June 15th**

The final grades/ranking cannot include grades earned after the official graduation date of the school year. Summer school grades earned after high school graduation cannot be used in the calculation.

In order to determine eligibility for the State scholarship programs, the financial aid office/institution and/or CHE for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship must have an official transcript on file (electronic or otherwise) that demonstrates the following items:

- **A valid signature** (electronic or otherwise) from the Principal.* In the event that the Principal is not available, the Superintendent signature is acceptable.
***For Independent/Private and home school students: The administrator, registrar, or an official from the home school/accountability group. Should provide letter stating designated school rep.*
- **SC UGP GPA** must be demonstrated
- **Date calculated date** to be date calculated no later than June 15th (regardless of academic year)
 - For the LIFE Scholarship and the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Late Award the transcript **MUST** demonstrate that it is the **final** official transcript, as well as reflect a **graduation date**
- **Rank**
 - If an independent high school or home school association has an approved policy on rank, a rank must be demonstrated on the official transcript (even if the student is not using rank for scholarship eligibility).
 - A rank report must also be submitted with a date calculated matching the transcripts even if the student is not using rank. (LIFE 62-1200.10.C)

Transcript Requirements: *Scholarship Eligibility Purposes*

Out-of-State High Schools & Scholarship Eligibility

For Scholarship purposes, out-of-state schools must comply with SCUGP GPA and ranking (*if applicable*).

- If the institution is not converting the grades, the out-of-state high school must submit a converted transcript in addition to the official out-of-state high school transcript
 - No handwritten or strikethrough edits can be demonstrated on the submitted transcript for scholarship eligibility determination
- If a student is attempting to use rank as an eligibility criterion from an out-of-state high school:
 - The high school or home school association must have a policy on rank; *and*
 - If using rank, the entire academic class must be converted to the SC UGP and a ranking report that reflects all students in that academic class, the out-of-state GPA, the SC UGP GPA, and the rank based on the SC UGP GPA must be included in order to determine eligibility and award a State scholarship.
- If the high school or home school association does not rank as a policy, or the student does not meet the rank eligibility requirement once a conversion of the grades to meet the SC UGP GPA and rank requirement then student must use the Alternate Criteria for eligibility (SC UGP GPA and SAT/ACT score).

State of South Carolina Standard High School Transcript - Final

Graduation Date: 06/01/2017

Class Of: 2017

Diploma Type: State of SC Diploma

Student Name		
Student ID	Grade 12	Gender
State ID	Date of Birth	Ethnic Code
Parent or Guardian		

School Name/Address	
XXXX High School	
Address	
City, SC, Zip Code	
Tel: xxx-xxx-xxxx Fax: xxx-xxx-xxxx	
District Name/Address	
School District	
Address	
City, SC, Zip Code	
Tel: xxx-xxx-xxxx Fax: xxx-xxx-xxxx	

Crs ID	Course Title	Term	Grd	Mark	Credit	Crs ID	Course Title	Term	Grd	Mark	Credit
12-13											
411101CW	Algebra 1 CP	YR	8	98	1.00						
13-14											
301190HW	English 1 Hon	S1	9	100	1.00						
321190HW	Phys Science Hon	S2	9	99	1.00						
331000HW	World Geo (GS)	S1	9	100	1.00						
340103CH	Fam/Comm Health(f)	Q2	9	100	0.50						
344101CW	PE 1	S2	9	96	1.00						
412101HW	Geometry Honors	S2	9	99	1.00						
502001CW	Integrat Bus App 1	S1	9	99	1.00						
580802CW	Con/Homemaking 1	S2	9	100	1.00						
581203CH	Fin Fitness (f)	Q1	9	98	0.50						

301511EW	English Composition I	S1	11	97	1.00	Work-in-Progress	
301611EW	English Composition II	S2	11	100	1.00		
304511EW	Public Speaking	S2	11	100	1.00		
323101HW	Chemistry 1 Honors	S1	11	100	1.00		
337200AW	AP US History	S2	11	94	1.00		
352011EW	History and Appreciation of Art	S1	11	100	1.00		
354102CW	Chorus Spring	S2	11	100	1.00		
365201CW	Spanish 2 CP	S2	11	99	1.00		
413100HW	PreCalculus Honors	S1	11	98	1.00		
517602CW	DesktopPub	S1	11	98	1.00		
16-17							
301811EW	World Literature II	S1	12	99	1.00		
322811EW	Biological Science I	S1	12	100	1.00		
322911EW	Biological Science II	S2	12	100	1.00		
333111EW	American Government	S2	12	99	1.00		
335711EW	Macroeconomics	S2	12	100	1.00		
354101CW	Chorus Fall	S1	12	100	1.00		
365711EW	Elementary Spanish I	S1	12	99	1.00		
365811EW	Elementary Spanish II	S2	12	98	1.00		
373596EW	Careers in teaching/Teacher Cadet DC	S1	12	99	1.00		
417000AW	AP Calculus AB	S2	12	93	1.00		
						SC UGP GPA	4.0 GPA
						GPA Summary	5.282
						Class Rank	1 out of 96
						Date Calculated	June 8, 2017
						Credit Summary	
						Total Credit Attempted: 37.00	
						Total Credits Earned: 37.00	

To determine the course academic level refer to the seventh character in each course ID.

If graduation date is a future date, current year reflects Work in Progress.

Information about the South Carolina Uniform Grading Policy can be found by searching for "Uniform Grading Policy" at <https://ed.sc.gov>

Official Signature

Signature Here

Principal

Date: June 8, 2017

An official signature and/or seal is required for manually printed transcripts (PDF format).

An official signature (.JPEG format) is required for electronic transcripts sent via secure transmission.

SC transitioned to a 10-point Grade Scale in 2016-17. Prior year courses were evaluated on a 7-point Grade Scale (see below).

2015-16

A 93-100

B 85-92

C 77-84

D 70-76

F 0-69

2016-17

A 90-100

B 80-89

C 70-79

D 60-69

F 0-59

A c a d e m i c T r a n s c r i p t

XXXXXX Academy

Transcript calculated on SC UGP GPA.
Weighted GPA is SC UGP GPA

Address
City , South Carolina , Zip Code

Phone: xxx-xx-xxx | Fax: xxx-xx-xxxx

School Code: xxxx
Headmaster: Mr. xxxxxxxxx

Name:	Birth Date: City:	Gender:	Parent/Guardian:
Address:		State:	
Entry Date:	Withdrawal Date: N/A	Graduation Date: 05/26/2017	Final Transcript Calculated on: 06/06/2017

2012-2013		
<u>Class Title</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Credits</u>
Algebra 1 Honors	89	1.000
Computer Science	92	1.000
English I CP	92	1.000
History	95	0.000
PE	96	1.000
Science	88	0.000
Grade Level: 8 GPA: 4.031 Credits: 4.000		
2013-2014		
<u>Class Title</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Credits</u>
Algebra II Honors	73	1.000
English II Honors	80	1.000
Physical Science	75	1.000
Spanish 1	88	1.000
World Geography	89	1.000
Grade Level: 9 GPA: 2.700 Credits: 5.000		

Semester 1		
<u>Class Title</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Credits</u>
Advanced Biology Honors	94	0.500
American History II-DC	97	1.000
Economics		N/A
English V CP	90	0.500
Government	88	0.500
Statistics	92	0.500
World Religion-DC	98	1.000
Grade Level: 12 GPA: 4.988 Credits: 4.000		

Semester 2		
<u>Class Title</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Credits</u>
Advanced Biology Honors	98	0.500
American History I-DC	96	1.000
Economics	92	0.500
English V CP	95	0.500
Government		N/A
Statistics	96	0.500
Grade Level: 12 GPA: 4.967 Credits: 3.000		

Weighted	Cumulative GPA:	Cumulative Credits:	Class Rank:
Un-Weighted	Cumulative GPA:	Cumulative Credits:	Class Rank:

Official(s) Certifying Transcript:

Signature Here

Signature

SC Uniform 10 Point Grading Scale used in 2016-2017 School Year
 A = 90-100% B = 80-89% C = 70-79%
 D = 60-69% F = 59% & Below

Printed Name

Title

6-6-2017

Date



Early Graduate vs. Graduating Early

Early Graduate

(Senior graduating mid-year > not during the Spring Cohort)

LIFE Scholarship

- For scholarship eligibility the student **CANNOT** use rank as an eligibility criterion.

Palmetto Fellows Scholarship

- Student can qualify with class rank from the end of the 10th or 11th grade year.
- *Palmetto Fellows: can only apply during the Early Award Period **prior to** completing their high school graduation requirements.*

Graduating Early

(Student graduates academic year(s) early > graduates with Spring Cohort)

SC HOPE / LIFE Scholarship

- Eligibility is based on the end of the academic year with the student's "new" graduating class

Palmetto Fellows Scholarship

- Early Award Application Period can use the end of 10th or 11th grade rank, must use end of 11th grade GPA
- Late Award Application Period can use the end of 10th or 12th grade rank, must use end of 12th grade GPA

State of South Carolina Standard High School Transcript - Final

Graduation Date: 06/01/2017

Class Of: 2017

Diploma Type: State of SC Diploma

Student Name		
Student ID	Grade 12	Gender
State ID	Date of Birth	Ethnic Code
Parent or Guardian		

School Name/Address	
XXXX High School	
Address	
City, SC, Zip Code	
Tel: xxx-xxx-xxxx Fax: xxx-xxx-xxxx	
District Name/Address	
School District	
Address	
City, SC, Zip Code	
Tel: xxx-xxx-xxxx Fax: xxx-xxx-xxxx	

Crs ID	Course Title	Term	Grd	Mark	Credit	Crs ID	Course Title	Term	Grd	Mark	Credit	
						SC UGP GPA 4.0 GPA						
						GPA Summary		4.618				3.789
						Class Rank		21 of 561				
						Date Calculated		December 15, 2016				
						Credit Summary						
						Total Credits Attempted: 19.00						
						Total Credits Earned: 19.00						

Internships, Co-op Work Programs, Travel Study Programs, or National or International Student Exchange Programs



Students enrolled in a program listed above, that is approved by the institution:

- A. Accepts full-time transfer credit: student can use scholarship funds/term (student must meet continued eligibility requirements).
- B. Funds must be paid directly to student's account at home institution. Cannot exceed COA at home/host institution, whichever is less.
- C. Enroll one term for no credit: must earn **15 credits/3.0 GPA** by the end of the academic year. Does not use a term of eligibility.
- D. Enroll full year for no credit: renewal will be based on prior year's eligibility. Did not use any terms.
- E. One term and/or summer: enroll in 12 credit hours over summer. Renewal requirements: Summer only (12 credit hours); One term plus summer (27 credit hours) and a 3.0 GPA.

LIFE Scholarship:

62-1200.40

Palmetto Fellows Scholarship:

62-350

Military Mobilization

- “Military mobilization” is defined as a situation in which the U.S. Department of Defense orders service members to active duty away from their normal duty assignment during a time of war or national emergency. Service members include: 1) active duty and reserve members in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, and; 2) members of the Army and Air National Guard.
- Term(s) that a service member is mobilized will not count against the maximum terms of eligibility. The service member must re-enroll within 12 months of demobilization and provide documentation to the Financial Aid office. Reinstatement will be based upon the service member’s eligibility at the time he/she was mobilized. If they re-enroll after 12 months, they can submit an appeal to CHE.
- Mobilized for a full-year, eligibility will be based on prior year’s eligibility.
- Enrolled one term, mobilized one term: continued eligibility is 15 credit hours and a 3.0 GPA.
- One term and/or summer: enroll in 12 credit hours. Renewal requirements: Summer only (12 credit hours); One term plus summer (27 credit hours) and a 3.0 GPA.

SC HOPE Scholarship
62-900.111. Military Mobilization

LIFE Scholarship
62-1200.45. Military
Mobilization: LIFE Scholarship
and LIFE Scholarship
Enhancement.

Palmetto Fellows Scholarship
62-351. Military Mobilization



Scholarship Appeals

- The 2020-2021 Appeals Cycle for the Palmetto Fellows, LIFE, and SC HOPE scholarship opened April 3, 2020. All appeals materials must be in receipt of CHE by the deadline close of [5:00 pm on September 4, 2020.](#)
- Students are encouraged to review the Guidelines for Appeal on the CHE website to determine if their circumstance truly meets the definition of an extraordinary circumstance or a traumatic event.
- Students should be advised that their appeal is not guaranteed to be granted, nor is it a guarantee that a decision will be rendered prior to the due date of their college bill. Students should make arrangements with the institution for payment.
- The link to the appeals information and application is:
<http://www.che.sc.gov/Students,FamiliesMilitary/Appeals.aspx>

Correspondence will be sent electronically- both to students and institutions. Initial emails will go to Financial Aid Directors, who can then inform us if there is a more appropriate contact.

Scholarship Appeals Con't



As part of the Scholarship Appeals Guidelines:

If the student is appealing because of poor academic performance, the student must explain to the Committee whether he/she used the institutional appeals process to have the grades changed due to an extenuating circumstance each term. The student must also explain each term of poor academic performance.

**LIFE
Scholarship:**

62-1200.35

**Palmetto
Fellows
Scholarship**

62-345

B. The Institutional Disability Services Provider must provide written documentation to the Office of Financial Aid prior to each academic year verifying that the student is approved to be enrolled in less than full-time status or earn less than the required annual credit hours. The institution is responsible for retaining appropriate documentation according to the “Program Administration and Audits” Section.

Students with Disabilities



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



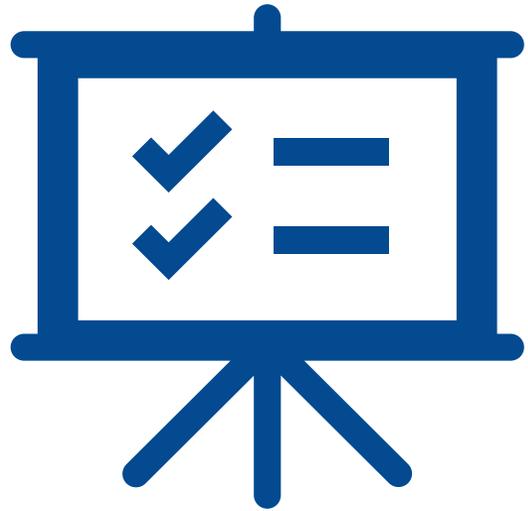
Pending Legislation

- **S. 419 / H. 3759 - South Carolina Career Opportunity and Access for All Act**
Proposed Changes to Scholarship Eligibility for Palmetto Fellows, LIFE, SC HOPE and LTAP.
Received third reading by Senate on 3/5/2020. Introduced to the House on 3/11/2020 and referred to the Education and Public Works Committee.
- **S. 298 / H. 4576 - Higher Education Opportunity Act**
Proposed changes to Need-based Funding, STEM Scholarship Enhancements, the use of General Fund Revenue for Scholarships.
Up for second senate reading, currently contested.

Pending Legislation



- **H. 3936** - A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-104-20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO **ELIGIBILITY FOR PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIPS, SO AS TO INCLUDE TWO-YEAR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES AMONG INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING WHOSE STUDENTS MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE SCHOLARSHIPS.**



S.C. STATE SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT PROGRAMS- DATA VERIFICATION REVIEW

Review Process

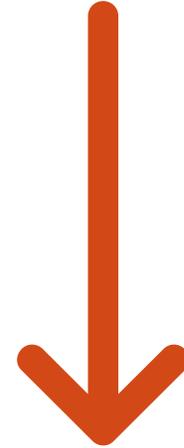
Engagement Letter

Desk Review

Field Work

Preliminary Draft Report

Final Report



Desk Review

- **Preliminary documents request**
 - Policies and Procedures
 - Cost of Attendance budgets and any supporting documents
 - Institutional list of scholarship recipients
 - Compliance Review Questionnaire
- **CHEMIS Reconciliation**
 - Invoices
 - Award File
- **Sample Selection**
 - Based on population
 - 5-25 per program
 - Provided prior to on-site



Fieldwork



Entrance Conference

Review Scope
Policies and Procedures
Compliance Questionnaire



Data Verification

Eligibility –General, Initial and Continued
Awarding and Disbursement
Record Retention



Exit Conference

Findings
Observations

Data Verification



Eligibility

Citizenship and residency
Initial enrollment date and enrollment status
SAT/ACT scores
Final High School Transcript
Ranking Report
Collegiate GPA
Needs Analysis



Award Disbursement

Award amounts disbursed to students for each term
Number of credit hours students were enrolled at the time of disbursement
Total Gift Aid
COA
COT



Record Retention

Award Notifications/Award Letter
LIFE GPA Verification/Calculation
Annual Scholarship Certification /Affidavit
Scholarship Terms and Conditions

Reporting

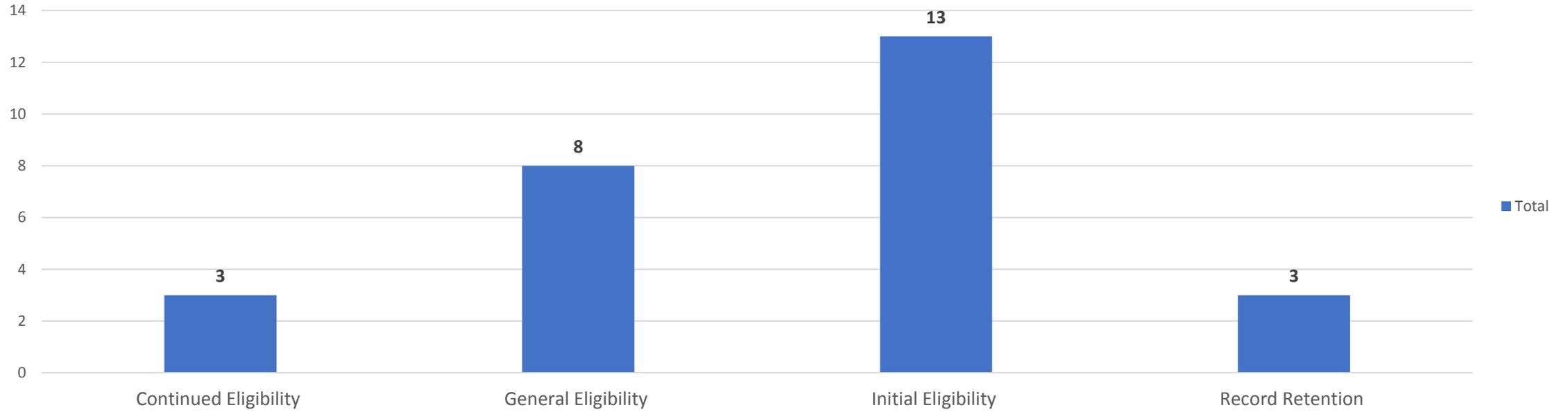
Preliminary Draft Memorandum and Report

- Mailed to the Institution's President
- Includes findings, criteria, and recommendations
- Requests written response within 10 business days
- Electronic copy provided to FA Director and others as directed

Final Report

- Includes written response(s) from institution
- Mailed to the Institution's President
- Electronic copy provided to FA Director and others as directed

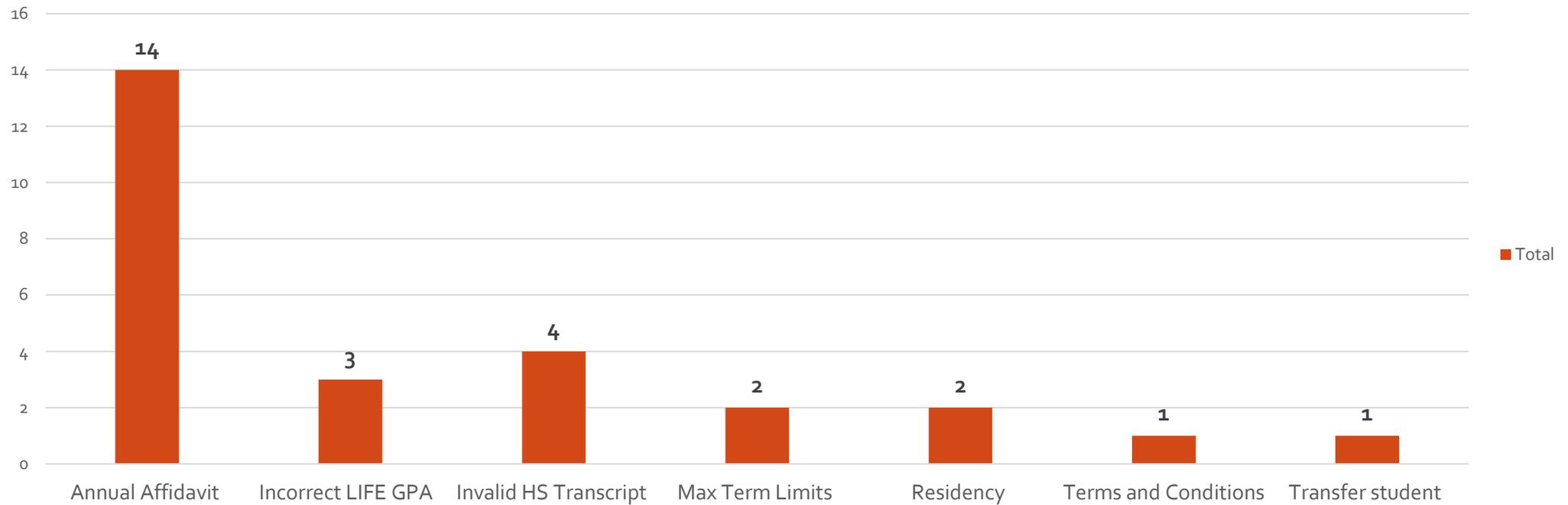
Findings by Category



Issues and Observations

Issues and Observations

Findings by Conditions



Questions?

Please submit questions in the chat box. We will collect and answer them and then post them on the website with the presentation.

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