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## MEMORANDUM

TO: News Editors

FROM: Dr. Richard C. Sutton, Executive Director

DATE: October 13, 2014

RE: Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Early Award Application Deadline for the Class of 2015

Please find attached a news release providing the current minimum eligibility requirements for the Early Awards deadline for the state supported Palmetto Fellows Scholarship. Given the strong interest of students, parents, and school administrators in your area, your consideration of publishing this information is appreciated.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the Commission staff, Ms. Elizabeth Caulder at (803) 737-2262 or Dr. Karen Woodfaulk at (803) 737-2244. Thank you for your assistance.

Enclosure



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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
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### **NOTICE OF DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP EARLY AWARD APPLICATION**

Last year 2,555 of South Carolina's outstanding high school seniors were awarded the prestigious Palmetto Fellows Scholarship. The Palmetto Fellows award is a state-sponsored scholarship established by the General Assembly to recognize the state's academically talented high school seniors and encourage them to attend public or independent colleges within South Carolina. Palmetto Fellows may receive up to \$6,700 their freshman year, and \$7,500 (or \$10,000 if in an eligible science/math major) in subsequent years.

The S.C. Commission on Higher Education has provided Palmetto Fellows Scholarship application materials for the Early Award to each South Carolina high school and home school association. Seniors who graduate by the end of the academic year ending in May/June and who meet the eligibility requirements listed below should contact their high school guidance counselor or home school association director immediately about obtaining application information. The Early Award application deadline is **December 15, 2014**.

In order to be eligible to apply, seniors must meet at a minimum the following criteria:

Meet one of the following criteria

- Score at least a 1200 on the SAT (or 27 on the ACT) by the November test administration, earn a minimum 3.50 cumulative GPA based on the SC Uniform Grading Policy (UGP) at the end of the junior year; and rank in the top six percent of either their sophomore or junior year;

**OR**

- Score at least 1400 on the SAT (or 32 on the ACT) by the November test administration and earn a minimum 4.00 cumulative GPA based on the SC UGP at the end of the junior year (date calculated on transcript must be June 15<sup>th</sup> or earlier)
- ✓ Be a legal resident of South Carolina and be a U.S. citizen/permanent resident (green card holder); and
- ✓ Have applied or been accepted for admission to an eligible South Carolina public or independent four-year college/university for the fall term immediately following high school graduation

Additional information about the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship program is available online at [www.sccango.org](http://www.sccango.org) or [www.che.sc.gov](http://www.che.sc.gov) or by contacting Elizabeth Caulder (803-737-2262) or Dr. Karen Woodfaulk (803-737-2244) at the S. C. Commission on Higher Education.