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PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP EARLY AWARD APPLICATION NOTICE OF DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Last year 2,698 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 the 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 their Home School Association director immediately about obtaining application information. **The Early Award application deadline is December 15, 2015.**

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 15th 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 or 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.

The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (CHE) serves as the state’s coordinating board for higher education. Its mission is to promote quality and efficiency in the state system of higher education with the goal of fostering economic growth and human development in South Carolina. Information about current activities of CHE and higher education in South Carolina can be found on the agency’s website: www.che.sc.gov.