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MEMORANDUM

TO: News Editors and Medial Contacts

FROM: Julie Carullo, Interim Executive Director

DATE: April 13, 2015

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

Please find attached a news release providing the current minimum eligibility requirements for the Late 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

**SC COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE APRIL 13, 2015
NOTICE OF DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF THE 2015 PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP
LATE 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 Late 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 Late Award application deadline is **June 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 June test administration, earn a minimum 3.50 cumulative GPA based on the SC Uniform Grading Policy (UGP) at the end of the senior year; and rank in the top six percent of either their sophomore, junior, or senior year;
- OR**
- Score at least 1400 on the SAT (or 32 on the ACT) by the June test administration and earn a minimum 4.00 cumulative GPA based on the SC UGP at the end of the senior 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 Ms. Elizabeth Caulder (803-737-2262) or Dr. Karen Woodfaulk (803-737-2244) at the SC Commission on Higher Education.