

**SC Need-based Grant Waiver Form  
For  
Foster Care Youth**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of College \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the term(s) you are requesting funds (ex. Fall 2020/Spring 2021) \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby grant that information requested by the SC Commission on Higher Education (CHE) and the Department of Social Services may be released to them. These State agencies may access my personal demographic, academic, and financial information in order to provide academic and financial assistance.

Students are required to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Form in order to participate in the SC Need-based Grant program (SCNBG). Students who are eligible for SCNBG may also be eligible for the Foster Care Youth SCNBG and are responsible for contacting the institution and providing official verification to the institution and to CHE that he/she is in current custody of DSS (either in DSS custody or Independent Living Program through DSS). Acceptable verification shall include a letter or other verifiable documentation from DSS. Students only need to provide documentation once per institution.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Case Worker

\_\_\_\_\_  
County & Contact Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Case Worker

\_\_\_\_\_  
Case Worker E-mail address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

***In addition to the waiver form, the DSS case-worker must also submit a letter of verification that the above mentioned student is currently in custody of DSS and/or participating in the DSS Independent Living Program. Students who have been adopted or voluntarily left Foster Care/DSS are not eligible.***

*One copy of the SC Need-based Grant Waiver Form and verification letter must be submitted to each of the following agencies: 1) SC Commission on Higher Education, 1122 Lady Street, Suite 400, Attn: Need-based Grant Coordinator, Columbia, SC 29201 or email it to kharris@che.sc.gov; 2) SC DSS, Attn: Foster Care/Independent Living Program, P.O. Box 1520, Columbia, SC 29202; and 3) The financial aid representative at the institution.*

*\*Students should also talk with their Case Worker & Financial Aid office about additional ETV Funds for college.*