



# South Carolina Commission on Higher Education

January 29, 2014

# Agenda

- 1:00 pm Welcome
- 1:05 pm Purpose of Meeting and Review of Year-Round Scholarships
- 1:20 pm Discussion of Agenda Items
- 2:45 pm Questions and Next Steps
- 3:00 pm Adjourn

# Year-Round Scholarships

## Timeline:

- **February 2013**–
  - As a result of a Proviso submitted by the University of South Carolina (USC), CHE convened a taskforce to discuss the potential of year-round scholarships.
  - The first meeting laid the foundation for year-round scholarships.
  - At this time the Proviso was still being considered by the General Assembly.
- **May 2013**–
  - A second meeting occurs to review moving forward with year-round scholarships and to address potential issues.
  - The Proviso is still being considered by the General Assembly.
- **July 2013**–
  - The General Assembly did not act on the Proviso requested by USC.
  - The members of the Taskforce are asked to continue to work with CHE in the future regarding the possibility of year-round scholarships.

# Year-Round Scholarships

## Timeline:

- **September 2013**–
  - Gen. Finan, Chairman of CHE, received a request from Governor Haley to compile a report of the feasibility of year-round scholarships.
- **November 2013**–
  - CHE submitted to Governor Haley a report on student eligibility for year-round scholarships, to include a proposed pilot program and fiscal impact of implementing year-round scholarships.
- **January 2014**–
  - Taskforce reconvenes to address and discuss implications of pilot program and the implementation of year-round scholarships and develop solutions for moving forward.
  - USC submitted a Proviso for year-round scholarships to the General Assembly

# USC Proviso

- **PROVISO: (USC: Lottery Scholarships)**

Notwithstanding the provisions of Title 59, Chapters 149 and 150 a student may apply his or her scholarship award to three semesters during an academic year. However, the total award per student during his or her enrollment may not exceed the amount he or she would otherwise receive if the scholarship award were applied to no more than ten semesters for a five-year degree program, eight semesters for a four-year degree program, or four semesters for a two-year degree program.

# Proposed Changes to USC Proviso

Changes were made to address concerns and clarify the parameters of year-round scholarships

- **PROVISO: (~~USC: Lottery~~ CHE: Palmetto Fellows and LIFE Scholarships)**  
*Notwithstanding the provisions of Title 59, Chapters 104 and 149 and 150 a student may ~~apply~~ also **be awarded** his other **Palmetto Fellows or LIFE** scholarship award ~~to three semesters~~ during the summer in addition to fall and spring semesters of an academic year provided continued eligibility requirements are met as of the end of the spring semester. Students must enroll full-time which for purposes of the summer award will require enrollment in at least twelve hours over the course of the summer which is defined as the period between the end of spring term and prior to the opening of fall term. The total summer award per student may not exceed half of the allowable academic year award up to the cost of attendance and must be reimbursed if less than twelve hours for academic credit are not completed by the student during summer sessions. However, ~~the~~ **If awarded in the summer, a student's** ~~the total award per student~~ during his or her enrollment may not exceed the amount he or she would otherwise receive under current semester limits applied for the scholarship awards of no more than ten semesters for a five-year degree program, eight semesters for a four-year degree program, or four semesters for a two-year degree program. The Commission on Higher Education may provide additional guidelines necessary to ensure uniform implementation.*

# Eligibility Tracks

- Eligible Scholarship Recipients
  - Recipients who enroll in full-time summer semester
  - Recipients who enroll in part-time summer semester
  - Recipients who do not enroll in summer
- Ineligible Scholarship Recipients
  - Recipients who enroll in summer
  - Recipients who do not enroll in summer

# Eligible Student :

## Full-Time Enrollment for Summer Semester

Eligible for Fall Award If:	Eligible for Spring Award If:	Eligible For Summer Award If:	Summer Award If:	Eligible for Fall Award If:
12+ Credit Hours	12+ Credit Hours	Earned at least 30 credit hours & at least a 3.0 cumulative (institutional) GPA	Enrolled in 12+ Credit hours	Attempted and/or completed at least 12 credit hours and earned a 3.0 cumulative GPA

# Eligible Student: Part-Time Enrollment for Summer Semester

Eligible for Fall Award If:	Eligible for Spring Award If:	Eligible For Summer Award If:	Not Eligible for Summer Award If:	Eligible for Fall Award If:
12+ Credit Hours	12+ Credit Hours	Earned at least 30 credit hours & at least a 3.0 cumulative (institutional) GPA	Enrolled in 1-11 credit hours.  This would be an out of packet expense	Earned at least 30 credit hours & at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA at end of spring

# Eligible Participant: Does Not Enroll for Summer

Eligible for Fall Award If:	Eligible for Spring Award If:	Eligible for Spring Award If:
12+ Credit Hours	12+ Credit Hours	Earned at least 30 credit hours & at least a 3.0 cumulative (institutional) GPA

# Ineligible Students

Eligible for Fall Award If:	Eligible for Spring Award If:	Not Eligible for Summer Award	Not Eligible for a Summer Award	Eligible for Fall Award If:
12+ Credit hours	12+ Credit hours	Less than 30 credit hours and/or less than a 3.0 cumulative GPA	Out-of-pocket expense in an effort to meet the renewal requirements	Earned at least 30 credit hours & at least a 3.0 cumulative

# Eligible Student: Full-Time Enrollment Summer

Eligible for Fall Award If:	Eligible for Spring Award If:	Eligible For Summer Award If:	Summer Award Disbursed If:	Eligible for Fall Award If:
Enrolled in 12+ credit hours (or equivalent to full-time status)	Enrolled in 12+ credit hours (or equivalent to full-time status)	Earned 30 credit hours (or the equivalent) and earned a cumulative (institutional) 3.0 GPA at the end of Spring	Enrolled in at least 12 credit hours over the course of the summer semester	Earned 30 credit hours (or the equivalent) and earned a cumulative (institutional) 3.0 GPA at the end of Spring



Institutions would review for eligibility for summer and/or fall at this point.

This is consistent with existing end of spring term eligibility review practices.

Enrollment verification would occur at an established date as determined by the regulations for eligibility to receive scholarship funds only. Eligibility review would not be required.



Any credit hours/grades earned over summer would be used towards continued scholarship eligibility determination at the end of the next spring semester

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Eligible for Fall Award If:	Eligible for Spring Award If:	Eligible For Summer Award If:	Not Eligible for Summer Award If:	Eligible for Fall Award If:
12+ Credit Hours	12+ Credit Hours	Earned 30 credit hours (or the equivalent) and earned a cumulative (institutional) 3.0 GPA at the end of Spring	Enrolled in 1-11 credit hours.  This would be an out of packet expense	Earned 30 credit hours (or the equivalent) and earned a cumulative (institutional) 3.0 GPA at the end of Spring



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Eligible for Fall Award If:	Eligible for Spring Award If:	Eligible for Fall Award If:
12+ Credit Hours	12+ Credit Hours	Earned at least 30 credit hours (or the equivalent) and earned at least a 3.0 cumulative (institutional) GPA at the end of Spring



Eligibility for Fall would only need to be reviewed one time, at the end of the Spring semester

# Ineligible Students

Eligible for Fall Award If:	Eligible for Spring Award If:	Not Eligible for Summer/Fall Award If:	Not Eligible for a Summer Award	Eligible for Fall Award If:
12+ Credit hours	12+ Credit hours	Student earned less than 30 credit hours (or its equivalent) and/or less than a 3.0 cumulative (institutional) GPA at the end of Spring	Student has maymester and/or summer to earn requisite credit hours/GPA.  This would be an out-of-pocket expense incurred by the student.	Earned at least 30 credit hours (or its equivalent) and earned at least a 3.0 cumulative (institutional) GPA at the end of maymester and/or summer



If the student is not eligible at the end of summer, the next review of eligibility for scholarship funds will occur at the end of the Spring semester. The student is still using terms of eligibility.

# Notable Points

- A student would not be able to earn the PFS while enrolled in college. The PFS can only be earned during the student's year of graduation from high school.
- If a student loses the PFS they may be eligible for the LIFE . If not immediately eligible for LIFE funds, they may become eligible for LIFE at the end of an academic year.
- A PFS recipient must enroll the first fall term immediately following high school graduation.
- A PFS recipient would still need to maintain an cumulative institutional GPA