



South Carolina Commission on Higher Education

March 4, 2014

Agenda

- **1:00 pm** **Welcome and Introductions**
- **1:10 pm** **Update On Year-Round Scholarship Status**
- **1:20 pm** **Discussion of Agenda Topics**
- **2:50 pm** **Questions and Next Steps**
- **3:00 pm** **Adjourn**

Proviso 11.19

11.19. (CHE: Palmetto Fellows and LIFE Scholarships) A student may receive a Palmetto Fellows or LIFE scholarship award 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. The summer is defined as the period between the end of the spring term and prior to the opening of the 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. If awarded in the summer, a student's total award during his or her enrollment may not exceed the amount that would otherwise be provided under current semester limits applied for the scholarship awards. The Commission on Higher Education may provide additional guidelines necessary to ensure uniform implementation.

Transfer/Tracking

Full-time students who transfer to an eligible SC institution

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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 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 LIFE (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 LIFE (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

Eligible Student: Part-Time Enrollment Summer

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 LIFE (institutional) 3.0 GPA at the end of Spring	Enrolled in 1-11 credit hours. This would be an out-of-pocket expense	Earned 30 credit hours (or the equivalent) and earned a cumulative LIFE (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.

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

Eligible Participant: Does Not Enroll for Summer

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 LIFE (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 LIFE (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 LIFE (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