



South Carolina
Commission on Higher Education
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School Counselor Workshops

2022

Regulatory Changes

ACT Superscore:

62.320.E.

ACT Concordance:

62-1200.10.3.B. and 62.320.C.1.

Two-Year Institutions (PFS):

(H.3017) Act #36

68 hr Plus Programs (LIFE)

(H.3017) Act #36

College Access Programs

1. College Application Month

- Events run from September to November
- College reps assist/Fee waivers
- End of Event reports due 12/31/2022

2. College Goal SC

- Statewide FAFSA Completion Campaign
- Events run from October to March

3. College Decision Day SC

- South Carolina's College & Career Signing Day Program
- Celebrates high school Seniors and their decision to enter college, workforce or military service!

Regardless of your district/school plan for instruction & attendance. We have developed versatile programs with multiple options.

If you will register, we will help you.

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Tool kits, handouts,
resources, videos

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Advice for parents and guardians

You're here because you want to know more. Maybe your son or daughter is thinking about college, or maybe they just brought it up for the first time.

ABOUT

EVENTS

STUDENTS

PARENTS/GUARDIANS

COUNSELORS

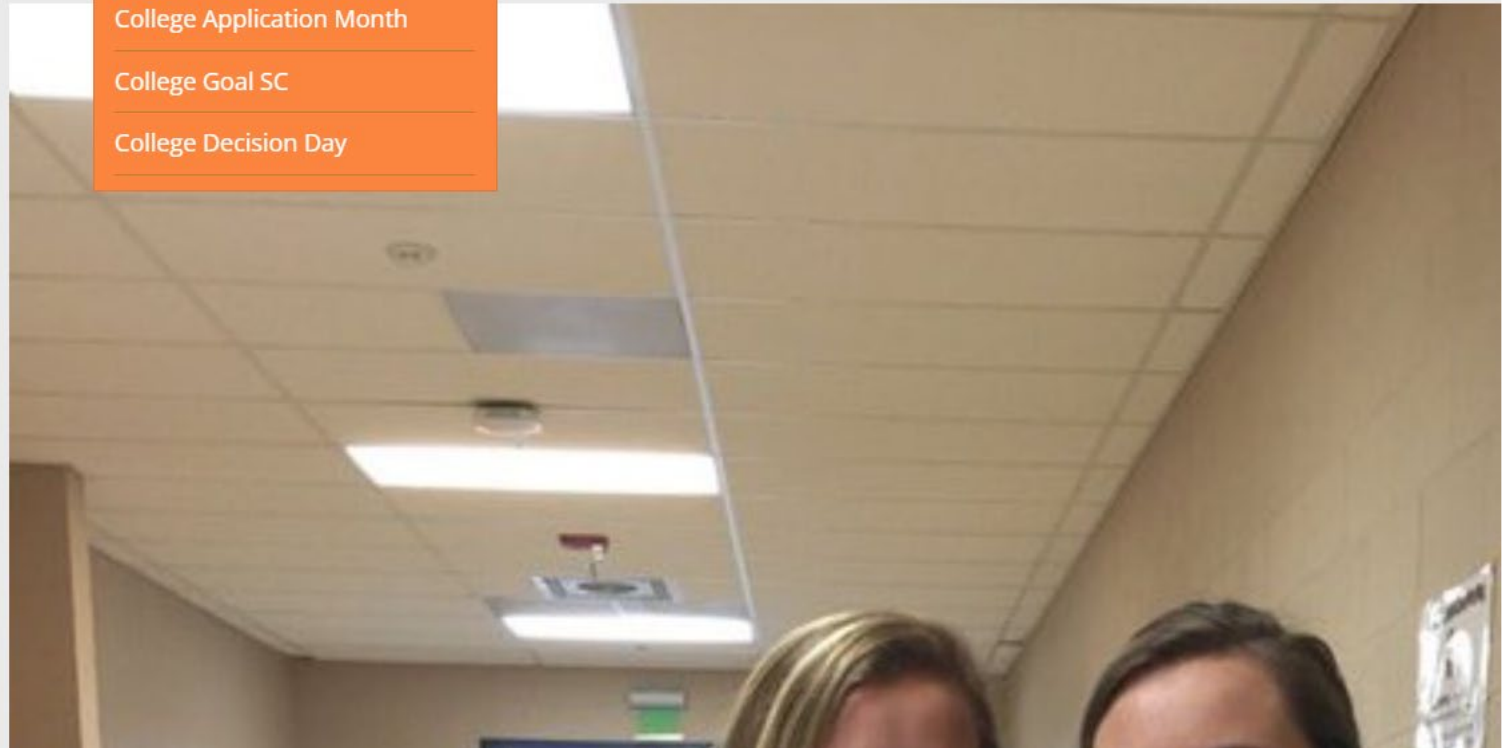
SCHOLARSHIPS/GRANTS

COLLEGE ACCESS IN THE

College Application Month

College Goal SC

College Decision Day



College Process Ambassadors

SC Commission on Higher Education



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Applications Due October 10th

Who are College Process Ambassadors?

College Process Ambassadors are a select group of ten high school seniors selected across South Carolina to share their journey in beginning college.

Over the course of two years, they will document their journey in applying to college and becoming a student to better support the upcoming class.

They will prepare reports, share with the Commission on Higher Education, and create social media content to reach a wide audience of youth.



STATE SCHOLARSHIP & GRANT PROGRAMS



STATE SCHOLARSHIP & GRANT PROGRAMS

- SC Need-based Grant
- Lottery Tuition Assistance
- SC HOPE Scholarship
- LIFE Scholarship
- Palmetto Fellows Scholarship

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

SC HOPE, LIFE, Palmetto Fellows Scholarship, SC Need-based Grant & Lottery Tuition Assistance**

- US Citizen/Legal Permanent Resident*
- SC Resident*
- No felony convictions**
- No second or subsequent alcohol/drug misdemeanors
- Not in default on any state or federal loans
- Enroll in a degree-seeking program at an eligible SC institution

**This must be determined at the time of high school graduation & college enrollment.*

***Excluding Lottery Tuition Assistance.*

State Scholarships & Residency: Basic Breakdown

- Students must have their immigration status verified through a federal process as either a US Citizen or legal permanent resident before they can be awarded any State scholarship.
- All students must be verified by the institution as a SC resident before they can be awarded any State scholarship.
- A student who is NOT verified as a US Citizen or legal permanent resident **AND** who is not verified as a SC resident **at the time of their high school graduation** cannot receive State scholarships at the time of initial enrollment or at any point in the future.

SC Need-based Grant

- Must complete the FAFSA application each year and be determined to have 'need' based on Title IV
- Can be used at any 2-year or 4-year public SC institution
- Must be considered a degree-seeking student
- Award amount up to **\$3,500** for full-time or \$1,750 for part-time.

SC Need-based Grant Additional Programs

Foster Care Youth

Up to the maximum \$3,500 SC NBG award/year, plus an additional **\$2,000** award.

**Student needs to work with the Financial Aid Office, DSS and CHE to qualify.*

College Transition Program (CTP)

Programs at 5 eligible S.C. institutions for students with intellectual disabilities:

- College of Charleston
- Clemson University
- University of South Carolina- Columbia
- Winthrop University
- Coastal Carolina University
- **Scholarship: Up to \$10,000**
- **Grant: Up to \$10,000***

**Student needs to be determined to have 'need' by Title IV guidelines*

Lottery Tuition Assistance Program (LTAP)

Complete the
FAFSA

Enroll as a degree-seeking student at one of the: 16 technical schools, 2-year USC satellite campuses or Spartanburg Methodist College

\$85*/Credit hour up to
12 hours maximum

**Award amount may vary each term depending on availability of funding.*

SC HOPE Scholarship

Eligibility:

3.0

**Cumulative
GPA**

(based on the SC UGP upon
high school graduation)

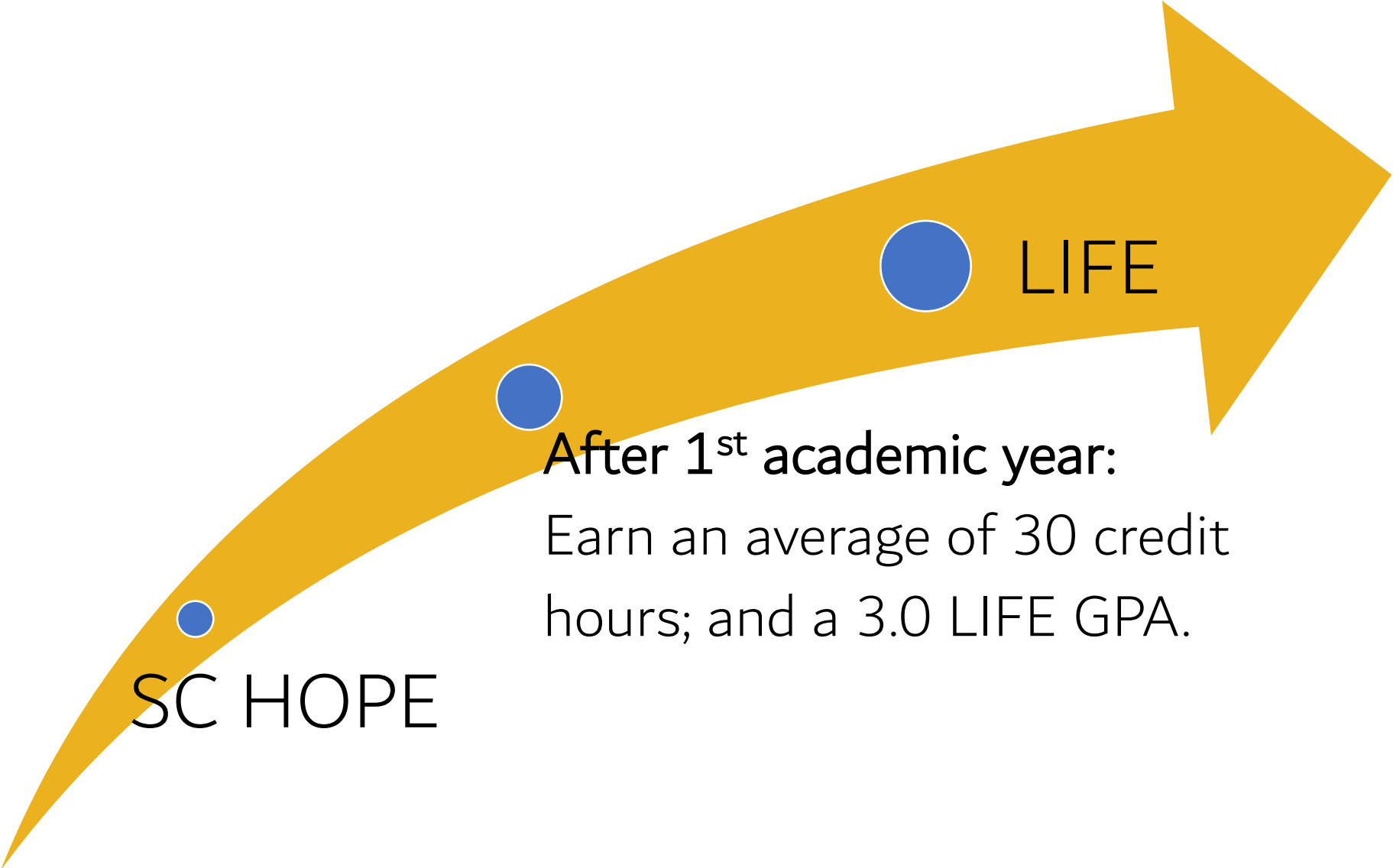
No application process.
Institution reviews final high
school transcript.

Must attend an eligible SC 4-year
institution

Up to \$2,800

For the 1st academic year only (2
terms)

SC HOPE to LIFE Scholarship



LIFE Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

Eligibility at a 2-year institution

- *3.0 Cumulative GPA* (based on the SC UGP) upon high school graduation

Eligibility at a 4-year institution

- Earn *2* of the following *3* requirements:
 - 3.0 Cumulative GPA (based on the SC UGP) upon high school graduation
 - 1100/SAT or **22**/ACT
 - Rank in the top 30% of the graduating class (if applicable)

LIFE Terms & Award Amount

Terms of Eligibility

- Up to 6 consecutive semesters of eligibility at a 2-year institution (Associate's Programs with minimum of 68 credit hours)
- Up to 8 consecutive semesters of eligibility at a 4-year institution

Up to \$5,000 per academic year

- Not to exceed to the Cost of Attendance
- Must attend an eligible SC institution

"FACTS OF LIFE" SCHOLARSHIP

No application process

Not required to begin college immediately after high school

Can *earn* LIFE Scholarship after 1st, 2nd, or 3rd academic year

Student has until the end of an academic year to earn the GPA/Credit hours

LIFE GPA

Dual enrollment and college enrollment while in high school and/or prior to enrolling in college

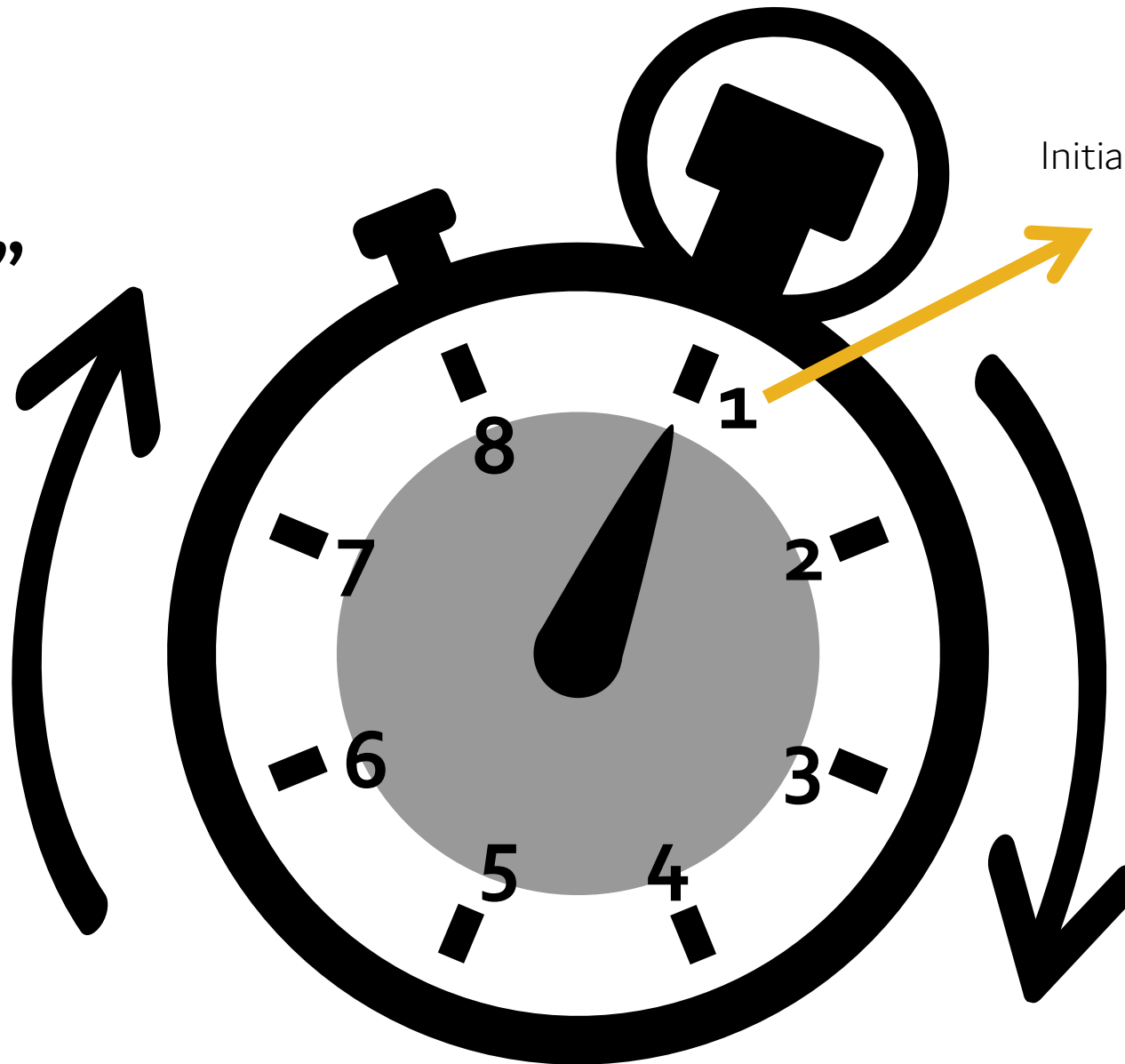
Grades and credit hours earned at colleges and universities (in-state, out-of-state, abroad)

LIFE GPA

Includes "F" and "D" grades

Grades and credit hours earned while enrolled in college (including summer school)

Terms of Eligibility “LIFE Clock”



Initial College Enrollment
TERM 1

Continuous
LIFE 62-1200.5.UU.
Palmetto Fellows 62-310.G.

A 'WALK THROUGH LIFE'

End of 1st
Academic
Year

Earn a 3.0
Cumulative
LIFE GPA

Earn at
least 30
credit hours

End of 2nd
Academic
Year

Earn a 3.0
Cumulative
LIFE GPA

Earn at
least 60
credit hours

End of 3rd
Academic
Year

Earn a 3.0
Cumulative
LIFE GPA

Earn at
least 90
credit hours



Qualifying Criteria

Attending a 2-Year Institution?

- 3.0 SC UGP GPA

Attending a 4-Year Institution?

Meet 2 of following 3:

- 3.0 SC UGP GPA
- 1100 SAT or 22 ACT
- Rank in top 30% of graduating

Continued Eligibility Criteria

- 3.0 LIFE GPA, and
- Earn an average of 30 credit hours per academic year*

*includes hours earned from AP, IB, CLEP, or dual enrollment.

Can be received for a maximum of 8 terms.

LIFE

SC HOPE

Qualifying Criteria

4-Year Institutions Only

- 3.0 SC UGP GPA

Continued Eligibility Criteria

- 3.0 LIFE GPA, and
- Earn an average 30 credit hours by end of first academic year (can include hours earned from AP, IB, CLEP, or dual enrollment).

If SC HOPE recipients have satisfied these criteria at the end of their first academic year, they can be enrolled in the LIFE Scholarship program.

PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PERIODS

Any eligible student will need to be part of the Early or Late Award application process during their year of graduation

○ TWO opportunities to apply:

- Early Award: May 1st of Junior Year to April 15th of Senior Year
- Late Award: May 15th – June 30th of Senior year

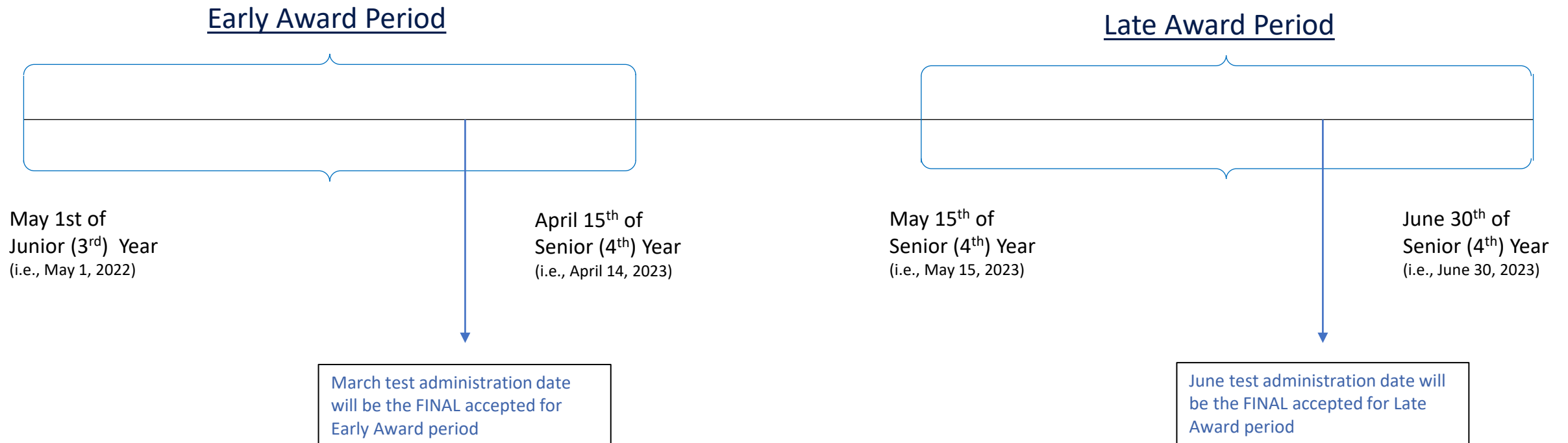
1) A student cannot use Early Award documentation for the Late Award

2) A student cannot apply or earn the PFS once they have graduated high school

3) Late award is awarded LATE - usually after tuition bill is due. Please let students and parents know.

PFS Year-Round Processing Timeline

- CHE will review applications continuously to determine eligibility for the PFS
- Decisions will then be uploaded into CHE data system and released to students via email
- Estimated processing time from date of paper application receipt to decision release: **1 month**



COUNSELOR DRIVEN APPLICATION PROCESS

The online application and application materials must be submitted via the high school/home school association and in the Commission office by the established deadlines.

- Submit ranking report
- Fill out online application (*posted on SC Guidance Listserv or contact CHE staff*)
 - *Please add student email address (personal - not school email).*
- Eligible applicant form
- Certification & Authorization Form (print; give to students to sign – must contain actual signature and initials).

Counselor Driven Application Process cont.

Student transcript

- Early Award: submit an 11th grade transcript for all applicants;
 - Only submit 10th grade transcripts if student is qualifying with 10th grade rank (if using rank)
 - DO NOT send final, end of year transcript in May/June.
- Late Award: submit 12th grade transcripts for all applicants;
 - Only submit 10th or 11th grade transcripts if student did NOT qualify with 12th grade rank (if using rank)

Student test scores

- High school score reports (can be printed from K12 portal), score label (NO REPORTS PROVIDED BY STUDENTS)
 - Please sign or stamp score report
- Please have students taking the June test, send scores directly to CHE via SAT 4313 or ACT 6326.

Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

For schools that have an official policy on rank that has been reviewed by Commission staff for compliance with the established regulations:

- Rank in the top 6% at the end of the 10th, or the 11th, or the 12th grade academic year; and
- Earn a 1200 SAT/**25** ACT; and
- Earn a 3.5 cumulative SC UGP GPA

OR

Alternative Criteria (without regard to rank)

- Earn a 1400 SAT/**31** ACT; and
- Earn a 4.0 cumulative SC UGP GPA

The “Decline” Difference

Declination Form (Declining to Apply)

- Student will NOT be a part of a PFS application period
- Declination Form is signed by parent AND student

Designation Form (Declining to Accept)

- Student has been a part of a PFS application period;
- Student has been determined by CHE to be a Palmetto Fellow
- Student has decided to attend an institution out-of-state
- Student **DECLINES** the PFS award to attend an out-of-state institution:
 - Declining allows for a student to maintain their eligibility should they return to an eligible SC institution
 - Student must meet renewal requirements

Declination Form

(Declining to Apply)



PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP DECLINATION TO APPLY FORM

I certify that I was notified of my eligibility to apply for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship and was given the opportunity to apply. I understand that it is the recommendation of the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education that I apply for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship and decline at a later date, if necessary; however, I have decided to NOT apply because of the reason marked below:

I will be attending the following out-of-state institution and will be unable to use the Palmetto Fellows

Scholarship: _____

Other reason, please specify: _____

I further understand that my decision to decline to apply for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship is a permanent decision. I am relinquishing all rights to receive this scholarship at a later time by completing and submitting this form. This means that if I change my mind and would like to receive the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship at a later time, I would not be eligible to receive it because I never applied and was never awarded the scholarship.

Name of Student: _____ (Please print legibly)

High School: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Student: _____

Designation Form

(Declining to Accept)

High School Information

Zip/Postal Code

State/Province

High School Attended

Graduation Date

College Information

Name of the institution you plan to attend this upcoming fall term

- Furman University
- Lander University
- Limestone College
- Morris College
- Newberry College
- North Greenville University
- Presbyterian College
- South Carolina State University
- Southern Wesleyan Univ
- The Citadel
- USC-Aiken
- USC-Beaufort
- USC-Columbia
- USC-Upstate
- Voorhees College
- Winthrop University
- Wofford College
- Out-of-State
- Other/Gap
- Two-Year Institution

Student Notification

- Students will be notified:
 - Approx. 1 month after CHE receives their paper application.
 - Late Award: Late August*
- Email notifications are sent to student email
 - Please remind students to check Spam/Junk folders

**Tuition bill will be due prior to Palmetto Fellow notification.*

Designation Form

- In order for the student to receive scholarship funds they **MUST** complete the DESIGNATION FORM
 - This is the SOLE responsibility of the student
 - This is an online form that is linked in the Student Notification email
- Final deadline to submit Designation Form: August 31st
 - Please remind students to check Spam/Junk folders

Palmetto Fellows Award Amounts

1st Year

- Up to \$6,700

2nd, 3rd, and 4th Years

- Up to \$7,500

Important Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Points

- Gap Year: Students can utilize a Gap Year (or term) immediately following high school graduation. Student will submit their Designation Form indicating Gap Year. Student must enroll by the next Fall term and will need to submit a Reapplication form to CHE.
- Students must attend an eligible SC institution. As of Fall 2021 term, that includes 2-year SC institutions. List of eligible institutions on CHE website.
- A student who attends an out-of-state institution can use any remaining terms of the PFS, should they transfer to an eligible SC institution and meet the PFS renewal requirements .

How do I keep the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship?

3.0 cumulative
institutional GPA

(Cannot transfer grades
from other colleges)

Earn 30 credit hours each
academic year

Does NOT include AP, IB,
Dual Enrollment, CLEP or
exempted hours

Summary of Updates

NEW ACT Test Scores

- LIFE: 24 → 22
- PFS:
 - 27 → 25
 - 32 → 31
- Students CAN Super Score

Need-based Grant

- \$2,500 → \$3,500

CTP

- Grant: \$5000 → \$10,000
- Scholarship: (\$10,000) *NEW*

CHE *NEW* website



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Military and Veterans

Return to College

Paying for College

Residency Information

South Carolina provides direct support to students pursuing higher education through a number of need-based and merit-based scholarships and grants, however you must prove residency in the state of South Carolina to apply for state-funded financial aid. For specific information on residency requirements, visit our [SC Residency Information](#) page.

At a Glance: SC Scholarships and Grants

<p>Palmetto Fellows</p>	<p>Qualifying Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.5 SC UGP GPA 1200 SAT or 25 ACT, and Top 8% rank in Grade 10, 11, or 12 <p><i>If does not meet criteria, see next.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4.0 SC UGP GPA, and 1400 SAT or 31 ACT 	<p>Continued Eligibility Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.0 Institutional GPA, and Earn 30 credit hours per academic year* <p>*Transcript include hours earned from AP, IB, CLEP, or dual enrollment.</p> <p>Can be renewed for a maximum of 8 terms.</p>
<p>Qualifying Criteria</p> <p>Attending a 2-Year Institution?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.0 SC UGP GPA <p>Attending a 4-Year Institution?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet 2 of following 3: 3.0 SC UGP GPA 1100 SAT or 22 ACT Rank in top 30% of graduating 	<p>Continued Eligibility Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.0 LIFE GPA, and Earn an average of 30 credit hours per academic year* <p>*Includes hours earned from AP, IB, CLEP, or dual enrollment.</p> <p>Can be renewed for a maximum of 8 terms.</p>	<p>LIFE</p>
<p>SC HOPE</p>	<p>Qualifying Criteria</p> <p>4-Year Institutions Only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.0 SC UGP GPA 	<p>Continued Eligibility Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.0 LIFE GPA, and Earn an average 30 credit hours by end of first academic year (can include hours earned from AP, IB, CLEP, or dual enrollment). <p><i>If SC HOPE recipients have satisfied these criteria at the end of their first academic year, they can be enrolled in the LIFE Scholarship program.</i></p>
<p>Qualifying Criteria</p> <p>Determined "in need" by completing the FAFSA.</p>	<p>Continued Eligibility Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.0 GPA, Earn 24 credit hours, and Complete the FAFSA annually, so "in need" status can be confirmed. 	<p>SC Need-Based Grant</p>
<p>Lottery Tuition Assistance</p>	<p>Qualifying Criteria</p> <p>2-Year Institutions Only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete FAFSA or FAFSA waiver Enroll in at least 16 credit hours 	<p>Continued Eligibility Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain satisfactory academic progress, After accumulating 24 hours, earn a minimum 2.0 GPA, and enroll. Complete the FAFSA annually. <p><i>Students are not eligible to receive Lottery Tuition Assistance for more than one certificate, diploma, or degree earned within any five-year period unless the additional certificate, diploma, or degree constitutes progress in the same field of study.</i></p>

Detailed Scholarship and Grant Information

- ▼ Palmetto Fellows Scholarship
- ▼ LIFE Scholarship
- ▼ South Carolina HOPE Scholarship (Freshmen)
- ▼ South Carolina Need-Based Grant
- ▼ Lottery Tuition Assistance
- ▼ South Carolina National Guard College Assistance Program (SC NG CAP)
- ▼ South Carolina Workforce & Industry Needs Scholarship (SC-WINS)

Palmetto Fellows & LIFE Scholarship Updates:

[Associate Degree Programs \(68+ hours\) Eligible for Three-Year LIFE Scholarship \(PDF\)](#)

[ACT Test Scores for State Scholarship \(PDF\)](#)

[2023 State-Funded Scholarships and Grants Flyer \(PDF\)](#)

[Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Eligibility at Two-Year Institutions and Technical Colleges for Fall 2021 Term \(PDF\)](#)

[Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Program Eligible Institutions \(PDF\)](#)

CHE *NEW* Scholarship & Grants webpage

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Detailed Scholarship and Grant Information

∨ Palmetto Fellows Scholarship

∧ [LIFE Scholarship](#)

The Legislative Incentive for Future Excellence (LIFE) Scholarship is a **merit-based** scholarship program administered by the financial aid office at each eligible public and independent college and university in South Carolina.

The LIFE Scholarship may be used towards the cost of attendance for up to eight terms based on the student's initial college enrollment date. Students must be enrolled in their first one-year program, first associate's degree, first two-year program leading to a baccalaureate degree, first baccalaureate degree, or first professional degree.


[FAQ \(PDF\)](#)

[Eligible Institutions \(PDF\)](#)

[Approved Five-Year Programs](#)

[Associate Degree Programs \(68+ hours\) eligible for Three-Year LIFE Scholarships \(PDF\)](#)

[Math and Science Scholarship Enhancements](#)



Other Scholarship Information

LIFE & PFS Enhancements

Must Earn 14 credit hours of math and/or science by the end of the 1st academic year
(AP, IB, Dual Enrollment, CLEP and Exempted courses)

Must be enrolled in an eligible major at their home institution

Starts the student's 2nd academic year (6 semesters) at a 4-year institution only

Up to an additional
\$2,500

ENHANCEMENTS

LIFE Scholarship

1st Year

- Up to \$5,000

2nd, 3rd &
4th Years

- Up to \$7,500 with
Enhancement

Palmetto Fellows Scholarship

1st Year

- Up to \$6,700

2nd, 3rd &
4th Years

- Up to \$7,500
- Up to \$10,000 with
Enhancement

Students with Documented Disabilities

Register with the Office of Disability Services



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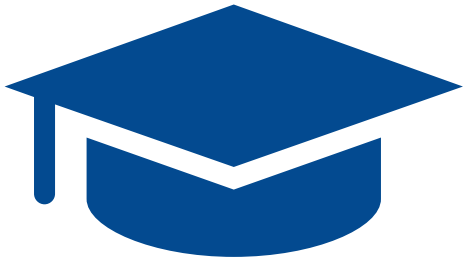
General State Scholarship & Grant Information

- No State Scholarships or Grants may be used at an out-of-state institution at any time.
- Academic Common Market
 - Allows for South Carolina residents who are enrolled in specific programs at out-of-state institutions to be charged only the applicable in-state tuition by the institution in which the student is enrolled

<https://che.sc.gov/academic-common-market>

Graduation Bulletin/Program

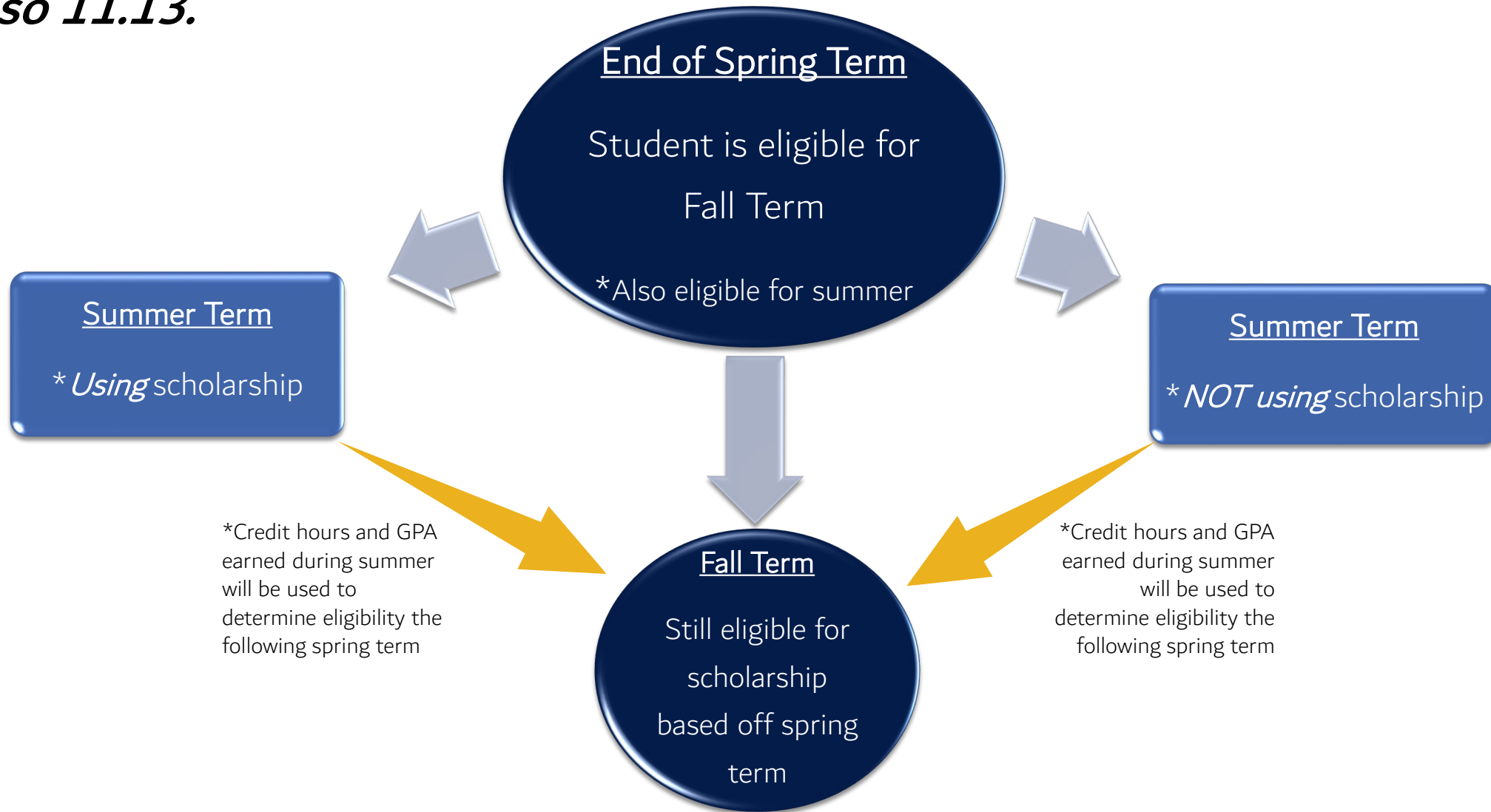
If the school chooses to designate scholarship recipients in such programs, we ask that you include the following disclaimer language:



"The designation of scholarship recipients on this program or in any media is preliminary, based on information provided by the high schools and students at the time of this printing, and is subject to final confirmation and approval by the eligible higher education institution and/or the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education."

Year-Round Scholarships

Proviso 11.13.





TRANSCRIPTS

Transcript Requirements:

Scholarship Eligibility Purposes

All state scholarships and grants are based on the SC UGP, therefore all transcripts must specifically state “SC UGP.”

- Any transcript that states, “Weighted and Unweighted GPA” OR “Total GPA” will not be accepted for the purposes of awarding state scholarships as it must comply with the **SC UGP**.

All final official transcripts must be date calculated between 3 days prior to the date of the high school graduation and no later than June 15th

The final grades/ranking cannot include grades earned after the official graduation date of the school year. Summer school grades earned after high school graduation cannot be used in the calculation.

In order to determine eligibility for the State scholarship programs, the financial aid office/institution and/or CHE for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship must have an official transcript on file (electronic or otherwise) that demonstrates the following items:

- A valid signature (electronic or otherwise) from the Principal.* In the event that the Principal is not available, the Superintendent signature is acceptable.
 - ***For Independent/Private and home school students: The administrator, registrar, or an official from the home school/accountability group. Should provide letter stating designated school rep.*
- SC UGP GPA must be demonstrated
- Date calculated date to be date calculated no later than June 15th (regardless of academic year)
 - For the LIFE Scholarship and the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Late Award the transcript MUST demonstrate that it is the final official transcript, as well as reflect a graduation date
- Rank
 - If an independent high school or home school association has an approved policy on rank, a rank must be demonstrated on the official transcript (even if the student is not using rank for scholarship eligibility).
 - A rank report must also be submitted with a date calculated matching the transcripts even if the student is not using rank. (LIFE 62-1200.10.C)

Transcript Requirements:

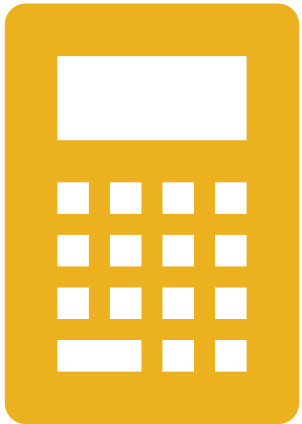
Scholarship Eligibility Purposes

Out-of-State High Schools & Scholarship Eligibility

For Scholarship purposes, out-of-state schools must comply with SC UGP GPA and ranking (*if applicable*).

- If the institution is not converting the grades, the out-of-state high school must submit a converted transcript in addition to the official out-of-state high school transcript
 - No handwritten or strikethrough edits can be demonstrated on the submitted transcript for scholarship eligibility determination
- If a student is attempting to use rank as an eligibility criterion from an out-of-state high school:
 - The high school or home school association must have a policy on rank; *and*
 - If using rank, the entire academic class must be converted to the SC UGP and a ranking report that reflects all students in that academic class, the out-of-state GPA, the SC UGP GPA, and the rank based on the SC UGP GPA must be included in order to determine eligibility and award a State scholarship.
- If the high school or home school association does not rank as a policy, or the student does not meet the rank eligibility requirement once a conversion of the grades to meet the SC UGP GPA and rank requirement then student must use the Alternate Criteria for eligibility (SC UGP GPA and SAT/ACT score).

Rank & State Scholarship Eligibility



- For the purposes of the LIFE and Palmetto Fellows Scholarship (PFS) programs two students may not occupy the same rank.
 - LIFE Scholarship: Top 30% of the graduating class (NOT rounded up to the next whole number)
 - PFS: Top 6% (rounded up to the next whole number)
- In the event of a tie, the high school/home school association is responsible for determining the legitimate rank for each eligible applicant.
 - For the purposes of the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship the student's GPA may need to be truncated past two decimal points in order to determine the true rank for each student.
 - *Inquire about your School District or Board's approved policy*
- Commission staff will NOT be able to participate in a process to determine a student's true rank.

Rank Policies

- In order for a student to use rank from any in-state, out-of-state, public, private, virtual, or charter high school or home school association the process in which rank is determined must be the same for each student.
- A rank policy* is considered the following:
 - Based on the SC UGP;
 - Ranks ALL academic classes at the END of each academic year (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th);
 - Includes the entire class. If the entire class is not included when calculating class rank, then rank CANNOT to be considered;
 - Rank and SC UGP must be demonstrated on the official transcript submitted to CHE or eligible SC institution

**Please Note: In accordance with 62-1200.10 C (3): Student Eligibility: LIFE Scholarship and LIFE Scholarship Enhancement and 62-320 C (4): Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Application, "High schools or home school associations shall not use ranking for the sole purpose of obtaining eligibility for the state scholarships."*

Rank Policies

- The rank policy and rank policy information needs to be consistent in all places rank information is provided
 - School profile
 - Student/parent handbook
 - School website
- Made available to:
 - Students/parents
 - SC Commission on Higher Education staff
 - SC colleges and universities that award State scholarships

Please Note: A Rank Report is required to be submitted to Commission staff and/or eligible SC institution by any independent/private high school or homeschool association should a student be using rank as an eligibility criteria for any of the State scholarship programs. (In compliance with Regulation 62-1200.10)

Rank Reports

If the school/home school association officially ranks as a policy, a rank report must also be submitted to verify class rank on transcript.

Rank reports must include:

- All diploma-seeking students in the class;
- List their GPAs;
- List their class rank;
- Show “Date Calculated”
 - No later than June 15th



Early Graduate vs. Graduating Early

Early Graduate

(Senior graduating mid-year > not during the Spring Cohort)

LIFE Scholarship

- For scholarship eligibility the student **CANNOT** use rank as an eligibility criterion.

Palmetto Fellows Scholarship

- Student can qualify with class rank from the end of the 10th or 11th grade year.
- *Palmetto Fellows: can only apply during the Early Award Period **prior to** completing their high school graduation requirements.*

Graduating Early

(Student graduates academic year(s) early > graduates with Spring Cohort)

SC HOPE / LIFE Scholarship

- Eligibility is based on the end of the academic year with the student's "new" graduating class

Palmetto Fellows Scholarship

- Early Award Application Period can use the end of 10th or 11th grade rank, must use end of 11th grade GPA
- Late Award Application Period can use the end of 10th or 12th grade rank, must use end of 12th grade GPA



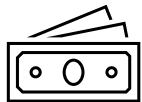
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College & Career Opportunity Coach Program

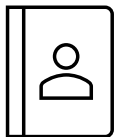
The SC Commission on Higher Education through the AmeriCorps grant places College and Career Coaches into High Schools across South Carolina. The objective of this program is to increase our High Schools College and Career readiness rates by working with Juniors and Seniors through all phases of entering post-secondary education, or training, and supporting school counselors.



Program details (at a glance).



- Free to participate in the program. **No cost to schools or Districts.**
- Districts are reimbursed for member Stipend and 7.65% FICA payroll Expenditures.



Coaches will:

- Help students find schools, scholarships, and workbased learning opportunities.
- Participate in IGPs
- Assist students complete applications to Colleges, FAFSA, or Training programs.
- Support counselors in planning College Tours and College Access events etc...



CHE will:

- Recruit, hire, train, and supervise coaches.
- Provide Federal, State, and National Sex Offender Registry background checks.

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