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South Carolina
Commission on Higher Education
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Committee on Student Services

Charter

Part I

1. Authority

As granted by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education ("Commission"), pursuant to South Carolina Code ("Code") Section 59-103-25 and in compliance with the Commission's Bylaws (SC CHE Bylaws, Rules & Procedures, Section III.2.).

The Committee may elect to revise this charter. However, any revisions to the final charter approved by the Committee and the Commission must adhere to the Commission's Bylaws.

Purpose

The purpose of the Committee on Student Services is to review, revise and approve policies and procedures for the administration of state scholarships, grants and programs assigned to the Office of Student Affairs and address statewide issues related to accessibility, affordability, and awareness of postsecondary education on behalf of SC students, service members, and families in compliance with Code Section 59-103-15(b), and attached Code of laws and regulations (Part II).

Responsibilities

A. Review in advance and approve recommendations for submission to the Commission, relating to promulgation of regulations, proposed revisions to regulation, and operations that govern the state's scholarships and grants to include Palmetto Fellows Scholarship, Legislative Incentives for Future Excellence (LIFE) Scholarship, SC HOPE Scholarship, SC Need-based Grant Programs (including College Transition Need-based Grant Program), Lottery Tuition Assistance, SC National Guard College Assistance Program, and residency for the determination for tuition and fees.

B. Review in advance and approve proposed administrative budgets for the SC Program for the Recruitment and Retention of Minority Teachers. Comply with relevant South Carolina codes, regulations, statutes, and provisos, which are placed under Part II of this Charter.

C. Monitor, review and approve reports, updates and activities that address accessibility, affordability, and awareness of postsecondary education, on behalf of SC students, families, service members, teacher preparation educators, school counselors, and districts, to include financial aid awareness and FAFSA completion, educator preparation, postsecondary education preparedness, college assistance for guard members, military credit mobility, college application assistance, and other programs/activities that support and promote access to postsecondary education.

D. Review in advance and approve proposed revisions to policies and procedures for state scholarship appeals in compliance with state statutes and regulations.

E. Review in advance and approve proposed revisions to residency regulations for determination of tuition and fees.

F. Review, research, provide reports, and approve any other matter as assigned or under the purview of the Committee on Student Services.

Membership

The Committee on Student Services is defined as a standing committee per the Commission's Bylaws and made up of Commission members as appointed by the Chair of the Commission and Executive Committee. Members may be reappointed by the Chair of the Commission. The Chair of the Commission shall initially appoint the chair of this committee and thereafter, the Committee on Student Services will elect its own Committee Chair and Vice-Chair (SC CHE Bylaws, Rules & Procedures, Section III.2.).

Members of the Committee on Student Services (2025–2026)

Ms. Jenni Bryson, Chair

Mr. Paul Batson, Vice Chair

Ms. Amy Bigham

Mr. Daniel Dukes

Dr. Gene Fant

Mr. Charles Schulze

Meetings

The Committee on Student Services will meet at an appointed time, date, and place, prior to each regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission, as recommended by Commission staff and approved by the Committee. The Chair of the Committee has discretionary authority to call a committee meeting. All meetings will be publicly announced and held in compliance with Code Section 30-4-10 - Freedom of Information Act.

Minutes

Minutes should include major topics of discussion, decisions, and action items and submitted for approval by the Committee at the next scheduled Committee on Student Services meeting. The announcement of committee meetings, minutes, and agenda will be publicly distributed through the Commission's website.

Charter Approval, Review and Evaluation

The charter of the Committee on Student Services will be reviewed and updated on an annual basis upon the election or reelection of the Chair of the Committee.

The charter shall be approved by a full committee vote during a convened meeting and posted on the Commission on Higher Education's website.

The charter was approved by the Committee on Student Services on February 5, 2026, and adopted by the full Commission on March 5, 2026.

Adoption:

Name

Chair, SC Commission on Higher Education

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Chair, Committee on Student Services

Part II

S.C Code of Laws	
HOPE	Code Section 59-150-370
LIFE	Code Section 59-149-10 et seq.
Palmetto Fellows	Code Section 59-104-20
Lottery Tuition Assistance	Code Section 59-150-360
SC Need-Based Grant	Code Section 59-142-20
SC National Guard College Assistance Program	Code Section 59-114-75
Residency	Code Section 59-112-10
Scholarship Appeals	Code Sections 59-149-10, 59-104-20, 59-150-370

Regulations	
HOPE	62-900.85 - 62-900.140
LIFE	62-1200.1 - 62-1200.75
Palmetto Fellows	62-300 - 62-375
Lottery Tuition Assistance	62-900.150 - 62-900.200.
SC Need-Based Grant	62-450 - 62-505.
SC National Guard College Assistance Program	62-250 - 62-262
Scholarship Appeals	62-1000 - 62-1040

Proviso (23-24 Appropriations Act)	
Foster Care Youth Need-Based Grants	11 - H030 - 11.8.
College Transition Program	11 - H030 - 11.12.
Year Round Scholarships	11 - H030 - 11.13.
SC Institutes of Innovation and Information	11 - H030 - 11.21.
SC Program for Recruitment and Retention of Minority Teachers	1A - H630 - 1A.6.
SC National Guard College Assistance Program	117-X900 - 117.141
LIFE Scholarship GPA	117-X900 - 117.172
Residency	117-X900 - 117.157