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LIFE Scholarship

An internal report is run to determine new students who are eligible for LIFE based on their high school GPA. Financial Aid staff manually review the high school transcript and enrolled courses to make a final determination on eligibility. Students are emailed to sign the LIFE Affidavit form. The LIFE award is made once these steps have been completed and the LIFE Affidavit form is received. LIFE is pended for the next semester until those courses are checked for eligibility. The Financial Aid staff sends a letter to the LIFE recipients at the end of spring semester to inform them of their status and if they need to attend summer semester in order meet the 2nd year LIFE eligibility requirements. The Financial Aid office and Registrar's office confirm eligibility for continuing students based on their hours and GPA from another institution if a transfer student. The Financial Aid staff confirms eligibility for all other LIFE recipients at the end of the spring and summer semesters. Second year recipients must sign another LIFE Affidavit form. The LIFE Scholarship is awarded based on the base tuition plus $150 for books not to exceed $2,500 per term for both fall and spring semesters.

Palmetto Fellows

Palmetto Fellows eligibility is awarded after reviewing the Palmetto Fellows portal to determine students who qualify. Financial Aid staff reviews the students schedule and request the Palmetto Fellows Affidavit form to verify eligibility. The award is made after the Affidavit is received and other aid is reviewed to ensure we do not exceed the Cost of Attendance. Palmetto Fellows is pended for the next semester until those courses are checked for eligibility along with other Financial Aid awards student is receiving to ensure COA is not exceeded. The Financial Aid staff sends a letter to the Palmetto Fellows recipients at the end of spring semester to inform them of their status and if they need to attend summer semester in order to meet the 2nd year Palmetto Fellows eligibility requirements. The Registrar's office and Financial Aid office confirms eligibility for continuing students based on their hours and GPA from another institution if a transfer student. The Financial Aid staff confirms eligibility for all other Palmetto Fellows recipients at the end of spring and summer semesters. Second year recipients must sign another Palmetto Fellows Affidavit form. Palmetto Fellows (1st year) is awarded for $3,350 per term for both fall and spring semesters. Palmetto Fellows (2nd year) is awarded $3750 per term for both fall and spring semesters.

SC National Guard College Assistance Program

The SC National Guard College Assistance Program (CAP) is awarded after reviewing the National Guard Portal to determine students who qualify. These student accounts are manually reviewed to determine eligibility based on they completed a FAFSA, have a complete Financial Aid file, they are not on Suspension, and they are not awarded over their Cost of Attendance budget. Army National Guard students are awarded $2,750 per semester / $5,500 for the year. Air National Guard students are awarded $5,500 per semester / $11,000 for the year.

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SC Need Based Grant

SC Need Based Grant awards are made to students who have completed a FAFSA, have a complete Financial Aid file, have an EFC between 0 to 8,000, have a GPA of 2.0 or higher, are enrolled in 6 hours or more of non-remedial hours, no loans in default, have not completed an Associates or Bachelor Degree, and do not have a criminal record. The award is made in pending status and the student is emailed to complete the SC Need Based Affidavit. The award is released once the Affidavit is received. The award for the next semester is placed in pending status until the student is enrolled and the classes are reviewed. The SC Need Based Grant is awarded based on full time enrollment for two semesters at $1250 for each semester. The award transmits based on enrollment. If the student is enrolled in 6 to 11 hours of non-remedial courses then $625 will transmit. If the student is enrolled in 12 hours or more of non-remedial courses then $1250 will transmit. The award is then manually changed to $625 for those students who were only enrolled 6 to 11 hours of non-remedial courses. Throughout the semester we review our allocation and award additional students if our allocation has not been spent. Students are reviewed at the end of the academic year to determine if they met the hours and GPA requirements to receive SC Need Based Grant for future years.

Lottery Tuition Assistance Program

The Lottery Tuition Assistance Program (LTAP) is awarded through the automated packaging process when a students' FAFSA is imported. Rules are in place to verify students have met the eligibility requirements of being a SC resident, enrolled in an associate, diploma or certificate program, has not received lottery for an earned degree, certificate or diploma within the last 5 years unless it is a progression of the same field of study, entered the academic year with a cumulative gpa of 2.0 or higher after attempting 24 credit hours and are not in default or overpayment status. LTAP is transmitted toward based tuition expenses only, after all other federal and state grant and scholarship aid are applied. Students have to be enrolled in 6 credit hours or more for LTAP to transmit. The LTAP award amount per credit hour, up to a maximum of 15 hours, is set by SC State Tech each semester, and then adjusted on our Colleague student database system. Students receiving LTAP are not eligible for LIFE or Palmetto Fellows in the same academic year.