

The Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC): Charleston  
Expenditure of State Lottery Funds  
For the awarding of SC Palmetto Fellows and LIFE Scholarships and Enhancements, SC Need-Based Grant, and SC National Guard College Assistance Program (CAP)


Calculation of the LIFE GPA

All transcripts from prior institutions are entered course-by-course by the Medical University of South Carolina Admissions staff into the XTEV mnemonic (Colleague) with grades, credit, level, and subject information, per LIFE regulations, to allow for accurate calculation of the LIFE GPA. For continuing students, MUSC coursework from the Registrar system is also available for these calculations. A subroutine (Colleague and /or Informer) using this information calculates a LIFE GPA, on-demand when Student Financial Aid staff runs the XLEA ( XLE1 and XLE2) reports within Ellucian Colleague (putty) or the LIFE Eligibility Report in Informer. These reports display additional information, beyond GPA about each potential recipient in order to determine a student’s present eligibility.

Higher Education Excellence Enhancement Program

The Medical University of South Carolina does not participate in the program. A majority of MUSC programs are classified as Graduate. There are three (3) undergraduate programs at MUSC. Most students enrolled in these programs are working on a second bachelor’s degree and therefore, Pell Grant ineligible.

Lottery Tuition Assistance

	<b>Qualifying Criteria</b>	<b>Continued Eligibility Criteria</b>
	2-Year Institutions Only <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Complete FAFSA or FAFSA waiver;</li><li>● Enroll in at least six credit hours</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Maintain satisfactory academic progress;</li><li>● After attempting 24 hours, earn a minimum 2.0 GPA;</li><li>● and Complete the FAFSA annually</li></ul> <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>

This scholarship is designated for two-year institutions only and is not applicable at The Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC).


SC Wins Scholarship

This scholarship is designated for state technical colleges and is not applicable at The Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC).

Carolina Career Clusters


This program is designated for Four Year Historically Black Colleges and Universities and is not applicable at The Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC).

## HOPE Scholarships

	<b>Qualifying Criteria</b> 4-Year Institutions Only ● 3.0 SC UGP GPA	<b>Continued Eligibility Criteria</b> ● 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). <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>

The Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) does not award HOPE Scholarships. All MUSC students begin MUSC Coursework after completing the equivalent of two-year(s) at another institution.

## LIFE Scholarships


<b>Qualifying Criteria</b> 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	<b>Continued Eligibility Criteria</b> ● 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.	

Transfer students who are eligible for LIFE and LIFE Enhancements are identified through a report (XLEA) that is generated on a regular basis based upon current regulations during the awarding cycle. Students are awarded after all their final transcripts are received. On the AIDE screen, the award is placed in the S5711 code in an “estimated” status and is replaced with an “actual” award once the LIFE Scholarship affidavit is received and all eligibility criteria are satisfied.

## LIFE Scholarship Enhancement

The Medical University of South Carolina Admissions Office reviews LIFE recipient transcripts to determine if they are eligible for the LIFE Scholarship Enhancement and notification is sent to the Financial Aid office. On the AIDE Screen, the Award is created using the S5710 code in an “actual” award status upon confirmation from the Admissions office, LIFE affidavit is received, and all eligibility criteria are satisfied. Periodically, the Financial Aid office staff also reviews transcript information to verify Scholarship and Enhancement eligibility.

## Palmetto Fellows

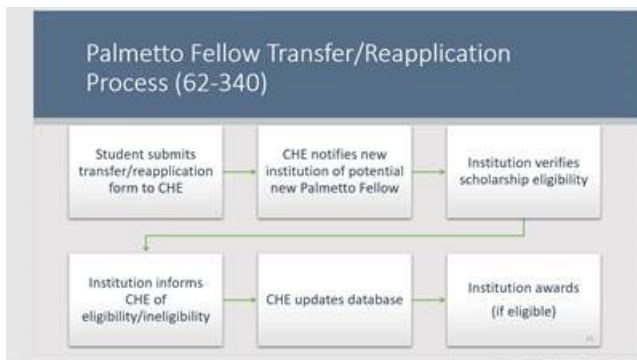
	Qualifying Criteria	Continued Eligibility Criteria
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>3.5 SC UGP GPA,</li><li>1200 SAT or 25 ACT, and</li><li>Top 6% rank in Grade 10, 11, or 12</li></ul> If class rank criteria not met... <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>4.0 SC UGP GPA, and</li><li>1400 SAT or 31 ACT</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>3.0 institutional GPA, and</li><li>Earn 30 credit hours per academic year*</li></ul> *cannot include hours earned from AP, IB, CLEP, or dual enrollment.  Can be received for a maximum of 8 terms.

Transferring students who are Palmetto Fellows Recipients complete the Palmetto Fellows Transfer Form on the CHE website. Students who applied and were offered Palmetto Fellows as a senior in high school, but declined the award to attend an out-of-state institution must also reapply if they transfer to MUSC. CHE notifies MUSC of the potential new Palmetto Fellow by email or within the Palmetto Fellows portal. After all final transcripts are received, the XLEA report is run to determine if the student meets the eligibility criteria for transfer and verifies scholarship eligibility. MUSC informs CHE of eligibility or ineligibility and CHE updates their database. On the AIDE Screen, the award is placed in the S5621 code in an “estimated” status and is replaced with an “actual” award status once the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship affidavit is received and all eligibility criteria are satisfied.

Returning MUSC Students are renewed based upon a report that identifies students who have met the renewal criteria and remaining terms of eligibility. Enhancements are also identified in a similar fashion.

## Palmetto Fellows Enhancement


The Medical University of South Carolina Admissions Office reviews Palmetto Fellows recipients’ transcripts to determine if they are eligible for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Enhancement and notification is sent to the Student Financial Aid office. On the AIDE screen, the Award is placed in the S5622 code in an “estimated” status and is replaced with an “actual” award status upon confirmation from the Admissions office, Palmetto Fellows affidavit is received, and all eligibility criteria are satisfied. Periodically, the Financial Aid office staff also reviews transcript information to verify Scholarship and Enhancement eligibility.



## Scholarship Affidavits

Recipients of state scholarship funds are notified via email of their awards. Awards are posted online inside MUSC’s student LIFE portal at <https://life.musc.edu/> and the required state affidavits are provided online. Disbursements do not occur until the required affidavit is received and reviewed by Student Financial Aid staff.

SC Need-Based Grant

<b>Qualifying Criteria</b> Determined "in need" by completing the FAFSA.	<b>Continued Eligibility Criteria</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 2.0 GPA,</li> <li>● Earn 24 credit hours, and</li> <li>● Complete the FAFSA annually, so "in need" status can be confirmed.</li> </ul>	

Transfer students to MUSC are determined using the steps below:

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| Step | Task   |
| 1.   | Run Query of all Current ACYR Pell Eligible Students.  |
| 2.   | Check SPRO for Residency Status of students classified as: In-State.   |
| 3.   | Review XLE2 and/or XIAS screens to determine prior 2.0 GPA.  |
| 4.   | Send CHE transcripts or emails to all prior SC Public institutions attended to determine number of terms of SC Need Based Grant received.  |
| 5.   | In the event that a prior school does not respond to request for che transcript within a reasonable period, a print out of NSLDS Grants Tab is reviewed in lieu of the CHE transcript. |

To determine which schools are SC Public Institutions, we refer to

<https://che.sc.gov/institutions-and-educators/higher-education-institutions>

First Priority for the full maximum amount of awards is given to students who self-identify that they are in the custody of the SC Department of Social Services (DSS). The student may complete the SC Need-Based Grant Waiver Form for Foster Care Youth at:

<http://che.sc.gov/sites/che/files/Documents/General%20Public/Foster%20Care%20Waiver-Form-2020.pdf>

Additional steps staff follow to make award:

	Award is placed on AIDE Screen with action status of H (Hold).
	A request for the student to complete the SC Need Based Grant Affidavit is made on the IRQ screen using the year specific F... ESNBG code.
	Once the completed affidavit is returned, the counselor will review the drug/alcohol statement to ensure eligibility.
	The action status code is changed from H to A when eligibility requirements are met.

	Each semester, XAWR reports are run for all SC Need Based Grant recipients prior to semester disbursement and after semester drop/add to ensure the student's award amounts and enrollment status is correct.
	Each semester and during year-end close out, XTRN reports are reviewed to ensure student met GPA and credit hour requirement for continued eligibility.

Awards may be up to \$3,500.00 per eligible Full-Time Student and up to \$1,750 per Part-Time student. It also allows the grant to be disbursed for up to three terms of the academic year. No more than fifty-percent of the annual award amount can be disbursed in any given term. Students may receive the funds, assuming continued eligibility for a maximum of eight full-time equivalent terms.

### SC National Guard CAP (College Assistance Program)

- The Funds are available to all SC Army National Guard Members (SCARNG) and SC Air National Guard Members (SCANG) on a first/come first/serve basis up to \$18,000 per service member. SC Army National Guard Members and Air National Guard members can receive up to \$5,500.00 per year (\$2,750 per term).
- Upon approval by the General Assembly for FY 24-25, the cumulative total of all SC National Guard CAP benefits received for FY 2023-24 is in proviso (funds are temporary, awarded for this year only, and may not exceed \$22,000.00.)
- Students are limited to receiving assistance to no more than 130 semester hours.
- The student submits the application to education services office at : <https://getsmartsc.com/sc-national-guard/> between June 1<sup>st</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The student and school receive a notification from SC National Guard of their eligibility.
- The school confirms the student's eligibility with CHE by completing and downloading the Report.
- The Student Financial Aid office loads the award under the G2825 code as a placeholder to ensure that the award is part of the student's award letter and the addition of the award does not cause over award.
- The Bursar's office applies the award directly to the student's account (it is not transmitted through FATR).
- The Bursar's office will report the award in CHEMIS for the term(s) awarded.
- The Controller's office sends the Invoice to CHE for payment.
- CHE reports are sent each semester and annually to reflect credit hours attempted, enrollment status, award amounts and whether the student is meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress upon request of CHE.
- Annually, a student broadcast email is sent to all MUSC students when the CAP application becomes available. Current CAP students are also sent a personal email when the CAP application becomes available.

### Audits

The Office of Enrollment Management/Student Financial Aid conducts an internal audit each academic year to ensure that recipients of state scholarship funds are eligible and all required documentation is collected.