# 3.1 State Aid Programs in Which Institution Participates

# 3.4.1 South Carolina LIFE Scholarship

The Legislative Incentive for Future Excellence (LIFE) Scholarship is a merit-based scholarship. The LIFE scholarship recipient will receive a scholarship in the amount of \$5,000 if eligible.

### Eligibility:

To qualify for consideration for a SC LIFE Scholarship, a student must meet two of the following three requirements. Eligibility is based on final high school transcript.

- 3.0 GPA under the State UGS
- 1100 SAT or 24 ACT
- Top 30% of graduating class

### A student must also:

- Attend an eligible South Carolina private or public college or university
- Be a South Carolina resident at the time of high school graduation and at the time of college enrollment
- Be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident
- Certify that he or she has not been convicted of any felonies and has not been convicted of any alcohol or other drug-related misdemeanor convictions within the past academic year
- Verify that he or she does not owe a refund or repayment on any federal or state financial aid
- Must not be eligible for or be a SC HOPE scholarship or Palmetto Fellows Scholarship recipient.

### Policies and Procedures

The SC Commission on Higher Education (CHE) expects the FAO of the individual institutions to determine student eligibility for these scholarships.

# South Carolina LIFE/HOPE Scholarship

## Procedure

The SC Commission on Higher Education (CHE) has left it up to the Financial Aid Offices of the individual institutions to determine who qualifies for these scholarships. We have instituted the following procedure:

A certification form has been created and is posted on the internet along with an affidavit of eligibility. This form has information on it that helps in the tracking of a student's eligibility. In March or early Arpil, the previous year's form is changed (such as dates or any other additions/deletions that need to be made due to changes in the legislation passed by the State legislature). After the changes have been made, the form is corrected and placed on the internet.

A hard copy file is created for each student. These files contain all documents for processing a student's eligibility for LIFE, HOPE, and Palmetto Fellows. After the school year is over, go over the records for the year and see how many students will be retaining the scholarship for next year. Files for students who have reached their 4 years of enrollment are removed from the current files and moved to storage in the file cabinets. The files that are 3 years old at the end of a school year are destroyed.

The Academy office sends transcripts for the current year's graduating class, along with the class ranking report, so we can determine how many of those graduates who are planning to attend the University will qualify for one of the scholarships (using Infoman). Save this information. If the student meets the academic qualifications their award (LIFE or HOPE) is added to their Powerfaids Awards data in the Packaging section. This will add the Certification form to the Document Details section of PowerFAIDS. If the student has already been sent an award letter, a new one will need to be sent. The student's award letter should include information about completing and submitting the Certification form to the Financial Aid Office in order for their award to be finalized. The Certification form is required each year.

For new incoming freshmen, the Office of Planning, Research and Assessment sends copies of final high school transcripts of other SC students as they are received. Eligibility for LIFE or HOPE Scholarship can usually be determined when these are received, as long as the student has ACT or SAT scores in SLATE. If rank is needed to determine eligibility, the rank report is accessed through the CHE portal. If a ranking report is not in the CHE portal, it may not be used for state merit aid awarding.

As the certification forms begin coming in, check to make sure they are complete and that the affidavit has been signed by the student. Make sure that the documentation proving the parents' residency has been included. First time home school graduate applicants must also include proof that their home school met the requirements as set forth in state law. Homeschoolers **may** submit a transcript that has been issued by the 3<sup>rd</sup> option group in which the family holds membership. They can also provide a letter of membership from the home school association. A list of approved home-school associations can be found at http://ed.sc.gov/districts-schools/state-accountability/home-schooling/. If any of the required documentation is missing, the student is informed via email or in person as to what information is needed. If a form is turned in to the office in person by a student or parent, check the documentation while the person is still in the office The student's high school transcript can be obtained off of Slate by requesting it from the Admission office if it has not already been sent and added to the other documents. Mark the certification form as "received" in Powerfaids.

Invoices for LIFE, HOPE, and Palmetto Fellows are sent to the Commission on Higher Education with the amount of money requested for each scholarship program. The initial invoice is due no later than November 1<sup>st</sup> for the Fall term. Along with this invoice, a print out from Student Central with Expected scholarship money that has been posted to students' accounts is sent to support the amount of money being requested. The CHE will contact us if there is a problem with the invoice(s). If there is no issue, they will process the invoice and send a request to the State Treasurer for funds to be sent to the school. This is an electronic funds transfer and money is sent to our state account at the bank. The Accounting Office notifies Financial Aid when the money from the state has arrived in our bank account.

After drop/add is over print a copy of the student's checksheet off of Academic Folder and place it in the student's file to verify they are enrolled in at least 12 credits of non-remedial courses and their gpa meets the qualification. If a student's record confirms eligibility for LIFE or HOPE Scholarship an official letter is sent through Powerfaids. Form letters are in the Word folder under LIFE Scholarship.

An EXCEL file is also compiled for the CHE. It is a scholarship file. It lists the students who are receiving the different scholarships, plus other data. When the file is ready to be submitted to the CHE it is uploaded to the CHE via their website. Instructions for this process are in the State FA Systems Info folder. There is a deadline for submitting this information, so make sure it is sent by that date. For the fall it is October 30th, for the spring it is March 31st.

Sometimes students who are initially approved for the HOPE Scholarship actually qualify for the LIFE Scholarship, but have not supplied us with a piece of information needed, or we have overlooked information that proves it. When the error is discovered, we will credit them the difference between the two scholarships. Spring invoices are due April 1<sup>st</sup>, and fall adjustments can be made at that time. Summer funds/invoices and Spring adjustments are due by June 1 and summer adjustments are due August 20<sup>th</sup>.

If a student withdraws then the Financial Services Office will tell us how much the student has been charged through the date of withdrawal (it is based on the percentage of the semester that the student was enrolled). That percentage of time the student is enrolled determines how much of the scholarship can be retained on the account. The difference between the amount of the original award and the cost for the amount of time the student was enrolled is returned to the CHE.

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Life Scholarship Enhancement

Recipients with at least 30 credits, and who, as a freshman, earned 14 hours worth of math and/or science credits, and who are in a qualifying math or science major will receive an additional amount of up to \$2,500 per year for a maximum of \$7,500.

In addition to defining eligible majors, individual courses must be identified that meet the 14 hours of math and science during the freshman year requirement. Students are eligible for the enhancements if the 14-hour requirement is met by the end of the freshman year. AP credits and dual enrollment courses (college credit courses taken while still in high school) can satisfy the 14-hour rule.

# SC Hope Scholarship

The South Carolina HOPE Scholarship Program is a merit-based scholarship created for eligible first year students attending a four-year institution who do not qualify for the LIFE or Palmetto Fellows Scholarship. Eligible students attending a four-year SC private or public college or university will receive up to \$2,800 during the first two semesters of attendance only. To qualify for consideration for a SC HOPE Scholarship, a student must meet the following requirements:

- 3.0 cumulative high school GPA according to state UGS on final High school transcript
- Attend an eligible South Carolina private or public college/university
- Be a South Carolina resident at the time of high school graduation and at the time of enrollment
- Be enrolled as a full-time degree seeking student
- Must not be eligible for or be a recipient of a LIFE or Palmetto Fellows Scholarship.

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# South Carolina Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Procedure

Eligibility for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship for freshmen students is determined by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education. The Commission works with the high schools and homeschool associations to determine the students that qualify. The Commission notifies the Financial Aid Office of those students that meet the academic requirements. The award is added to the student's Award screen in Powerfaids.\* The Financial Aid Office then contacts the students to request documentation to prove that the student meets the residency requirements and makes sure they have signed an Affidavit of Eligibility. The process for submitting an invoice are the same as for the LIFE and HOPE Scholarship. When the funds are received from the Commission they are placed on the students' accounts through Powerfaids. Before the next academic year begins, the Financial Aid Office notifies the Commission of those students who have met the continuing eligibility requirements for the next school year via a on the CHE portal, usually in August. Recipients and the amount of their awards are reported each semester to the Commission on the Disbursement file as referenced in the LIFE Scholarship section.

First year students are eligible for up to \$6700. Upon completion of the required 30 credits and having a 3.0 cumulative gpa, students are eligible for up to \$7500 for their second, third, and fourth years, as long as they continue to earn a minimum of 30 credits each year, and maintain a 3.0 cumulative gpa.

Recipients who are math and science majors and have completed 30 hours, and who, as a freshman, earned 14 hours of math and/or science credit, will receive an additional amount of up to \$3300 for a maximum award of \$10,000 per year, providing the student meets the continuing eligibility requirements (earning 30 credits and maintaining a cumulative gpa of 3.0). Education majors are also eligible for the enhancement if they sign an agreement to teach in a SC public school for the number of years that they receive the enhanced funds.

In addition to defining eligible majors, individual courses must be identified that meet the 14 hour requirement during the freshman year. In order to qualify for the Enhancement of \$3300, these 14 hours MUST be earned during the freshman year. AP credits and dual enrollment courses (college credit courses taken while still in high school) can

satisfy the 14-hour rule. However, AP credits and dual enrollment courses MAY NOT be used to meet the yearly 30 credit hour requirement.

During the spring semester, all scholarship recipients are checked to make sure they will have earned the required 30 credits for the current academic year to meet continuing eligibility requirements. If a student will not meet that requirement, the Financial Aid Office notifies the student of the deficiency and informs them that they would need to take additional credits during the summer. Summer classes must be completed and grades posted to the student's record before the first day of classes in the succeeding fall semester.

\*By law, Palmetto Fellows funds are the last financial aid to be awarded to a student. Some students may not be eligible for the full amount of their scholarship if it would put them over their cost of attendance. In this case, the student would receive the amount that would bring them up to that cost.

If a student withdraws during the semester, then the Financial Services office will tell us how much the student has been charged through the date of withdrawal (it is based on the percentage of the semester that the student was enrolled). That percentage of time the student is enrolled determines how much of the scholarship can be retained on the account. The difference between the amount of the original award and the cost of the semester determines the amount that is returned to the CHE.

After funds have been applied to student accounts, the Financial Aid office reconciles with the General Ledger specialist to verify that the funds have been disbursed to the eligible students' accounts. Any discrepancies are resolved and corrected on the Scholarship file that was submitted to the CHE and adjusted in a new invoice (if applicable) is submitted, or funds returned to the CHE if applicable.

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### 3.4.2 SC Tuition Grant

#### Policies and Procedures

To be eligible for a SC Tuition Grant, a student (or parents of a dependent student) must have been a legal resident of South Carolina for at least twelve continuous months immediately preceding the date classes begin for the Fall term of the year receiving a grant, must be registered in or be accepted for admission as a degree-seeking student at a participating college, and must meet all full-time federal financial aid eligibility requirements (including owing no refund of a federal grant nor being in default on a federal educational loan). The student must be of good moral character and must demonstrate financial need and academic merit.

Tuition Grants Awards may be made only for the regular academic terms and only to undergraduate students who have not obtained their first four-year degree and who enroll full-time during the Fall Semester. Only undergraduate classes may be counted toward full-time enrollment in any enrollment term. Additionally, students who fail to enroll full-time during the Fall Semester forfeit their eligibility for the entire academic year. Applicants must apply annually by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and by indicating the SC independent college of their choice in the college choice section. An annual application deadline of June 30 must be met. To meet the deadline the FAFSA must be received by the federal processor by June 30. FAFSAs or copies of FAFSAs that are mailed, hand-delivered, or faxed to the Commission are not considered eligible applications for a South Carolina Tuition Grant. Freshman applicants must graduate in the upper three-fourths (top 75.0000%) of their high school class OR score 900 or above on the Math and Critical Reading sections of the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) OR score a 19 Composite on the ACT OR graduate from a South Carolina high school with a final GPA of at least 2.70 on the South Carolina Uniform Grading Policy. A freshman applicant who is twenty-two (22) years old or older by September 1<sup>st</sup> of the award year and who has obtained a high school diploma or its equivalent (GED or Adult Education Diploma) is academically eligible for a freshman award. An upperclass applicant must show "satisfactory progress" toward graduation in order to receive an award. This is ordinarily defined as completing a minimum of twentyfour (24) semester hours per academic year. Summer school work completed in summer sessions that follow the academic year may be included In addition, the student must meet the satisfactory progress requirement established by the college for the Title IV Federal Student Aid Programs. The maximum number of years that a student is eligible

South Carolina residency to determine eligibility for the Tuition Grants Program has been established to be consistent between all South Carolina scholarship and state grant

to receive a South Carolina Tuition Grant is four (4) years.

programs. Therefore, state residency requirements for the South Carolina Tuition Grants Program will follow the residency requirements as stated in the South Carolina Code of Laws, Title 59, Chapter 112 (Appendix D) and as defined in the SC Commission on Higher Education's Regulations Chapter 62 (Appendix E).

Marriage affects determinations of residency for Tuition Grant purposes only insofar as it operates to emancipate minors or to evince an intention by the parties to make a permanent home in South Carolina.

Grant recipients must be United States citizens, or eligible non-citizens in accordance with Title IV Federal Student Assistance Program requirements. They must be in South Carolina for other than a temporary purpose with the intention of being permanent residents. Holders of student visas are not considered residents and, therefore, are <u>not</u> eligible for consideration under the Tuition Grants Program.

<u>Military</u> personnel and/or their dependents, who are not legal residents of South Carolina but who are <u>permanently stationed in South Carolina on or before the first day of Fall term classes</u>, will be considered state residents for the purposes of this program. Documentation (military PCS orders) showing the date of stationing in South Carolina along with a valid ISIR must be provided to the Commission.

To be eligible for a Tuition Grant, military personnel and/or their dependents who consider themselves to be legal residents of South Carolina and who are stationed outside of the state of South Carolina must provide documentation of state residency that was effective at the time of enlistment and must provide proof that residency status was never forfeited while serving outside of the State of South Carolina. In addition to providing proof of military status, proof of residency requires documentation to include a South Carolina Voter's Registration, the previous two years' South Carolina State Tax Returns with W-2's, and a copy of the student's or parent's most recent military Leave and Earnings Statements showing the payment of state taxes to South Carolina. The following conditions/documentation may be considered by the Commission to prove legal South Carolina residency, although no single condition or group of conditions is necessarily determinative:

Paying SC State Resident income tax and filing a SC State Tax Return Registered to vote in South Carolina

South Carolina Vehicle Registration (State Law requires that vehicles be registered within 45 days of establishing South Carolina residency.)

South Carolina Driver's License (State Law requires that individuals convert out-of-state driver's licenses to South Carolina Driver's licenses within 90 days of establishing South Carolina residency.)

Payment of SC vehicle property tax

Being employed in a permanent capacity in South Carolina Absence of citizenship in another state

## **VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

All participating colleges are responsible for verifying the following items for their applicants prior to indicating eligibility and requesting funds via the Enrollment Report:

- 1) Freshman Rank/SAT Scores/SC High School GPA for all incoming freshman tuition grant applicants; OR, prior year Satisfactory Progress for all upper-class applicants (including transfers); AND,
- 2) State Residency for all tuition grant applicants; AND,
- 3) Financial Information for all SC Tuition Grant applicants who are selected for federal verification; AND,

4) A signed "Felony, Drug, or Alcohol Affidavit" is in the student's file.

Students who are selected must complete their federal verification before being considered eligible to receive a South Carolina Tuition Grant. Students who fail to complete verification by the time the Fall Enrollment Report is submitted must be reported as not eligible on the Enrollment Report. If verification is completed after submission of the Fall Enrollment Report and on or before November 15, the college must notify the Commission of the correction to the student's eligibility status no later than November 15. Requests for funds may be submitted after November 15 provided the student was reported as eligible to the Commission by November 15. Students who fail to complete verification by November 15 will forfeit their SC Tuition Grant for the full award year.

If a South Carolina Tuition Grant applicant has been selected for federal verification and the result of verification is no change in a student's tuition grant eligibility, no further action is required by the SC Tuition Grants Commission.

If corrections resulting from the completed verification process change the student's tuition grant eligibility, the college must complete and send the "Correction/Verification Form" to the Commission. On the form, complete all appropriate areas including any data element changes and the student's recalculated EFC (for South Carolina Tuition Grant purposes, submit only the Parental Contribution for "dependent" students and the Student Contribution for "independent" students). The student will receive an updated award letter only if his/her eligibility changes.

The South Carolina Tuition Grants Commission can only draw down applicant information for students who indicate on the FAFSA that they are legal residents of South Carolina. While verifying residency, if the college is unable to clearly verify South Carolina residency, the college should notify the Commission in writing so that the Commission can follow up with the student for required documentation.

## FELONY, DRUG, OR ALCOHOL AFFIDAVIT

The law governing the South Carolina Tuition Grants Program requires that grant recipients must not have "been adjudicated delinquent or been convicted or pled guilty or nolo contendre to any felonies or any second or subsequent alcohol or drug-related offenses under the laws of this or any other state or under the laws of the United States in order to be eligible for a South Carolina tuition grant, except that a high school or college student otherwise qualified who has been adjudicated delinquent or has been convicted or pled guilty or nolo contendre to a second or subsequent alcohol or drug-related misdemeanor offense nevertheless shall be eligible or continue to be eligible for such grants after the expiration of one academic year from the date of the adjudication, conviction, or plea." (SC Code of Laws, Section 59-113-20 (f))

The only feasible way to determine that grant recipients meet this requirement is to collect a signed affidavit annually from each student that he/she is not in violation of this requirement. Since this requirement is found identically in the law for all other State grant and scholarship programs, the Commission does permit colleges to use a single affidavit to collect students' signatures. The permitted use of a single affidavit assumes that it makes reference to all State aid programs by name and that it also meets the requirements of the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education.

Required Affidavits must be on file in the student's college financial aid file prior to the student being reported as eligible on the Fall Enrollment Report.

### REMEDIAL/DEVELOPMENTAL COURSES

Generally, remedial (also referred to as "developmental") courses are those that a student takes to increase his/her probability of success in college-level work, and which, therefore, extend the length of the normal program since they do not count toward graduation. However, the decision as to which courses are considered "credits toward the degree" and which are "remedial" or "developmental" is strictly an institutional matter. A student must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours of undergraduate courses each semester to be considered full-time for a South Carolina Tuition Grant. Furthermore, a full-time student must pass at least 12 hours per semester to meet the Program's Satisfactory Progress requirement. However, in a situation where the student is required by the college to take remedial courses, the required remedial courses may count toward the hour requirement for full-time attendance and toward the Satisfactory Progress requirement with the following limitations:

- remedial courses may be counted toward full-time enrollment and for meeting Satisfactory Progress requirements only during the first two semesters of the freshman year (see definition of "Freshmen Year" which follows), and
- 2) allowed remedial courses must show on the college transcript for credit (although not required as credit toward the student's degree), and
- 3) the student must pay full tuition for allowed remedial classes for them to be counted as eligible classes for receiving a South Carolina Tuition Grant.

Definition of "Freshman Year:" The "freshman year" for the use of remedial courses toward eligibility is defined as the first two full-time semesters of enrollment OR, if the student has only been enrolled full-time for one semester or has never enrolled full-time, the first 30 credit hours of enrollment.

It should be noted that this exception does not extend the maximum number of four (4) years that a student may receive South Carolina Tuition Grant assistance.

Once a student has earned a four-year, undergraduate degree, that student is no longer eligible for South Carolina Tuition Grant assistance.

As the Commission receives applications, an "Applicants Report" is provided to each college electronically via the Commission's Internet web site (www.sctuitiongrants.com/colleges). The Applicants Report lists applicant names and information to be used by colleges for information and assistance in planning. The Applicants Report will indicate which students have been tentatively selected for grants and the amounts of their awards as well as ineligible applicants and the reasons for their ineligibility. After reviewing the Applicants Report, each financial aid office must report any adjustments which should be made to students' Tuition Grant eligibility because of changes caused by verification, ROTC or tuition-specific scholarships, or changes in cost of attendance (including a change in housing status). As each report is posted, new students' academic eligibility is checked in Infoman (ACT/SAT score, gpa, etc.). Also checked is whether or not the student's FAFSA has been selected for Verification. A Master File is kept and each weekly file uploaded from the Commission is saved, with new awardees added to the Master File. Each weekly file is also loaded into Powerfaids to add the student's award to their Financial Aid package.

Upon the completion of registration, the authorized college official, via the Enrollment Report for each eligible enrollment period (downloaded by colleges from the Commission's Internet web site and returned to the Commission via the web site), certifies which awardees have enrolled in college as full-time students (must be

considered full-time for federal financial aid purposes) and have satisfied all other eligibility requirements, including South Carolina residency, completion of Verification if required, Felony, Drug or Alcohol Affidavit on file, and meeting required Satisfactory Academic Progress standards.

## ENROLLMENT REPORTS PROCESSING AND DEADLINES

After the beginning of each Fall and Spring enrollment term, the Commission will post to its web site each college's Traditional or Non-Traditional Program Enrollment Report. The Enrollment Report is used to report to the Commission the enrollment and eligibility status of each student who has been tentatively awarded a South Carolina Tuition Grant. The Commission will publish a schedule of expected posting dates based on each college's Drop/Add Dates as provided to the Commission. Instructions for accurately processing each Enrollment Report, along with a required form to be signed indicating that the report has been processed according to program policies, are provided to the colleges each term.

As each Enrollment Report is posted to the Internet, the Commission will notify each Financial Aid Office of the report availability. From the official date of posting, each college is given twenty-five (25) working days to complete and return the Enrollment Report via the Internet to the Commission. Enrollment status of each student on the file must be verified with a code. If the student has not completed verification or not submitted an affidavit or proof of residency, then they cannot be verified on the Enrollment Report. In accordance with Commission-approved policy, if an Enrollment Report is not returned by the end of the 25th working day, the Commission's Executive Director will contact that college's president to notify him or her of the report being late.

Students have until November 15<sup>th</sup> to complete Verification, submit the Affidavit, and/or submit proof of parents' residency. A separate request for funds for these students is done via a form supplied by the Commission.

# CHECK PROCESSING

Upon the receipt of each college's Enrollment Report, the Commission will reconcile the Report with the Commission's computer database. After reconciliation, award funds will be drawn by the Commission from the State Treasurer's Office (normally takes about 10 business days) and forwarded to the college. Immediately upon receipt of the Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT), the appropriate college official should sign the acknowledgment letter, which indicates receipt of the funds, and without delay return the acknowledgment to the Commission.

After depositing Tuition Grants funds from the Commission into the specific South Carolina Tuition Grants Program account, college officials are required to transfer each student's grant funds directly into his/her individual student account according to the specific Voucher Report posted to Commission's web site (in Microsoft Excel format) or according to an accompanying student roster. The transfer of funds to individual student accounts must be done within five (5) working days of the college's receipt of the EFT or check. Any funds that cannot be transferred to an individual student's account, including because of student's ineligibility, must be returned to the Commission within twenty (20) working days accompanied by a correctly completed refund form indicating the reason the funds are being returned.

EMPLOYER REIMBURSEMENT FOR TUITION AND FEE EXPENSES

BJU employees whose students receive tuition benefit have their benefit adjusted according to the amount of grant money the student is awarded. This adjustment is made by the Business Office. Disbursements are made through PowerFaids.

### STUDENT WITHDRAWAL

If a student withdraws completely then the Business Office notifies the Financial Aid Office as to the percentage of the semester that the student attended. A refund must then be sent to the Commission based on that percentage. If a student drops below full-time and is given an adjustment on his/her account, then the entire grant must be returned to the Commission. If no adjustment is made, then the student may keep the entire grant. Refunds must be sent within 30 business days of the date which the Registrar's Office becomes aware that the student has withdrawn.

#### **OVER AWARDS**

The IT specialist in the Financial Aid Department runs a report every day to check for students whose financial aid is over their cost of attendance. Any student who shows up on the report is checked in Powerfaids and has awards adjusted as needed.

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3.4.3 South Carolina National Guard College Assistance Program

## Policies and Procedures

- I. Eligibility for SC National Guard College Assistance Program (SCNG CAP) As a reminder, eligible students can receive SCNG CAP funds if they:
- a) are making Satisfactory Academic Progress;
- b) have not exceeded the \$22,000 maximum award amount; and
- c) have not earned a graduate degree. Eligible programs of study are less than one-year certificates or certifications approved by the SC Technical College System, courses completed as the education component of a registered apprenticeship, a certificate or other recognized educational credential (e.g. diploma), the first associate's degree or a second associate's degree earned at a minimum five (5) years after receiving the first associate's degree, a two-year program that is acceptable for full credit towards the first bachelor's degree, and the first bachelor's degree.
- \*\* Note: Students may receive college assistance benefits upon completion of their first bachelor's degree in a preceding level (less than one-year certificate or certifications, one-year certificate, and two-year program or associate's degree) in accordance with Section 62-251 H.

Using the SC National Guard Student Data Web Portal, student enrollment status is verified as well as attempted credit hours, SAP and award amount for the current semester.

Upon submission of the enrollment information on the portal, an invoice is sent to the individual at the CHE who oversees this program.

Upon receipt of the funds from the state, the money is disbursed to the students' account.

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