

Expenditure of State Lottery Funds
For the awarding of SC Palmetto Fellows, LIFE, and HOPE Scholarships

Calculation of the LIFE GPA

All transcripts for courses taken outside of The Citadel are entered by the Registrar's Office on a prior college history form (SOAPCOL). The data is entered as required by LIFE regulations for the calculation of the LIFE GPA. A nightly batch job calculates a current LIFE GPA and LIFE Hours for each resident undergraduate student. This information is posted to user-defined fields for Financial Aid staff and displayed in self-service inside The Citadel's online portal for students to view.

Students are sent notices in the spring semester to review their grades at the end of the term for LIFE eligibility for the next term.

LIFE/HOPE Scholarships

Freshmen recipients are identified for the SC LIFE and HOPE Scholarships through a report (CITLSFR) that is generated on a regular basis based upon current regulations. Students are awarded an 'estimated' scholarship until their final high school transcript is received. The 'estimated' award is replaced with an 'actual' award once all eligibility criteria are satisfied.

Upper-class students who are eligible for LIFE and LIFE Enhancements are identified through a different report (CITLSUP) during the awarding cycle.

Palmetto Fellows

Awards for freshmen in the Palmetto Fellows program are made based upon a list provided to The Citadel by CHE on line. Students are renewed based upon on a report that identifies students who have met the renewal criteria. Enhancements are also identified in a similar fashion.

Palmetto Fellows GPA includes only Institutional hours and quality points.

Scholarship Affidavits (all programs)

Recipients of state scholarship funds are notified via email of their awards. Awards are posted online inside The Citadel's portal and the required state affidavits are provided online. Disbursements do not occur until the required affidavit is received and reviewed by Financial Aid staff.

Audits (all programs)

The Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships conducts an internal audit each academic year to ensure that recipients of state scholarship funds are eligible and all required documentation is collected. Every file is reviewed each year.

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Expenditure of State Lottery Funds For the Awarding of SC Need Based Grant

Awards

Awards are made to students based upon a review of the annual Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application. These funds target South Carolina residents eligible for need-based financial aid awards. Students must be meeting satisfactory academic progress standards.

Potential first-time recipients are identified for the SC Need Based Grant by an Argos report. Priority is given to students that are eligible for a Federal Pell Grant and who filed the FAFSA by The Citadel's priority deadline.

Returning recipients who meet the requirements for renewal are identified through an Argos report during the awarding cycle. Full-time students must have earned a minimum of 24 credit hours during the previous academic year and have a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA in addition to meeting the initial eligibility criteria.

Rules have been built inside of Banner that check for a 2.0 cumulative GPA at the time the award is made and at the time the funds are disbursed.

The standard award at The Citadel is \$3500/year. Students who are identified as being in the custody of the SC Department of Social Services, however, are awarded the program maximum amount of \$5500/year up to Cost of Attendance (COA).

Affidavits

Recipients of SC Need Based Grant funds are notified via email of their awards. Awards are posted online inside The Citadel's portal and the required state affidavits are provided online. Disbursements do not occur until the required affidavit is received and reviewed by Financial Aid staff.

Audit

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Awarding of the SC National Guard College Assistance Program
Based on Regulation 62-250 through 62-263 of the SC Code of Laws, Section 59-114-10.

Awards

SC CAP awards are up to \$12,000 per year, as of 2025-2026, for qualified Air National Guard or Army National Guard members. The aggregate max of \$25,000 is also reviewed each year.

Awards are identified from the CHE database for National Guard and Palmetto Fellows recipients each year. Students must meet the deadline of a completed application by the beginning of the academic year or other date approved by the SC National Guard.

The institution is responsible for certifying student eligibility based on Satisfactory Academic Progress and certifying total Cost of Attendance is not exceeded.

Audits

Audits are performed each semester to file the updates to CHE each semester. Students are reviewed for Satisfactory Progress and enrollment status.