



Chapter 17

South Carolina Need-Based Grant (SCNBG)

Purpose of Program

This state grant is awarded based on financial need and availability of funds at the college. Requirements to receive a South Carolina Need-Based Grant include the following.

General Requirements

- Be a U.S. citizen or a lawful permanent resident that meets the definition of an eligible non-citizen under State Residency Statutes whose lawful presence in the US has been verified at the time of enrollment at the institution
- Must be a SC resident
- Must be enrolled in at least ½ time status
- Cannot have an Associate's or Bachelor's degree
- Cannot owe a repayment or refund on ANY Federal or State grant or loan
- Cannot have been convicted of ANY felony
- Cannot have been convicted of ANY drug or alcohol misdemeanor within the past academic year
- Must be enrolled in an eligible program
- Cannot exceed \$3,500.00 in a Certificate or Diploma program
- Cannot exceed \$7,000.00 in an Associate's degree program
- Be a "needy student" following the financial need analysis as established under Title IV Regulations for determining eligibility for Federal Student Aid. The student must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Form

Student Eligibility

Need is calculated by subtracting the student's *SAI* from that student's *COA*, (Cost of Attendance)

$COA - SAI = Need$

Unmet need is calculated by subtracting *Gift Aid Received* from the *Need*

$Unmet\ Need = Need - Aid\ Received$

If a term is not over yet, and we award SCNBG for that term, we will assume full time enrollment (and therefore full time gift aid) for that term in determining the amount of SCNBG the student qualifies for.

Satisfactory Academic Progress

SAP must be: SAT, W, AP1, AP2, Eligible, RE-Elig.

SAP cannot be: IE, IES, or U

Awarding Amounts

Full Time: Up to \$3,500.00 per year (\$1,750.00 per semester)

Less than Full Time: Up to \$1,750.00 per year (\$875.00 per semester)

Student Status Type

- Students who have never been in receipt of SCNBG funds.

Order of Awarding SCN BG

1. We define 'needy' students as those students who have between a -1,500 – 0 SAI on their ISIR, and demonstrate UNMET need of 1,000 or higher.
2. There will be multiple awarding rounds for SCN BG, and we will give priority based on oldest file complete date.
3. We will award all SCN BG funds per the above awarding criteria except on a case by case exception basis as determined by the Director of Financial Aid and the Associate Director of Technical Services.
4. One exception to this awarding philosophy is students who provide documentation that they were in foster care, prior to age 18. If these students are approved through the Commission on Higher Education, we will award the initial up to \$3,500 Need Based Grant, plus an additional \$2,000 based on their Foster Care status. We will award this regardless of the SAI range.

Recordkeeping

Financial aid records are maintained in the College's Computer System and Centralized Imaging System. Student records include demonstration of need, Pell, SCN BG and FSEOG eligibility, and verification of SAI.

Update

The new bachelor's degree BAS.MFG has been approved for federal aid as of October 2019. Per Jeff, this program is not eligible for SCN BG.



Chapter 32

South Carolina National Guard College Assistance Program (CAP)

The South Carolina National Guard College Assistance Program (SCNG CAP) established in 2007, offers financial assistance to members of the South Carolina Army and Air National Guard by providing incentives for enlisting or remaining for a specified time in either the South Carolina Army or Air National Guard (SCNG).

Purpose of Program

SCNG CAP is administered by the Commission on Higher Education along with the South Carolina National Guard. This state assistance program is awarded to qualifying members of the South Carolina Army and Air National Guards determined by the South Carolina National Guard.

Student Eligibility

- Must be approved by the South Carolina National Guard
- Must be Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) eligible
- Cannot exceed the maximum benefit for an academic year

Satisfactory Academic Progress

SAP must be:

- Satisfactory
- Warning
- Probation
- AP1
- AP2
- Eligible
- Re-eligible

SAP cannot be:

- Ineligible
- IE Suspension
- IAP

Awarding Amounts

SCNG CAP recipients may receive up to a maximum of five thousand five hundred dollars (\$5,500) for the Army National Guard and up to a maximum of eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000) for the Air National Guard per academic year. The cumulative total of all College Assistance Program benefits received may not exceed twenty-two thousand dollars (\$22,000).

Student Status Type

- First Time Student
- Returning Student

Returning Students Eligibility Requirements

In order for a returning student to qualify for the CAP for the next year, that student:

- Must be approved by the South Carolina National Guard
- Must be Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) eligible
- Cannot exceed the maximum benefit for an academic year

Recordkeeping

CAP records are maintained in the College's Computer System, South Carolina Commission on Higher Education and the South Carolina National Guard.



Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Award Amounts

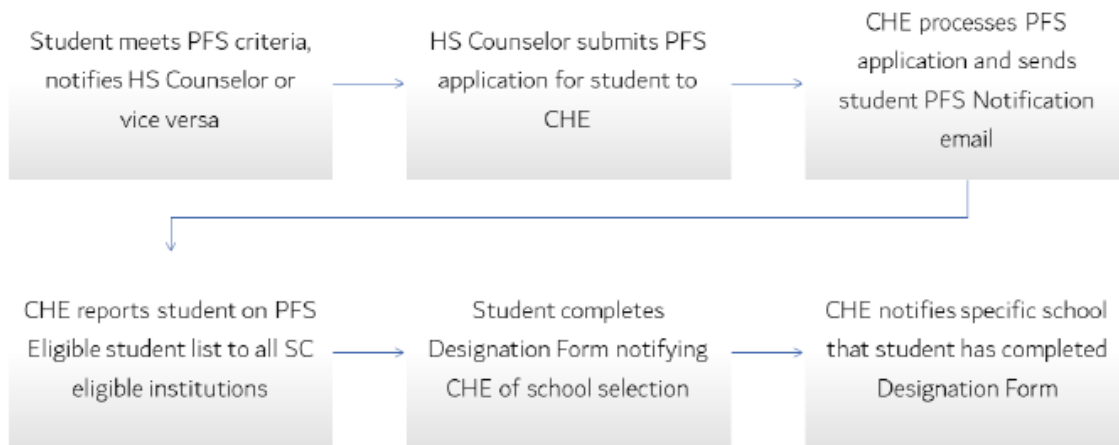
First year: **\$6,700**

☛ Years 2, 3, and 4: **\$7,500/year**

- ☛ In determining the amount awarded for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship and the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Enhancement, **all other sources of gift aid, including federal, State, private and institutional funds, must be applied to the unmet cost-of-attendance before calculating the Scholarship and Enhancement amounts and making the award.** Adjustments to the financial aid package will be made to the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship and the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Enhancement in accordance with prescribed Title IV regulations in order to prevent an over-award. In other words, many students who receive other types of financial aid may not be eligible to receive the award amounts listed above. Palmetto Fellows recipients attending two-year colleges in SC are not eligible for Palmetto Fellows Enhancement amounts.

- ☛ Students cannot receive LIFE and Palmetto Fellows

*****Students enrolled at two-year institutions are not eligible to receive Scholarship Enhancements***



Palmetto Fellows Application Process

Greenville tech access the CHE portal to determine current year graduate eligibility along with the names sent to be reviewed for transfer students. We award once citizenship, enrollment hours have been evaluated for that year.

- Once a student is determined eligible for the award they must sign a certification form.

LIFE SCHOLARSHIP

History and Intent of Award

Excerpts taken from:

Document No. 4146

Commission on Higher Education

Chapter 62

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 59-149-10

62-1200.1 – 62-1200.75. Legislative Incentives for Future Excellence (LIFE) Scholarship & Legislative Incentives for Future Excellence (LIFE) Scholarship Enhancement

62-1200.1. Purpose of the LIFE Scholarship Program.

Pursuant to Act 418, which was initially established in 1998 as Title 59 of the 1976 code and amended by Act 162 during the 2005 legislative session, the Commission on Higher Education shall promulgate regulation and establish procedures for administration of the LIFE Scholarship Program. The General Assembly established the LIFE Scholarship Program in order to increase the access to higher education, improve the employability of South Carolina's students so as to attract business to the State, provide incentives for students to be better prepared for college, and to encourage students to graduate from college on time.

- If student is awarded LIFE Scholarship during the academic year, the student cannot also receive Lottery funds.
- LIFE Scholarship pays \$2,500 per semester or the total balance of tuition and applicable fees, whichever is less.

For general eligibility requirements, a student must:

- Graduate from a South Carolina high school or complete a home school program as prescribed by law while a dependent of a parent or guardian who is a legal resident of South Carolina.
- Be a legal South Carolina resident at the time of high school graduation and at the time of college enrollment.
- Be a U.S. citizen or a legal permanent resident. DACA students are not eligible.
- The student must be in an eligible program of study and enroll full-time in at least 12 semester credit hours of college-level, non-transitional studies/non-developmental-level courses to receive the LIFE scholarship. Students may enroll in both college-level AND transitional-level as long as there is enrollment in at least 12 credits of program-level courses. LIFE scholarship will *not* cover the tuition charges for transitional-level courses.
 - Transitional level courses include but are not limited to: MAT 012, 019, 031, 032, 100, 101, 102, 105; COL 103, 107, 108; CHM 100; ENG 032, 100; RDG 032, 100; RWR 032, RWR 100.

- Certify he/she has never 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 he/she is not in default and does not owe a refund or repayment on any Federal or State financial aid.
- South Carolina residents who were South Carolina residents while in high school and did not have a high school 3.0 GPA, or who completed a GED, can gain LIFE eligibility by meeting other requirements after their first year of college. See Financial Aid for details.

Selection of recipients & Requirements for first-time entering freshman:

- Entering freshmen will be selected based on their final high school transcript. To establish base eligibility, the student's official final high school transcript must be received by and processed by enrollment services. The report also verifies a student met all the basic enrollment requirements including graduating high school, GPA, residency, citizenship, and eligible course schedule. All other components are checked prior to awarding.

Renewal Requirements

- Earn a minimum of 30 non-developmental credit hours each year (15 degree credit hours if enrollment began in January), with a 3.0 cumulative GPA based on grades earned at ALL institutions attended. At the end of Spring students are reviewed to see if they met the renewal requirements and awarded accordingly. If they did not they are notified by email about enrolling in Summer in order to renew the scholarship.
- Program Eligibility at a 2 Year institution
 - Up to 2 semesters for a Certificate or Diploma Program
 - Up to 4 semesters for an Associate's Degree Program that consists of less than 68 credit hours
 - Up to 6 semesters for an Associate's Degree Program that consists of 68 or more credit hours.
 - Up to 8 semesters for a Bachelor's Degree Program

Summer Eligibility:

- If a student has met the requirements for renewal at the end of the Spring term the student would be allowed to receive LIFE Scholarship for the Summer term if they are enrolled in 12 LIFE-eligible credit hours. Students must request to use the LIFE Scholarship in the Summer by emailing the Financial Aid Office for review.

4-year eligibility: All students in the Bachelors in Advanced Manufacturing are reviewed for eligibility each year.

Transfer Students are reviewed automatically if the H.S transcript and all college transcripts are provided to the college. We also have a form for students transfer students to request to be reviewed if they do not provide the H.S. Transcript.

Processing Procedures for Accommodations

- All accommodations are approved and managed through Student F Services (SDS). SDS will communicate with the Office of Financial Aid via a paper application once they have approved an accommodation.
- Receiving an Accommodation does NOT make the student eligible for that semester, you must still check to review the student for all other LIFE Requirements for that year. Start with determining when they graduated H.S and if this is the 1st year of eligibility. Check to see if the met credit hours per year including accommodation, plus GPA, Major.
- The Life Scholarship amount is determined by the number of credit hours that have been listed on the accommodation form received from SDS.

Proviso for 2nd Year eligibility :

117.172. (GP: **Life Scholarship** Retention) For the current fiscal year, of the funds allocated to the Commission on Higher Education for Life Scholarships, no monies shall be withheld from a student otherwise eligible for their second year of **Life Scholarship** funding based solely upon a grade earned in a dual enrollment class.

You can find the entire section of budget provisos at this

link: https://www.scstatehouse.gov/query.php?search=DOC&searchtext=LIFE%20Scholarship&category=BUDGET&year=2024&version_id=7&return_page=&version_title=Appropriation%20Act&conid=49872966&result_pos=0&keyval=54513&numrows=10

All eligible students are required to sign the LIFE Certification Form that verifies the following:

LIFE Certification

Congratulations, you are eligible to receive the LIFE scholarship (LIFE) at OTC. In order to activate your scholarship you must read and agree to the terms and conditions below as set forth by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education.

Certifications

- I understand that LIFE covers the cost of tuition UP TO \$2,500 per semester.
- I understand that I must be enrolled as a full-time student taking 12 credit hours or more of college-level courses. Zero-level courses and CHM 100, COL 100, COL 107, COL 108, MAT 100, MAT 101, MAT 102, MAT 105, MAT 114, RDO 100, and RWR 100 will not count toward hours needed for the LIFE Scholarship.
- I understand LIFE recipients CANNOT receive South Carolina Lottery Tuition Assistance in the same academic year.
- I was a South Carolina resident at the time of my high school graduation and during the period of award.
- I graduated from a South Carolina high school or graduated from a high school outside of South Carolina while the dependent of a parent or legal guardian who is a legal resident.
- I affirm that I have submitted transcripts from all previous and current institutions (high school and college) I may have attended.
- I understand that students can receive LIFE Scholarship for:
 - Up to 2 semesters for a Certificate or Diploma Program
 - Up to 4 semesters for an Associate's Degree Program that consists of less than 60 credit hours
 - Up to 6 semesters for an Associate's Degree Program that consists of 60 or more credit hours
 - Up to 8 semesters for a Bachelor's Degree Program
- I understand that non-degree credit hours will not be used in calculating the "LIFE GPA" or credit hour requirements if they are enrolled in an associate's degree or higher.
- I understand that changes in enrollment resulting from non-attendance, dropping, or withdrawing from coursework may result in the reduction of my LIFE awarded amount. In addition, if my enrollment falls below 12 eligible credit hours I will not be eligible for LIFE and will be responsible to repay LIFE funds already disbursed for the semester.
- I understand that to renew LIFE for a second year I must earn 30 credit hours or more of college level coursework and maintain a minimum LIFE GPA of 3.0.
- I understand that to renew LIFE for a third year I must be enrolled in an Associate's Degree or Bachelor's Degree consisting of 60 or more credit hours, earn 60 credit hours or more of college level coursework and maintain a minimum LIFE GPA of 3.0.
- I understand that to renew LIFE for a fourth year I must be enrolled in a Bachelor's Degree, earn 30 credit hours or more of college level coursework and maintain a minimum LIFE GPA of 3.0.
- I have no felony convictions nor have I been adjudicated delinquent, pled guilty, or pled no contest to any second or subsequent alcohol/drug related offense within the past academic year.
- I am not in default on or owe a refund, or repayment of any federal or state aid including Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Federal Stafford Loans, Perkins Loans, or state grants and scholarships.
- I am a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen under state residency statutes.

I also affirm that if I take courses after signing this document, I will submit any additional transcripts to my home institution. I understand that this information will be used to determine my LIFE Scholarship GPA only and will not be used for my institutional academic standing or for my graduation purposes.

Any false information provided by the student or any attempt to expend any scholarship funds for unlawful purposes or any purpose other than in payment or reimbursement for the cost of attendance at the institution authorized to award the scholarship will cause for immediate cancellation.

By signing this agreement, I certify that I have read and understand my responsibilities in earning and retaining the LIFE Scholarship. I understand that it is my responsibility to seek guidance from the Financial Aid Office should I have any questions regarding the scholarship or should I need further clarification on the eligibility requirements. If I receive Life Scholarship during the summer term, I am authorizing Greenville Technical College to provide my summer Scholarship information to other institutions for determination of continued eligibility for the LIFE Scholarship.

By selecting below, I accept the LIFE Scholarship award and certify that I understand all criteria listed above.

Required

Your Financial Aid Award Information for the 2023/2024 Academic Year

I Agree ☐