



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, IAP 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 are given top priority

Order of Awarding SCNGB

1. We define 'needy' students as those students who have between a -1,500 – 0 SAI on their ISIR, and demonstrate UNMET need of 10,000 or higher.
2. There will be multiple awarding rounds for SCNGB, and we will give priority based on file complete date.
3. We will award all SCNGB funds per the above awarding criteria except on a case by case exception basis as determined by the Director of Financial Aid.
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, SCNGB 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 SCNGB.

Update, 4.27.26

To accommodate a shortage of CPS funding, preference was given to the workforce development programs for 26SU only. All awarding criteria remained the same with the exception of one item: the SAI range change to "not to exceed 10,000" – AHM 5/13/26



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 (NGCAS) recipients may receive up to a maximum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) Fall, Spring and Summer semesters. The disbursed amount is prorated based on the number of credit hours attempted each semester. The maximum award amount for an academic year is \$12,000 and a student's lifetime maximum is \$25,000.

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.

South Carolina Lottery Tuition Assistance (SCLTA)

South Carolina Lottery Tuition Assistance (SCLTA) is available for students enrolled in 6 or more credit hours. SC Lottery will pay \$75 per credit hour from 6-15 credit hours. The maximum award may change each academic year; currently it is \$1125 for eligible students enrolled in 15 or more credit hours.

Important notes about your Lottery Tuition Assistance award:

- S.C. Lottery Tuition Assistance award is applied to tuition and the required fees of all students, not books and course related fees.
- If you receive sufficient federal or state grants that cover your cost of tuition, then funds provided by the S.C. Educational Lottery will not be applied to your account. Students can receive a combination of grants and S.C. Lottery Tuition Assistance; however, the amount applied to one's account will never exceed the cost of tuition.
- To receive S.C. Lottery Tuition Assistance for a designated semester, a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or FAFSA Waive Form must be submitted prior to June 30th of each Academic year. If this is done, a student may potentially be eligible for Lottery funds for the entire academic year.

To be considered eligible for SCLTA a student:

- Must be a South Carolina resident.
- Must complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Must be admitted in a certificate, diploma, or associate degree program. – GTC's BA degree program is not eligible for SCLTA.
- Must be enrolled in at least six [6] credit hours.
- Must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress.
- Must demonstrate progression if they have received a certificate, degree, or associate degree during the last 5 years.
- Cannot owe a refund or repayment of a state grant, Pell grant, or FSEOG
- Cannot be in default on student loans
- Cannot be a Palmetto Fellows Scholarship recipient
- Cannot be a LIFE scholarship recipient

Reasonable Academic Progress (RAP)

Effective 2024-2025 Academic year:

The definition of SAP was updated by State Tech to the following:

- J. "Satisfactory Academic Progress" shall mean the minimum academic standard for academic progress established by the college for the purpose of complying with Title IV regulations for federal student aid programs and for State scholarship and grants.

Students can appeal their SAP status for continued eligibility for SC LTAP. Approved appeals submitted in a fall term will be valid for LTAP awards Fall, Spring and Summer terms in the academic year. Approved appeals submitted in a spring term will be valid for LTAP awards Spring and Summer in the academic year. Approved appeals submitted in a summer term will be valid for summer only.

Progression Policy:

62-900.165. Student Eligibility

B. Students shall not be eligible to receive Lottery Tuition Assistance or SCWINS/SCCPS 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.

The following will be considered progression at GTC:

- Any School of Health Sciences certificate/diploma to another School of Health Sciences diploma/degree.
Exceptions:
 - Any degree to CAS.CDM7
 - AAS.RAD to CAS.MRI7 and CAS.CTO6
- Any certificate or diploma to School of Arts & Sciences. (applies to SC Lottery)
- Any School of Engineering Technology and Professional Studies certificate/diploma to another School of Engineering and Professional Studies diploma/degree.
 - AAS.ECE to CAS.ECSE7
- Any School of Business and Computer Technology certificate/diploma to another School of Business and Computer Technology diploma/degree.
- Any School of Advanced Manufacturing and Transportation Technology certificate/diploma to another School of Advanced Manufacturing and Transportation Technology diploma/degree.
Exceptions:
 - CAS.MECA7 to CAS.MECB7
 - CAS.WF7 to CAS.WLD7 to CAS.SWL6
 - CAS.BER6 to CAS.ACR7
 - CAS.ABR7 to CAS.AABR7
- Any certificate/diploma to AAS.GTE.
- CAS.UTC7 to any Associates Degree(for SC Lottery only).
- CAS.ELT7 to AAS.EET