

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 Anthology Student 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 custom report using this information calculates a LIFE GPA, on-demand, and staff are also trained to calculate the LIFE GPA on an individual basis manually. 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

	Qualifying Criteria	Continued Eligibility Criteria
	2-Year Institutions Only - Complete FAFSA or FAFSA waiver, - Enroll in at least six credit hours	- Maintain satisfactory academic progress; - After attempting 24 hours, earn a minimum 2.0 GPA; - and Complete the FAFSA annually <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>

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

 Qualifying Criteria 4-Year Institutions Only 3.0 SC UGP GPA	Continued Eligibility Criteria 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>
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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

Qualifying Criteria 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	Continued Eligibility Criteria 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. 
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Transfer students who are eligible for LIFE and LIFE Enhancements are identified through a custom report in Anthology Student that is generated on a regular basis based upon current regulations during the awarding cycle. Students are awarded the LIFE Scholarship only after all final transcripts have been received and the required affidavit has been completed. On the Financial Aid Awards tab, the scholarship is initially displayed with an Estimated status. Once the LIFE Scholarship affidavit is received and all eligibility requirements have been verified, the award status is updated to Actual/Approved.

Under rare circumstances, a student may matriculate at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) directly from high school with sufficient dual enrollment, Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), or other transferable college credit to qualify for advanced standing. In these cases, the MUSC will obtain and review all applicable college transcripts, as well as the student's final high school transcript and standardized test scores (ACT and/or SAT, if required), to determine whether the student meets the initial eligibility requirements for the LIFE Scholarship.

LIFE Scholarship Enhancement

The Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) Admissions Office reviews recipient transcripts to determine eligibility for the LIFE Scholarship Enhancement and notifies the Office of Student Financial Aid of eligible students. Upon receipt of this notification, the required LIFE Scholarship affidavit, and verification that all eligibility requirements have been satisfied, the LIFE Scholarship Enhancement award is created on the Financial Aid Awards tab with an Actual/Approved award status. In addition, Financial Aid staff periodically review transcript information to verify continued eligibility for both the LIFE Scholarship and LIFE Scholarship Enhancement.

Under rare circumstances, a student may matriculate at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) directly from high school with sufficient dual enrollment, Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), or other transferable college credit to qualify for advanced standing as a freshman, they will not be awarded the Enhancement during the first year of attendance, consistent with the LIFE regulations.

Palmetto Fellows

	Qualifying Criteria	Continued Eligibility Criteria
	3.5 SC UGP GPA, and 1200 SAT or 25 ACT, and - Top 6% rank in Grade 10, 11, or 12 If class rank criteria not met... 4.0 SC UGP GPA, and 1400 SAT or 31 ACT	3.0 institutional GPA, and - Earn 30 credit hours per academic year* *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 custom scholarship 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 FA Awards tab, the award is placed in 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.

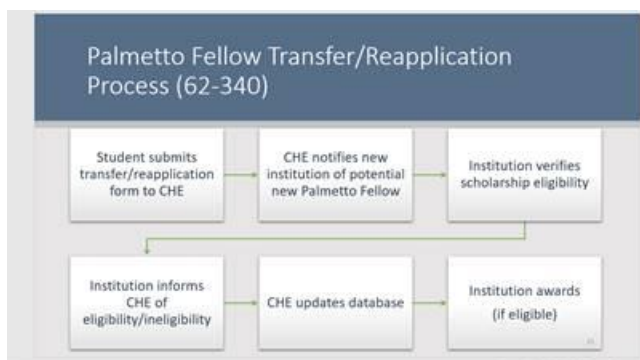
Returning MUSC Students are renewed based upon a report that identifies students who have met the renewal criteria and remaining terms of eligibility. Enhancements are also identified in a similar fashion.

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 FA Awards tab, the Award is placed in the 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.

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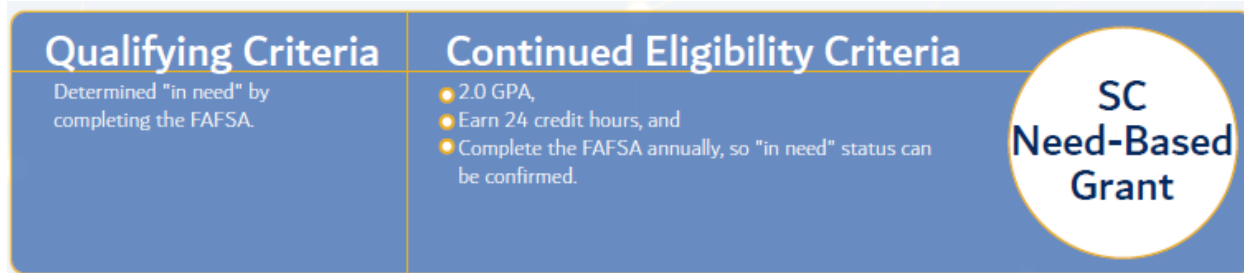
Baccalaureate (IB), or other transferable college credit to qualify for advanced standing. In these cases, the MUSC will obtain and review all applicable college transcripts, as well as the student's final high school transcript and standardized test scores (ACT and/or SAT, if required), to retain documentation the student meets the initial eligibility requirements for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship.



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



Transfer students to MUSC are determined using the steps below:

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| 1. | Run Report of all Current ACYR Pell Eligible Students. |
| 2. | Check Anthology Student Residency Tab to identify students classified as: In-State. |
| 3. | Review GPA Screen/Transcripts to determine prior 2.0 GPA. |
| 4. | Send CHE transcripts or emails to all prior SC Public institutions attended to determine number of terms and amounts 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 printout 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 number 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 FA Awards screen with action status of estimated.
	A request for the student to complete the SC Need Based Grant Affidavit is made on the tasks tab which the student can view and complete in their student portal.
	The action status code is changed to Actual when eligibility requirements are met and documentation received.
	Each semester, 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, custom reports are reviewed to ensure students meet 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 \$12,000 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).
- The cumulative lifetime maximum may not exceed \$25,000.00.
- Students are limited to receiving assistance to no more than 130 attempted credit hours.
- The student submits the application to education services office at: <https://getsmartsc.com/sc-national-guard/> between June 1st and August 1st for Fall term and November 20th and December 15th for Spring term,
- 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 on the FA Awards Tab for inclusion on the student's offer letter and the addition of the award does not cause over award.
- The award 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 and 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.

Internal reviews

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

Billing/Invoices:

The Bursar's Office manages cash functions related to scholarships and grants, including disbursement, invoicing, and reconciliation. Each semester, they submit reimbursement requests to CHE for the scholarship and grant amounts disbursed, adhering to published deadlines. Adjustments made after the initial invoice (e.g., new awards, reductions) are reflected in the following request and by applicable deadlines.

Refunds: The Office of Student Financial Aid provides any supplemental information needed for invoicing (e.g., CAP, scholarship, grant updates) to the Bursar's office for action. MUSC follows CHE refund guidance, applying the institutional withdrawal policy to scholarships and grants. Awards are adjusted in proportion to tuition refunds (e.g., 50%) as applicable.

Reporting: The Office of Student Financial Aid completes all required financial aid reporting (e.g., Palmetto Fellows renewal) as requested and by established deadlines. The Bursar's Office completes all required cash management reporting by established deadlines.

Audits: The Medical University of South Carolina provides full cooperation with audits conducted by CHE or contracted external auditors. These audits use sampling methods to confirm student eligibility and ensure the accuracy of award determinations.