

4.1: SC Tuition Grant (SCTG)

SCTG is a grant that is for Independent Colleges and Universities that is given by the state of South Carolina. This grant has several stipulations...the SCTG Regulations must be consulted in situations that are questionable; however, the basics are as follows:

- FAFSA must be completed by June 30th each year.
- Must be a legal resident of SC (residency of parents)
- Be a U.S. Citizen (or a legal permanent resident that meets the definition of an eligible non-citizen under State Residency Statutes)
- Need (if the EFC is higher than their budget, they are ineligible)
 - if the EFC is close to the budget the student will receive a partial award that equals the budget less the primary EFC, rounded down to the nearest \$10.

Eligibility for South Carolina Tuition Grant is determined by the Financial Aid Administrator awarding the student. The following are the criteria for determining eligibility:

- Verify full time enrollment (to include only courses that count toward degree)
- Verify that the student's name appears on the Applicant's Report (Report 8) provided by the Tuition Grant Commission.
- Verify the ISIR is valid and it has been received no later than June 30th.
- Verify the residency based on self-certification of the mailing address on the ISIR and other office correspondence, as well as the parents/student state of legal residence provided on the FAFSA. Additional verification of residency is obtained by the Office of Admissions (*See Appendix A Determination of SC Residency Document*). Any discrepancy is resolved and clarified before the aid can be awarded.
- Verify high school GPA meets Tuition Grant requirements or transfer students meet SAP requirements. This can be done by viewing data in the Admissions and/or Registration module of Jenzabar or physically viewing and evaluating the prospective student's transcripts housed in the Admissions Office.
- Verify there is need for a SCTG award (refer to EFC above).
- Verify the amount of tuition assistance, if any, is received by the student. This information is predominantly for the AGS students. Tuition Reimbursement is listed on the SWU Office Application that is signed by the student each academic year.

4.2: SC HOPE Scholarship

This is a \$2800 award given to students that are U.S. Citizens and SC residents that did not qualify for the LIFE scholarship but had at least a 3.0 GPA. This award is **one time award** for the freshman year only. The student may gain eligibility for the LIFE scholarship if they meet the LIFE requirements in their freshman year (3.0 GPA and at least 30 hours completed during the Fall, Spring and Summer sessions).

*\$300 of this amount is to be a book allowance for the student.

Eligibility for the SC HOPE Scholarship is determined by the Financial Aid Administrator awarding the student. The following are the criteria for determining eligibility:

- Verify full time enrollment (to include only courses that count toward degree)
- Verify that the student is a United States Citizen (or a legal permanent resident that meets the definition of an eligible non-citizen under State Residency Statutes) **and** a South Carolina Resident. This information is obtained from the ISIR that is matched with the DHS database. The residency is verified based on self certification of the mailing address on the ISIR and other office correspondence, as well as the parents (or students for AGS) state of legal residence provided on the FAFSA. Additional verification of residency is obtained by the Office of Admissions (*See Appendix A Determination of SC Residency Document*). Any discrepancy is resolved and clarified before the aid can be awarded.
- Verify the high school GPA by viewing the documented GPA in the Admissions module of Jenzabar that have been recorded from an official transcript.
- All awards that are completed prior to the receipt of the final high school transcript are verified once the transcript is received to determine if the student maintained eligibility.

4.3: SC LIFE Scholarship

The Legislative Incentives for Future Excellence (LIFE) Scholarships were designed to provide scholarships to qualified students attending colleges within South Carolina. Awards at four-year institutions are \$5,000 each year (Enhanced awards may be up to \$7500 for eligible SO, JR, and SR recipients – affective for the 2007-08 award year). Eligibility Requirements:

1. A U.S. Citizen (or a legal permanent resident that meets the definition of an eligible non-citizen under State Residency Statutes).
2. A S.C. resident by state guidelines.
3. Must not be receiving a SC Palmetto Fellows Scholarship.

Freshman Applicants (must meet 2 of 3 criteria)

1. Minimum SAT scores of 1100 or ACT scores of 22 -- scores accepted through June national test administration
2. Minimum final high school GPA of 3.0 on 4.0 scale based on UGS.
3. Graduate in the top 30% of the graduating class.

Transfer Applicants

1. Minimum cumulative collegiate GPA of 3.0 on 4.0 scale by the end of the academic year at the institution where the student is currently enrolled.
2. Earn an average of 30 credit hours per academic year

- An enhanced LIFE scholarship may be awarded in the amount of \$7500 if the student meets the criteria.
 - Recipients with over 30 hours, and who, as a freshman, earned 14 hours worth of math and science (at least 6 hours math and 6 hours science with at least 1 lab), and who are math and science majors may receive an additional amount of up to \$2,500 for a maximum of \$7,500. Entering freshmen, regardless of major, and upperclassmen who do not meet the above conditions, may receive a maximum award of \$5,000.
 - The General Assembly has waived the 14 hour requirement for all rising SO, JR, and SR recipients for the 2007-2008 year.
 - All incoming FR students for fall 2007 and after are required to meet the 14 hour requirement for renewal.

Renewal Criteria for SC LIFE: To be eligible for renewal, students must meet both of the following criteria:

1. Maintain a minimum LIFE GPA of 3.0 on 4.0 scale.
2. Earn an average of 30 credit hours per academic year.

Eligibility for the SC LIFE Scholarship is determined by the Financial Aid Administrator awarding the student. The following are the criteria for determining eligibility:

- Verify full time enrollment (to include only courses that count toward degree)
- Verify that the student is a United States Citizen (or a legal permanent resident that meets the definition of an eligible non-citizen under State Residency Statutes) **and** a South Carolina Resident. This information is obtained from the ISIR that is matched with the DHS database. The residency is verified based on self certification of the mailing address on the ISIR and other office correspondence, as well as the parents (or students for AGS) state of legal residence provided on the FAFSA. Additional verification of residency is obtained by the Office of Admissions (*See Appendices for Determination of SC Residency Document*). Any discrepancy is resolved and clarified before the aid can be awarded.
- Verify the high school GPA, SAT score and class rank by viewing the documented items in the Admissions module of Jenzabar that have been recorded from an official transcript.
- All awards that are completed prior to the receipt of the final high school transcript are verified once the transcript is received to determine if the student maintained eligibility. A spreadsheet with the final high school GPA, SAT/ACT scores and class rank is given to the Financial Aid Office from the Director of Admissions. The Financial Aid Office then uses that data to double check all freshman pending LIFE scholarships.
- Verify the current GPA and hours completed (30-60-90) for renewal of the LIFE scholarship by viewing the transcript in the Registration module of Jenzabar.
- All awards that are completed prior to the completion of the current academic year are verified once final grades have been recorded by the Registrar. A spreadsheet is given to the Financial Aid Office of all SC residents and their hours

earned and GPA. The Financial Aid Office then uses that data to double check all pending LIFE scholarships.

4.4: SC Palmetto Fellows Scholarship

SC Palmetto Fellows was created to recognize the most academically talented high school seniors in South Carolina, and to encourage them to attend college in the state. High school guidance offices distribute applications. Incoming FR may receive up to \$6700 and SO, JR, and SR recipients may receive up to \$7500 (Enhanced awards may be up to \$10,000 for eligible SO, JR, and SR recipients affective with the 2007-08 award year).

Eligibility Requirements

1. A U.S. Citizen (or a legal permanent resident that meets the definition of an eligible non-citizen under State Residency Statutes).
2. A SC resident by state guidelines
3. Must not be receiving SC LIFE Scholarship.
4. Minimum SAT score of 1200 or ACT score of 25.
5. GPA minimum of 3.5 (UGS) by the end of the junior year in high school
6. Rank in the top six percent of the class at the end of either the sophomore, junior, or senior year.

OR

1. SAT minimum of 1400 / ACT minimum 32
 2. GPA of 4.0 minimum (UGS)
- An enhanced Palmetto Fellows Scholarship may be awarded in the amount of \$10,000 if the student meets the following criteria:
 - Recipients with over 30 hours, and who, as a freshman, earned 14 hours worth of math and science (at least 6 hours math and 6 hours science with at least 1 lab), and who are math and science majors may receive an additional amount of up to \$3,300 for a maximum of \$10,000. Palmetto Fellows with over 30 hours, but who do not meet the conditions above, may receive an additional amount of up to \$800 for a maximum of \$7,500. Entering freshmen, regardless of major, may receive a maximum of \$6,700.
 - The General Assembly has waived the 14 hour requirement for all rising SO, JR, and SR recipients for the 2007-2008 year.
 - All incoming FR students for fall 2007 and after are required to meet the 14 hour requirement for renewal.

Renewal Criteria for SC Fellows: Students must earn a minimum of 30 credit hours during the school year, and maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Eligibility for the SC Palmetto Fellows Scholarship is determined by the Financial Aid Administrator awarding the student. The following are the criteria for determining eligibility:

- Verify full time enrollment (to include only courses that count toward degree)
- Verify that the student is a United States Citizen (or a legal permanent resident that meets the definition of an eligible non-citizen under State Residency Statutes) **and** a South Carolina Resident. This information is obtained from the ISIR that is matched with the INS database. The residency is verified based on self certification of the mailing address on the ISIR and other office correspondence, as well as the parents (or students for AGS) state of legal residence provided on the FAFSA. Additional verification of residency is obtained by the Office of Admissions (*See Appendix A Determination of SC Residency Document*). Any discrepancy is resolved and clarified before the aid can be awarded.
- Verify the high school GPA by viewing the documented GPA in the Admissions module of Jenzabar that have been recorded from an official transcript.
- All awards that are completed prior to the receipt of the final high school transcript are verified once the transcript is received to determine if the student maintained eligibility.

4.5: SC Teacher's Loan

This loan is for Education majors only. The South Carolina Teacher Loan Program was established by the State of South Carolina through the Education Improvement Act of 1984 to entice talented and qualified students into the teaching profession. This loan is cancelled by teaching in South Carolina public schools in an area of critical need.

Eligibility Requirements (S.C. Teacher)

- Must be a United States Citizen (or a legal permanent resident that meets the definition of an eligible non-citizen under State Residency Statutes).
- Must be a resident of South Carolina
- Must be enrolled in good standing at an accredited institution on at least half-time basis
- Must be enrolled in a program of teacher education, or have expressed an intent to enroll in such a program
- Entering freshmen must have been ranked in the top 40% of their high school graduating class and have a SAT or ACT score equal to or greater than the S.C. average for the year of graduation from high school or the most recent year for which such figures are available
- Enrolled undergraduate students, including enrolled freshmen (2nd term of freshman year), **must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.75 on a 4.0 scale and must have taken and passed the Praxis I Exam. Students with an SAT score of 1100 or greater (1650 for exams taken on or after March 1, 2005) or an ACT score of 24 or greater are exempt from the Praxis I requirement.** Entering graduate students must have at least a 2.75 grade point

- average on a 4.0 scale. Graduate students who have completed at least one term must have a grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale or better
- Must be seeking initial certification in a critical subject area if you already hold a teaching certificate
 - The priority filing date is June 1 of each year...although the funding can extend beyond that or run out before then.

Eligibility for the SC Teacher's Loan is verified by the Financial Aid Administrator awarding the loan. The eligibility is verified by viewing a transcript in the Registration module of Jenzabar to determine current GPA, rank and expected graduation date.