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Submit

PFS Year-Round Processing

- Class of 2027 Early Application – Opened 7/15/2026 – email was sent on 7/16/2026 at 10:56am from Scholarships@che.sc.gov.
- Early Application and Late Application are **two separate applications**, we cannot move an app from Early to Late. Any outstanding Early Apps will be finalized as Ineligible. Students would then need to submit a Late App in June 2027.
- Early Application is **ONLY** for students who have **ALREADY MET QUALIFICATIONS**. No PENDING applications during the Early Application period!

2026–2027 Palmetto Fellows Application Timeline



UPDATED

Palmetto Application Timeline for the Class of 2027 graduating class.

Early Application Opens

Class of 2027
Email sent to HS Counselors on July 16.

**Sept 1,
2026**

Early Notifications

Palmetto Fellows Notification emails start being sent to applicants as applications are processed.

Early – Testing Cutoff

Last test administration that will be accepted for an Early Application:
ACT: April 10, 2027
SAT: March 6, 2027

**April
2027**

Early Application Closes

Application must be submitted online by student before 11:59pm.
No Late Submissions.

**May 1,
2027**

Late Application Opens

For students graduating in the Class of 2027.

**June 1,
2027**

Late – Testing Cutoff

Last test administration that will be accepted for a 2027 graduate.
SAT: June 5, 2027
ACT: June 12, 2027
Scores must be sent directly to CHE using these codes: SAT: 4313 or ACT: 6326
Scores must be received by July 15, 2027.

**June
2027**

Late Application Closes

Application must be submitted online by student before 11:59pm.
No Late Submissions.

**July 15,
2027**

Eligibility Requirements



RANK PATHWAY

For schools with an official class-rank policy reviewed by CHE for compliance with the regulations

1

Top 6% of the class

At the end of Grade 10, 11, or 12

2

1200 SAT or 25 ACT

Qualifying composite or superscore

3

3.5 cumulative SC UGP GPA

All three requirements must be met

OR

ALTERNATIVE PATHWAY

For schools that are not approved for official class-ranking or students who do not meet the top 6% of their class rank

1

1400 SAT or 31 ACT

Qualifying composite or superscore

2

4.0 cumulative SC UGP GPA

Both requirements must be met



SAT and ACT scores may be superscored. ACT Science is optional and may be included when it improves the composite.



Most Common Issues from 2025-26 Apps

1. No Parental Consent
2. No Counselor Authorization
3. Missing Transcript and/or Test Score
4. No rank report
5. Incorrect Transcript(s)
 - No signature
 - Wrong date calculated
 - Wrong grade in top left-hand corner
 - Work-in-Progress Transcript
6. Pending Early Applications

Most Common Issues from 2025-26 Apps

If you are a 2026 High School Graduate, please contact your high school counselor to discuss the process for applying for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship.

Contact your HS Counselor for Application instructions >

THIS IS NOT THE PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION.

Palmetto Fellows Scholarship In-State Transfer or Reapplication Request

To be eligible for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship, students must be determined as recipients during their senior year of high school.

*Students NOT using the application website or QR code to apply. This is the Transfer/Reapplication Form for CURRENT College students. We had 100+ Class of 2026 students that submitted this during 25-26.

Let's Walk Through the Palmetto Fellows Digital Application Process



Student Starts Application

Once the student has met the Early Award eligibility criteria:

- email the student the Early Application invite or print and hand this to them.

**This on the HS Counselor Resources webpage and was linked in the July 16, 2026 Application email.*

If you do not have the 7/16/26 "Class of 2027 Early Application" email:

1) make sure you have signed up for emails and selected "Palmetto Fellows High School Contact"

2) Send an email to Scholarships@che.sc.gov to request it be sent to you.

This is a fillable pdf. Please have students use the counselor who will be completing their application request.

CLASS OF 2027 EARLY APPLICATION PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP



Submit your application online at apply.che.sc.gov
or use the QR code

select the **Early Application - Fall 2027 Cohort**

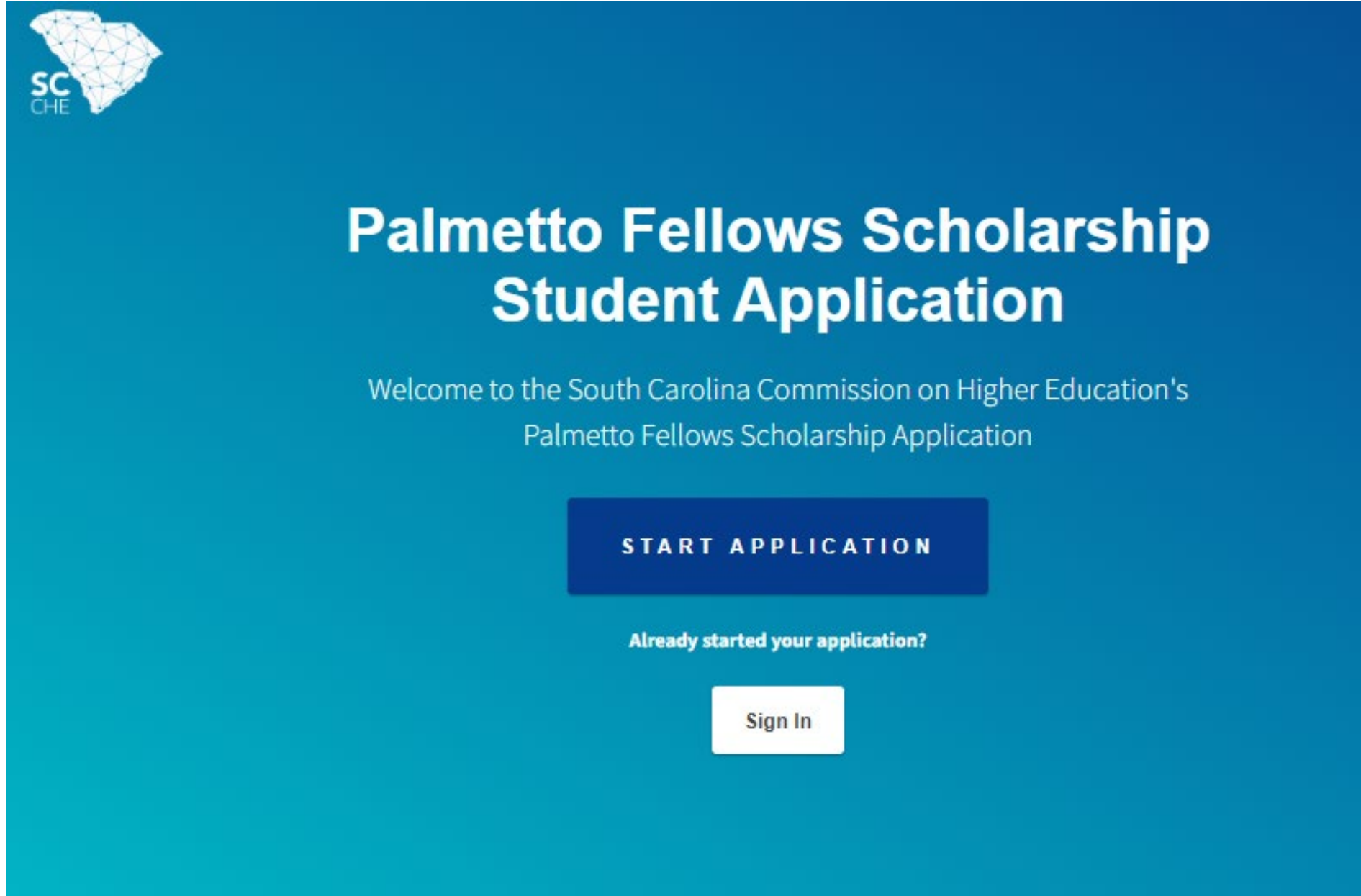
Your High School Counselor's information is:

Name:
Email:

QUESTIONS, CONTACT CHE:
SCHOLARSHIPS@CHE.SC.GOV or 803-737-2260

Student Starts Application

Student
application site:
apply.ches.gov



Student Starts Application

Start your application

What do you want to apply for?



Early Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Application



Late Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Application

Create an account

To track your application.

Confirm Email

* Password



Password must be at least 8 characters and contain at least one uppercase, lowercase, number and special character (#?!@\$%^&*~)

* Confirm Password



* Date of Birth



* Applicant Type

Palmetto Scholarship Applicant



CREATE ACCOUNT

Student will create an account, and this is where they will see/access their dashboard.

Student Dashboard



APPLICATION PROGRESS (99%)

- Dashboard
- Student Information
- High School Information
- School Counselor Authorization and Parental Consent Requests
- Submit Application
- Preview Application

Early Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Application ▾

PALMETTO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT - FALL 2026 COHORT

Late 2025 T

Hello, Early 2026

Your application is automatically saved as you work on it. Don't worry about losing anything. If you don't finish now, come back and pick up where you left off. If all required fields are completed and the green "Submit Application" button is visible, please click it to finalize your application.

[CONTINUE APPLICATION](#)

Student can see/check their application status, see outstanding items on their checklist, etc. from their dashboard.

Student Application



APPLICATION PROGRESS (88%)

Dashboard

1 Student Information

High School Information

School Counselor
Authorization and Parental
Consent Requests

Submit Application

Preview Application

Student Information

Katie H. ▾

Personal Information	5/5 REQUIRED
Mailing Address	4/4 REQUIRED
Demographic Information	1/1 REQUIRED
Parent Information	0/4 REQUIRED

4 sections of information that the student will enter (dob, SSN, etc.), address, ethnicity and parental information.

Student Application



APPLICATION PROGRESS (99%)

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Student Information

Personal Information

5/5 REQUIRED

Name

* First Name

Kathryn

Middle Name

L

* Last Name

Harris

Suffix

Preferred First Name

Katie

* Gender

Male

Female

No Response

* Date of Birth

MM/DD/YYYY

* Are you 18 years or older at the time you are completing this application?

Yes

No

Student Application

Student Information

Katie H. ▾

Personal Information

5/5 REQUIRED

Mailing Address

4/4 REQUIRED

Student's Permanent Mailing Address

Student's Permanent Mailing Address



Please use the address lookup feature to find your address, if not listed, please enter all details below.

* Address Line 1

[Redacted]

Address Line 2

* City

[Redacted]

* State

South Carolina ▾

* Zip / Postal Code

[Redacted]

Home Phone

Country Code

United States us (+1) ▾

Phone Number

8038560738

Student Application

Student's Cell Phone

Country Code

United States us (+1)



Phone Number

[Redacted]

Application - Opt in for SMS

☒ Yes

☐ No

I would like updates about my application sent to me via text/SMS messaging. (Standard message charges apply.)

Students can opt-in for texts regarding their application and future scholarship requirements.

Student Application

Student Information

 Katie H. ▾

Personal Information	5/5 REQUIRED
Mailing Address	4/4 REQUIRED
Demographic Information	1/1 REQUIRED

* Social Security Number

Please enter your full Social Security number. Incorrect Social Security numbers will delay the application process.

Please indicate your Ethnic Origin (required):

- ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native
- ☐ Asian or Pacific Islander
- ☐ Black/African-American
- ☐ Hispanic or Latino
- ☐ White/Non-Hispanic
- ☐ Unknown

Student Application

Student Information

 Katie H. ▾

Personal Information	5/5 REQUIRED
Mailing Address	4/4 REQUIRED
Demographic Information	1/1 REQUIRED
Parent Information	4/4 REQUIRED

Primary Parent/Guardian Information

* Relationship

Mother

* Parent/Guardian First Name

Mom

* Parent/Guardian Last Name

Harris

* Parent/Guardian Email

GO TO NEXT STEP ➡

Student Application



APPLICATION PROGRESS (99%)

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High School Information

Katie H. ▾

Name of High School

1/1 REQUIRED

High School Attending

A C Flora High School

Please use the school lookup feature to find your high school. If not found, enter the name of your high school below.



A C Flora High School(410494)

1 Falcon Dr, Columbia 29204, United States

X

* Name

A C Flora High School

School lookup feature to find High School, if school isn't found, student can manually enter high school or home school information.

**If your school isn't found, please let me know – I can add them to the list.*

School Counselor Authorization/Parental Consent Requests



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School Counselor Authorization and Parental Consent Requests

[Tips and info](#) [Katie H.](#)

APPLICATION PROGRESS (99%)

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School Counselor Authorization and Parental Consent Requests

Submit Application

Preview Application

Please complete the School Counselor Authorization request. In addition, if you are under the age of 18, we need your parents to sign off on the Parental Consent form. Please enter the details on the request forms and an email will be sent for them to complete the process.

Please make the following requests:

- 1 School Counselor Authorization
- 1 Parental Consent

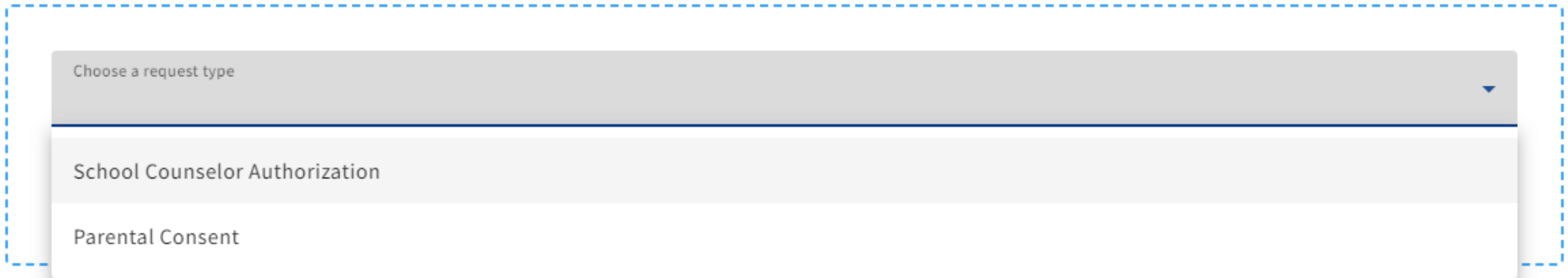
+ ADD REQUEST

Parental Consent is only needed if student is under 18-based off dob student entered and under 18 question-will only show if under 18. School Counselor Authorization is required for every application.

School Counselor Authorization/Parental Consent Requests

School Counselor Authorization and Parental Consent Requests

 Tips and info  Katie H. ▾



Choose a request type ▾

- School Counselor Authorization
- Parental Consent

Parental Consent is only needed if student is under 18-based off dob student entered-will only show, if under 18.

School Counselor Authorization is required for every application.

Parental Consent Request

Choose a request type

Parental Consent

Parental Consent

* Parent/Guardian First Name

Martha

* Parent/Guardian Last Name

Harris

* Parent/Guardian Email

Field is required

Do you waive your right to view information sent on your behalf?

Yes

No

SEND REQUEST

CANCEL



Parental Consent Request

Once parental consent is done, student will need to complete the School Counselor Authorization.

School Counselor Authorization and Parental Consent Requests

 Tips and info  Katie H. 

Please complete the School Counselor Authorization request. In addition, if you are under the age of 18, we need your parents to sign off on the Parental Consent form. Please enter the details on the request forms and an email will be sent for them to complete the process.

Please make the following requests:

1 School Counselor Authorization



Parental Consent request sent to Martha Harris

DELETE

RESEND

EMAIL

@gmail.com

SUBMITTED DATE

May 05, 2024

STATUS

Pending

 ADD REQUEST

School Counselor Authorization Request



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School Counselor Authorization and Parental Consent Requests

Tips and infoKatie H. ▾

Please complete the School Counselor Authorization request. In addition, if you are under the age of 18, we need your parents to sign off on the Parental Consent form. Please enter the details on the request forms and an email will be sent for them to complete the process.

Please make the following requests:

1 School Counselor Authorization

+

 ADD REQUEST

Student is 18 and does not need a Parental Consent Request.
School Counselor Authorization is required for every application.

School Counselor Authorization Request

School Counselor Authorization and Parental Consent Requests

 Tips and info

 Katie H.

★ PFS Application
invite info needed
here – student will
enter High School
Counselor's Name
and email from the
invite.

Choose a request type

School Counselor Authorization

School Counselor Authorization

* Counselor First Name

Chris

* Counselor Last Name

Harris

* Counselor Email

Field is required

Do you waive your right to view information sent on your behalf?

Yes

No

SEND REQUEST

CANCEL



School Counselor Authorization/Parental Consent Requests



APPLICATION PROGRESS (100%)

Dashboard

✓ Student Information

✓ High School Information

✓ School Counselor Authorization and Parental Consent Requests

Submit Application

Preview Application

Counselor & Parent Requests occur **BEFORE** student submits app.

School Counselor Authorization and Parental Consent Requests

Tips and info Katie H.

Please complete the School Counselor Authorization request. In addition, if you are under the age of 18, we need your parents to sign off on the Parental Consent form. Please enter the details on the request forms and an email will be sent for them to complete the process.

Parental Consent request sent to Martha Harris

DELETE RESEND

EMAIL

SUBMITTED DATE

May 05, 2024

STATUS

Pending

School Counselor Authorization request sent to Chris Harris

DELETE RESEND

EMAIL

SUBMITTED DATE

May 05, 2024

STATUS

Pending



School Counselor Authorization Request



APPLICATION PROGRESS (100%)

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School Counselor Authorization and Parental Consent Requests

Tips and info

Katie H. ▾

Please complete the School Counselor Authorization request. In addition, if you are under the age of 18, we need your parents to sign off on the Parental Consent form. Please enter the details on the request forms and an email will be sent for them to complete the process.



School Counselor Authorization request sent to Chris Harris

DELETE

RESEND

EMAIL

[REDACTED]

SUBMITTED DATE

May 22, 2024

STATUS

Pending

+ ADD REQUEST

SUBMIT 

Student Application

Legal items that require initials now, will all be check boxes for the student prior to submitting their application.

Almost done.

Review the following and sign your application.

- ☐ * I attest to the fact that all of the information furnished in the application is true and accurate and that I am a resident for tuition and fee purposes under residency statutes of South Carolina. As a Palmetto Fellows Scholarship candidate, I authorize the Commission to release my name, ethnicity, gender, social security number, email address, mailing address and high school as an applicant for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship to the colleges and universities in the State. If I am selected as a Palmetto Fellow, I authorize the Commission to use my name, ethnicity, gender, social security number (educational institutions only), e-mail address, mailing address, high school and postsecondary institution in any publication or as requested by the General Assembly (written and/or electronic) about the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Program. I also authorize the college or university to furnish the Commission on Higher Education information about all other financial aid that I am receiving or will receive during all academic years in which I am awarded the Palmetto Fellow Scholarship.

Field is required

- ☐ * If I have been notified as being conditionally accepted as a Palmetto Fellow by the Commission, I understand that I must submit a Designation Form to the Commission naming the institution I plan to attend the Fall term after high school graduation or that I will utilize a Gap Year. If I fail to submit this form, I understand that the scholarship funding may be affected. I understand that if I am notified by the Commission as a conditional candidate, the condition is based on meeting the general eligibility criteria for State scholarships and Grants. I understand that in order to receive the Scholarship: 1) SC residency and US Citizenship/legal permanent residency must be verified by the institution at the time of initial college enrollment and at the beginning of each academic year; and 2) I must attend an eligible SC institution*. I understand that if I fail to attend an eligible SC institution the fall term IMMEDIATELY upon high school graduation and do not complete the requirements to utilize a Gap Year, and/or do not remain continuously enrolled at an eligible SC institution, or it is determined at any point that I no longer meet SC or US citizenship/legal permanent residency requirements, the Scholarship will be forfeited. If awarded the Scholarship, I also authorize the college that I attend to act as my agent to receive and hold Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Program funds until the funds are applied to my educational expenses. I understand that if I chose to utilize a Gap Year that during the Gap Year, if I enroll, earn and/or attempt to earn any credit hours from an accredited institution, the Scholarship will be forfeited. I understand in order to receive funding, I must complete a state scholarship certification/affidavit through the college's financial aid office each academic year. The college also has permission to forward official transcripts to the Commission on Higher Education to validate that scholarship renewal criteria have been met or as supporting documentation for an appeal.
- ☐ * *If I plan on attending an out-of-state institution, I understand I will not be awarded the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship. However, I understand that I may reapply for the award if I later transfer to an eligible institution and all fall and spring terms after high school graduation will be deducted from my maximum terms of eligibility. The cumulated GPA and credit hours required each academic year for continued eligibility must be maintained. All reapplications will be subject to approval by the

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

Student Application

Students can give permission for us to speak with individuals about their application - this should not be the HS Counselor.

Almost done.

Review the following and sign your application.

Please list the name(s) and relationship(s) of individual(s) approved below to have access to my application information.

Name and Relationship of Approved Individual

Martha Harris, Mother

Name and Relationship of Approved Individual

☒

* I have read the information regarding the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Program and agree to adhere to any policies or regulations as approved by the Commission on Higher Education.

I hereby swear (or affirm) that the information pertaining to the applicant provided in this application is true.

* Applicant Signature

Katie Harris

* Applicant Signature Date

5/5/2024



SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

Student Application

Thank You!

We've received your application. We'll let you know if we need additional information.

OK, GREAT.



Late Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Application ▾

PALMETTO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT - FALL 2024 COHORT

Katie H. ▾



Dashboard



Documents



School Counselor
Authorization and Parental
Consent Requests



Preview Application

You successfully submitted your Palmetto
Fellows Scholarship application, Kathryn

Review the checklist to see if you need to provide any supporting materials.

What Happens Next?

Student receives an email.

[External] We've Received Your Application



CHE Scholarships <scholarships@che.sc.gov>

To: Katie Harris



Reply



Reply

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Hi Kathryn,

Thank you for submitting your Late Palmetto Fellows
Scholarship Application to the South Carolina Commission
on Higher Education.

[Application Status](#)

Student Dashboard



Early Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Application ▾

PALMETTO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT - FALL 2027 COHORT

Emmi C. ▾

- Dashboard
- Documents
- School Counselor Authorization and Parental Consent Requests

Please complete all the required items from the checklist so we can start reviewing your application.

We're reviewing your application, Emila

Thank you for applying for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship. Once CHE receives the required documentation from your High School Counselor, we will begin reviewing your application. We will notify you of the decision when it's made. *Please note: High school transcripts will display as Submitted once received by CHE. The High School Transcript Review item will remain Outstanding while CHE staff manually review your transcript(s). Reviews are typically completed within 30 days of receiving all required documentation. Applications are reviewed in the order documentation is received.

Checklist

Required for your application:

COMPLETED 0/4 (0%)

Last updated on 9/13/2026

Required item(s):

NOT COMPLETED	ACT/SAT Test Scores	View
NOT COMPLETED	Parental Consent Form	View
NOT COMPLETED	High School Counselor Submission	View
NOT COMPLETED	High School Transcript	View

What Happens Next?

If under 18, parent receives an email for parental consent.

[External] Fwd: Help Katie complete the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Application

 @gmail.com>
To Harris, Kathryn

  Reply

 If there are problems with how this message is displayed, click here to view it in a web browser.



Dear Martha,

Katie Harris is applying for the Early Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Application with the SC Commission on Higher Education. Katie has indicated that they are under the age of 18 and need parental consent to apply for the scholarship.

Please provide your consent on our online platform.

[Click Here to Complete Consent](#)

Parent's Secure Consent Form



Hello Martha,

Please help Katie Harris provide required information to South Carolina Commission on Higher Education by completing the form below.

* Your First Name

* Your Last Name

Parental Agreement Statements

- I attest to the fact that all of the information furnished for my child (herein referred to as student) in the application is true and accurate and that I am a resident for tuition and fee purposes under residency statutes of South Carolina. My student is a Palmetto Fellows Scholarship candidate, and therefore I authorize the Commission to release their name, ethnicity, gender, social security number, email address, mailing address and high school as an applicant for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship to the colleges and universities in the State. If my student is selected as a Palmetto Fellow, I authorize the Commission to use my student's name, ethnicity, gender, social security number (educational institutions only), e-mail address, mailing address, high school and postsecondary institution in any publication or as requested by the General Assembly (written and/or electronic) about the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Program. I also authorize the college or university to furnish the Commission on Higher Education information about all other financial aid that my student is receiving or will receive during all academic years in which they are awarded the Palmetto Fellow Scholarship.

Parent's Secure Consent Form

- To renew the Scholarship: I understand that my student must: 1) earn at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA at their home institution by the end of the academic year; 2) earn a minimum of 30 credit hours for graduation purposes by the end of the academic year; and 3) sign a Scholarship affidavit/certification provided by the financial aid office at my student's institution by the institution deadline. The academic year begins with the fall term and ends with the immediately succeeding summer term. Exempted credit hours (i.e. AP, IB, and CLEP), credit hours earned before initial college enrollment cannot be used to meet the annual credit hour requirement. I also understand that my student must sign an affidavit each year provided by the institution's financial aid office. Additionally, the Scholarship may be transferred to another eligible institution in South Carolina upon receiving prior approval from the Commission on Higher Education. I have read the information regarding the Palmetto Fellows Program and understand the policies and procedures. I agree to adhere to the current regulation (which can be found at www.che.sc.gov), including any changes made during my college matriculation.

☒ * I acknowledge my child has applied for the Palmetto Scholarship and agree to all the above statements.

* Please type in your full name to acknowledge your child has applied for the Palmetto Scholarship
Martha L. Harris

Parent Signature Date
5/5/2024



SUBMIT

Parent's Secure Consent Form

Thank You Martha!

We've added the information to Katie Harris's records.

Submitted Document

Summary

YOUR FIRST NAME

Martha

YOUR LAST NAME

Harris

I ACKNOWLEDGE MY CHILD HAS APPLIED FOR THE PALMETTO SCHOLARSHIP AND AGREE TO ALL THE ABOVE STATEMENTS.

true

PLEASE TYPE IN YOUR FULL NAME TO ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR CHILD HAS APPLIED FOR THE PALMETTO SCHOLARSHIP.

Martha L. Harris

PARENT SIGNATURE DATE

May 04, 2024

UPLOADED FILES

What Happens Next?

HS Counselor receives an email.

[External] Fwd: Help Katie Harris Complete the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Application



To: Harris, Kathryn

Reply

If there are problems with how this message is displayed, click here to view it in a web browser.



From: CHE Scholarships <scholarships@che.sc.gov>

Date: May 5, 2024 at 12:17:28 PM EDT

To: [Redacted]

Subject: Help Katie Harris Complete the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Application

Reply-To: scholarships@che.sc.gov

Dear Chris,

Kathryn Harris is applying to Late Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Application at the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education. Kathryn has indicated you as their High School Counselor on their application. Please help Kathryn complete the application by **submitting the required supporting documentation online.**

Submit Supporting Documentation

Supporting documentation submitted online can be processed most efficiently. If you

HS Counselor's Secure Authorization Form

#1.

* Your First Name

* Your Last Name

* Is this student currently eligible for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Pending June Test Score

High School Information

High School Information

* School Counselor Name

* School Counselor Email

Is this student currently eligible for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship?

Answer options:

Yes: Student has met all PFS criteria now.

No: Student has not met criteria – this will grey out the rest of the form – it was added as a quick response for Counselors, if student isn't eligible.

**Pending: Student is testing in June or NEEDS to test in June.
NO PENDING STUDENTS DURING EARLY APP!**

HS Counselor's Secure Authorization Form

#1.

* Are you submitting this information for an Early or Late Award applicant?

Early Award

Academic Standing and Test Scores of the Applicant

1. **REQUIRED:** All grade point averages (GPA) must be based on the SC Uniform Grading Policy (SC UGP) and be cumulative. All GPAs must be reported with at least two decimal places and cannot be rounded. Please note that the reported GPAs must match the GPA submitted on the official high school transcript. All transcripts submitted must have a June 15th date calculated or earlier. No exceptions. **All eligible Early applicants must have a junior year transcript submitted on their behalf. Late applicants must have a final senior year transcript submitted.**

* Final 11th Grade GPA

Field is required

* Are you submitting this information for an Early or Late Award applicant?

Late Award

Academic Standing and Test Scores of the Applicant

1. **REQUIRED:** All grade point averages (GPA) must be based on the SC Uniform Grading Policy (SC UGP) and be cumulative. All GPAs must be reported with at least two decimal places and cannot be rounded. Please note that the reported GPAs must match the GPA submitted on the official high school transcript. All transcripts submitted must have a June 15th date calculated or earlier. No exceptions. **All eligible Early applicants must have a junior year transcript submitted on their behalf. Late applicants must have a final senior year transcript submitted.**

* Final 12th Grade GPA

#2.

HS Counselor's Secure Authorization Form

2. REQUIRED: If using rank in order for the student to be eligible to apply, the applicant must rank in the top six percent of the class at the END of either the sophomore or junior year before summer school prior to June 15th regardless of academic year being used (not the number in the class at the beginning of the next school year) based upon the SC UGP. Class size should include only diploma seeking candidates. You are only required to report the rank used to qualify the student for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship (**If the student met rank both sophomore and junior year, you should only report junior rank**).

*If the top six percent of the class is not already a whole number of students, you should round up to the next student.

*The reported class rank must match the class rank submitted on the official high school transcript and official high school ranking report.

Is this student using the top 6% of class rank to qualify?
Yes

Which year was class rank met (Late Award)?

10th Grade

11th Grade

12th Grade

HS Counselor's Secure Authorization Form

*The reported class rank must match the class rank submitted on the official high school transcript and official high school ranking report.

Is this student using the top 6% of class rank to qualify?

Yes

Which year was class rank met (Late Award)?

10th Grade

Sophomore Year Class Rank Information

* END of Sophomore Academic Year Rank:

4

* END of Sophomore Academic Year Class Size:

116

* Number of students in top 6% of 10th Grade Class Rank (END of Sophomore Academic Year Class Size X .06)

7

Rounded Up to the Next Whole Number

#2.

HS Counselor's Secure Authorization Form

#2.

2. REQUIRED: If using rank in order for the student to be eligible to apply, the applicant must rank in the top six percent of the class at the END of either the sophomore or junior year before summer school prior to June 15th regardless of academic year being used (not the number in the class at the beginning of the next school year) based upon the SC UGP. Class size should include only diploma seeking candidates. You are only required to report the rank used to qualify the student for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship **(If the student met rank both sophomore and junior year, you should only report junior rank)**.

*If the top six percent of the class is not already a whole number of students, you should round up to the next student.

*The reported class rank must match the class rank submitted on the official high school transcript and official high school ranking report.

Is this student using the top 6% of class rank to qualify?

No



Test Score Information

HS Counselor's Secure Authorization Form

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Test Score Information

* REQUIRED - Has the student already met the SAT (Evidence-Based Reading & Writing/Math) or ACT score requirement?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If the student is sending ACT or SAT scores directly to CHE, please select which score they will be sending:

Sending ACT

Sending SAT

I will upload and submit the official score report here.

Test Score Information

* REQUIRED - Has the student already met the SAT (Evidence-Based Reading & Writing/Math) or ACT score requirement?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If the student is sending ACT or SAT scores directly to CHE, please select which score they will be sending:
I will upload and submit the official score report here.

Please upload ACT or SAT scores here if student is not sending score report to CHE:



Upload file(s)

Drag files here or click to browse

Please upload in .pdf format.

Do NOT skip this
drop down – or you
will not be able to
attach test scores!



HS Counselor's Secure Authorization Form

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Please upload all ACT or SAT scores here if available (multiple documents can be uploaded):

 Remove

 Remove

+ Add more files

Please upload in .pdf format.

Test Score Information

* REQUIRED - Has the student already met the SAT (Evidence-Based Reading & Writing/Math) or ACT score requirement?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If the student is sending ACT or SAT scores directly to CHE, please select which score they will be sending:

Sending ACT

ACT or SAT Codes

If student is sending ACT or SAT scores directly to CHE, please provide them with one or both of the following codes:

- ACT: 6326
- SAT: 4313

Please upload all ACT or SAT scores here if available (multiple documents can be uploaded):

 Remove

 Remove

+ Add more files

HS Counselor's Secure Authorization Form

#2.

SAT and/or ACT test score(s):

Report highest scores available that meet the minimum requirement in the space below. Only qualifying scores for either the SAT or ACT need to be entered, **NOT** both. The high school must submit official documentation of the qualifying test scores. Acceptable documentation includes a copy of the score report, testing label/sticker, or the score report from the K12 portal with Counselor's signature. No score rosters will be accepted. No student provided score reports of any kind will be accepted. Naviance and Enrich score reports will be accepted and considered official.

SAT Evidence-Based Reading & Writing Score

680

SAT Math Score

700

SAT Total Score*

1380

OR

ACT Superscore or Composite Score*

30

HS Counselor's Secure Authorization Form

High School Information

* School Counselor Name

* School Counselor Email

* High School Name

* CEEB

Phone

Ext:

Upload Final 10th Grade Year Transcript (if using 10th grade year rank to qualify)



Upload file

Drag file here or click to browse

Please upload in .pdf format.

Upload Student's Final 11th Grade Transcript (.pdf format)



Upload file

Drag file here or click to browse

Upload Student's Final 12th Grade Transcript (.pdf format)



Remove

Please note that you will not be able to revise this information once it has been submitted.

SUBMIT

Conditional Logic:
Transcript upload boxes
will populate based off the
info you provided on how
the student was qualifying.
So, you will only submit
the necessary transcripts.

HS Counselor's Secure Authorization Form

Thank You Chris!

We've added the information to Katie Harris's records.

Submitted Document

Summary

YOUR FIRST NAME

Christopher

YOUR LAST NAME

Harris

ARE YOU SUBMITTING THIS INFORMATION FOR AN EARLY OR LATE AWARD APPLICANT?

Early Award

FINAL 11TH GRADE SC UGP GPA

UPLOADED FILES

 Sample Transcript 2022.pdf (117.5 KB)	uploaded on 5/5/2024
 Sample Academy Transcript 2022.pdf (350.1 KB)	uploaded on 5/5/2024
 Sample ACT Score 2023.pdf (408.9 KB)	uploaded on 5/5/2024



Submitted Document Summary: you can print or save this, if you want. You can only see a list of uploaded files; you cannot see the file itself.

What Happens Next?

Student will receive an email notifying them that the Counselor has submitted their supporting documentation, and the student can check their dashboard.

Hi Kathryn,
Chris Harris submitted the Late Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Application supporting documentation you requested.

We have added it to your Late Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Application for you.



[Dashboard](#)[Documents](#)[School Counselor Authorization and Parental Consent Requests](#)

Please complete all the required items from the checklist so we can start reviewing your application.

[Preview Application](#)

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We're reviewing your application, Katie

Thank you for applying for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship. Once CHE receives the required documentation from your High School Counselor, we will begin reviewing your application. We will notify you of the decision when it's made.

Welcome back, Katie.

Your current applications

Late Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Application

Fall 2024 Cohort • Palmetto Scholarship Applicant • Last logged in an hour ago

In Review

You can start a new application

START NEW APPLICATION

Checklist

Required for your application:

COMPLETED 4/5 (80%)Last updated on 9/12/2026

Required item(s):

NOT COMPLETED

High School Transcript ReviewView

We've received:

COMPLETED

ACT/SAT Test Scores
Completed on 9/12/2026View

COMPLETED

Parental Consent Form
Completed on 9/12/2026View

COMPLETED

High School Counselor Submission
Completed on 9/12/2026View

COMPLETED

High School Transcript
Completed on 9/12/2026View

PFS Application Transcript Handling

Transcript will no longer show as **OUTSTANDING** until CHE Staff completes a manual review. It will automatically update to completed, if a document is loaded in the transcript upload field on the high school counselor submission form.

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Early Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Application ▾

PALMETTO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT - FALL 2027 COHORT

Dashboard

Documents

School Counselor Authorization and Parental Consent Requests

Please complete all the required items from the checklist so we can start reviewing your application.

We're reviewing your application, Ellason

Thank you for applying for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship. Once CHE receives the required documentation from your High School Counselor, we will begin reviewing your application. We will notify you of the decision when it's made.

***Please note: High school transcripts will display as Submitted once received by CHE. The High School Transcript Review item will remain Outstanding while CHE staff manually review your transcript(s). Reviews are typically completed within 30 days of receiving all required documentation. Applications are reviewed in the order documentation is received.**

★ Student's dashboard message 

Checklist

Required for your application:

COMPLETED 4/5 (80%)

Required item(s):

NOT COMPLETED High School Transcript Review

We've received:

COMPLETED ACT/SAT Test Scores
Completed on 9/12/2026

COMPLETED Parental Consent Form
Completed on 9/12/2026

COMPLETED High School Counselor Submission
Completed on 9/12/2026

COMPLETED High School Transcript
Completed on 9/12/2026



We have added a '**High School Transcript Review**' checklist item – this will automatically load to the student's checklist as outstanding. This is manually review by CHE Staff.



If a corrected Transcript is needed, a '**Corrected Transcript**' checklist item will be added to the student's checklist.

Checklist

Required for your application:

COMPLETED 5/6 (83%)

Required item(s):

NOT COMPLETED Corrected Transcript

We've received:

COMPLETED ACT/SAT Test Scores
Completed on 8/17/2026

COMPLETED Parental Consent Form
Completed on 8/17/2026

COMPLETED High School Counselor Submission
Completed on 8/17/2026

COMPLETED High School Transcript
Completed on 8/17/2026

COMPLETED High School Transcript Review
Completed on 9/1/2026

Student Dashboard

Once application processing is complete, the student's dashboard will automatically update, and they will receive an email as well. Student can submit the Designation Form from their dashboard.

The screenshot shows a student dashboard interface. On the left is a dark sidebar with navigation links: 'Dashboard' (with a grid icon), 'Documents' (with a folder icon), 'School Counselor Authorization and Parental Consent Requests' (with a checkmark icon), 'SUPPLEMENTAL FORMS' (with a document icon), '1 College Designation Form' (with a document icon and a green box around it), and 'Preview Application' (with an eye icon). A green arrow points from the left towards the 'College Designation Form' link. The main content area has a blue header with the text 'We've carefully reviewed your application, Katie' and 'We're happy to offer you a conditional award. Please check your checklist for your next steps.' Below this is a white section titled 'Congratulations! Important Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Information' decorated with confetti. It contains two paragraphs of text. A green arrow points from the 'College Designation Form' link in the sidebar to the bottom of the congratulatory message. At the bottom of the message is a green-bordered box containing instructions: 'Once you have finalized your college or university choice, please return to your dashboard to submit the Designation Form. This will notify CHE of your selected institution, allowing us to communicate directly with their Financial Aid Office regarding your Palmetto Fellows Scholarship. To submit, simply click "College Designation Form" on the left-hand menu, complete the form, and submit.'

Dashboard

Documents

School Counselor Authorization and Parental Consent Requests

SUPPLEMENTAL FORMS

1 College Designation Form

Preview Application

Please complete all the required items from the checklist so we can start reviewing your application.

We've carefully reviewed your application, Katie

We're happy to offer you a conditional award. Please check your checklist for your next steps.

Congratulations!

Important Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Information

On behalf of the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education, we are pleased to inform you that based on the information provided by you and your high school counselor during the Early Award Application process, you have met the academic requirements for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship for the 2025-2026 academic year.

We congratulate you on your outstanding academic achievements during high school and the academic promise you show for studies in higher education.

Once you have finalized your college or university choice, please return to your dashboard to submit the Designation Form. This will notify CHE of your selected institution, allowing us to communicate directly with their Financial Aid Office regarding your Palmetto Fellows Scholarship. To submit, simply click "College Designation Form" on the left-hand menu, complete the form, and submit.

Student Dashboard – Designation Form

Students can click on the College Designation Form on the left side menu bar to complete their Designation Form.



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Dashboard

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SUPPLEMENTAL FORMS

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College Designation Form

Please complete all the required items
from the checklist so we can start
reviewing your application.

Preview Application

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PALMETTO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT - FALL 2025 COHORT

 Katie H. ▾

Palmetto Fellows Designation Form

Congratulations! You have met the academic criteria in order to be considered for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship. If your S.C. residency and U.S. Citizenship/Legal Permanent residency is verified by your home institution, and you attend an eligible S.C. institution, you will be awarded the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship.

Early or Late Award Designation

Early Award ▾

This information can be found in the email you just received.

Personal Information

Last Name

Harris

First Name

Katie

Middle Name

Leigh

Social Security #

██████████

Person Email Address

This is how we will contact you. Do not use your school email address.

Cell Phone



Fields pre-populate with data from student's application.

Student Designation Form

Fields pre-populate with data from student's application.

Is this your mailing address?

✓ Yes

No

High School Attended

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High School Attended

Please use the school lookup feature to find your high school, if not listed, enter details below.



Chapin High School(410355)

300 Columbia Ave, Chapin 29036, United States

X

* High School Name

Chapin High School

* Graduation Date

5/31/2024

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College Information

* Name of the institution you plan to attend this upcoming fall term:

Student Designation Form

4-year College Selection

College Information

* Name of the institution you plan to attend this upcoming fall term:

Allen University

Anderson University

Benedict College

Bob Jones University

College Information

* Name of the institution you plan to attend this upcoming fall term:

Winthrop University

Student Certification

By providing your electronic signature you agree to the following terms:

I understand that in order to receive the Scholarship:1. SC residency and US citizenship/legal permanent residency must be verified by the institution at the time of initial college enrollment and at the beginning of each academic year;
2. I must attend an eligible SC institution no later than the fall term one year immediately following high school graduation and stay continuously enrolled as a full-time degree seeking student at an eligible SC institution.
3. I must sign a scholarship affidavit at my institution each academic year;
4. I understand that if I fail to comply with all of the above and at any point, the Scholarship will not be awarded. I understand that the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship is contingent upon the availability of funds appropriated by the General Assembly for the Program.

****By providing your electronic signature you agree that you understand the Renewal Requirements for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship:****1. Earn at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA at my home institution by the end of the academic year;
2. Earn a minimum of 30 credit hours for graduation purposes by the end of the academic year; and
3. Sign a scholarship affidavit/certification provided by the financial aid office at my institution by the institution's deadline.

The academic year begins with the fall term and ends with the immediately succeeding summer term. Exempted credit hours (i.e. AP, IB, and CLEP), credit hours earned before initial college enrollment (dual enrollment) cannot be used to meet the annual credit hour requirement.

I also understand that I must sign a form each year provided by the institution's financial aid office that reviews the scholarship requirements (i.e. Affidavit, Certification Form). Additionally, the Scholarship may be transferred to another eligible institution in South Carolina upon receiving prior approval from the Commission on Higher Education. If a student transfers midyear, it is the responsibility of the student to complete an in-state transfer request form (which can be found at [che.sc.gov](#)), as well as make arrangements to cover tuition and fees at the transferring institution until confirmation of the transfer request has been completed by the Commission. I have read the information regarding the Palmetto Fellows Program and understand the policies and procedures. I agree to adhere to the scholarship regulation (which can be found at [che.sc.gov](#)), including any changes made during my college matriculation.

* Electronic Signature (Please type FULL NAME)

* Date



Student Designation Form

At the bottom, additional selection options.



Out-of-state selection

College Information

* Name of the institution you plan to attend this upcoming fall term:

Two-Year Institution

Wofford College

Out-of-State

Other/Gap

Two-Year Institution

enrollment and at the beginning of each academic year.

College Information

* Name of the institution you plan to attend this upcoming fall term:

Out-of-State

Please enter the out-of-state institution you plan to attend:

Student Certification

If I plan on attending an out-of-state institution, I understand that I will not be awarded the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship. However, I understand that I may reapply for the award if I later transfer to an eligible institution and all fall and spring terms after high school graduation will be deducted from my maximum terms of eligibility. The cumulated GPA and credit hours required each academic year for continued eligibility must be maintained. All reapplications will be subject to approval by the Commission on Higher Education.

* Electronic Signature (Please type FULL NAME)

* Date



SUBMIT

Student Designation Form

At the bottom, additional selection options.



Other/Gap Year selection

College Information

* Name of the institution you plan to attend this upcoming fall term:

Two-Year Institution

Wofford College

Out-of-State

Other/Gap

Two-Year Institution

College Information

* Name of the institution you plan to attend this upcoming fall term:

Other/Gap

Please list the other institution you plan to attend or your reason for selecting 'Other/Gap.'

*If you plan to take a gap year please list "Gap" as your reason.

Student Certification

If I plan to take a 'Gap Year/Term', I understand I will need to submit a Reapplication form before it can be determined if I am still eligible to receive my Palmetto Fellows Scholarship. I also understand that if I plan to take a 'Gap Year/Term', I cannot earn any college credit during this time off or I may be at risk of losing my Palmetto Fellows Scholarship. Lastly, I understand that if I take a 'Gap Year/Term', I must meet the continued eligibility requirements of my new college enrollment cohort. The Reapplication form can be found on our website at che.sc.gov.

*Please note, if you take a 'Gap Year/Term', your college enrollment cohort will be different than your high school graduation cohort.

* Electronic Signature (Please type FULL NAME)

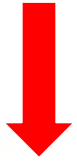
* Date



SUBMIT

Student Dashboard

At the bottom, additional selection options.



2-year College Selection

College Information

* Name of the institution you plan to attend this upcoming fall term:

Two-Year Institution

Wofford College

Out-of-State

Other/Gap

Two-Year Institution

* Name of the institution you plan to attend this upcoming fall term:

Two-Year Institution

Two Year School Attending:-

Aiken Technical College

Central Carolina Technical College

Denmark Technical College

Florence-Darlington Technical College

Student Designation Form

2-year College Selection

* Name of the institution you plan to attend this upcoming fall term:

Two-Year Institution

College Information

* Name of the institution you plan to attend this upcoming fall term:

Two-Year Institution

Wofford College

Out-of-State

Other/Gap

Two-Year Institution

Two Year School Attending:

Midlands Technical College

Student Certification

By providing your electronic signature you agree to the following terms:

I understand that in order to receive the Scholarship:1. SC residency and US citizenship/legal permanent residency must be verified by the institution at the time of initial college enrollment and at the beginning of each academic year;

2. I must attend an eligible SC institution no later than the fall term one year immediately following high school graduation and stay continuously enrolled as a full-time degree seeking student at an eligible SC institution.

3. I must sign a scholarship affidavit at my institution each academic year;

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2. Earn a minimum of 30 credit hours for graduation purposes by the end of the academic year; and

3. Sign a scholarship affidavit/certification provided by the financial aid office at my institution by the institution's deadline.

The academic year begins with the fall term and ends with the immediately succeeding summer term. Exempted credit hours (i.e. AP, IB, and CLEP), credit hours earned before initial college enrollment (dual enrollment) cannot be used to meet the annual credit hour requirement.

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* Electronic Signature (Please type FULL NAME)

Student Designation Form

Student can click on form from their dashboard and view form and see that the form has been submitted. Student will not be able to submit this form multiple times.

* Electronic Signature (Please type FULL NAME)
Kathryn Harris

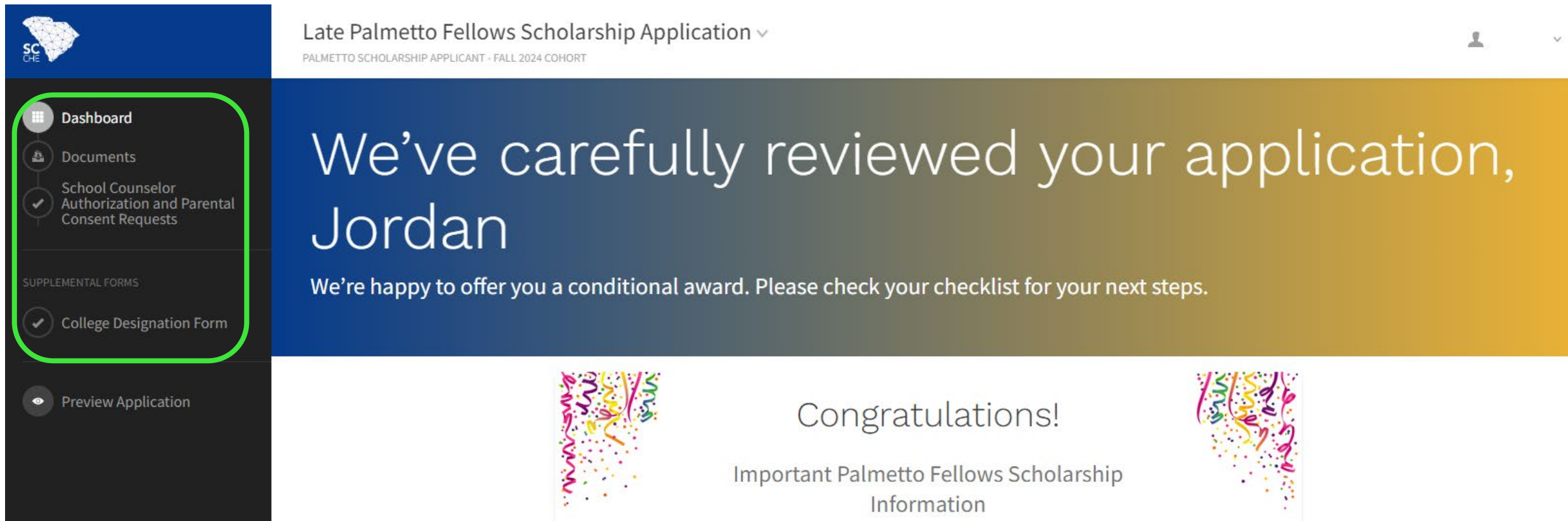
* Date
5/22/2024

SUBMITTED

This form has already been submitted.

Student Dashboard

Student's checklist items will update after application has been processed.



The screenshot shows a student dashboard for the "Late Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Application" for the "FALL 2024 COHORT". The dashboard is divided into a left sidebar and a main content area. The sidebar, which is dark blue, contains a list of navigation items: "Dashboard" (highlighted with a green rounded rectangle), "Documents", "School Counselor Authorization and Parental Consent Requests", "SUPPLEMENTAL FORMS", "College Designation Form", and "Preview Application". The main content area has a blue header with the text "We've carefully reviewed your application, Jordan" and a yellow background with the text "We're happy to offer you a conditional award. Please check your checklist for your next steps." Below this, there is a section titled "Congratulations!" with the subtitle "Important Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Information", flanked by two decorative confetti graphics.

Late Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Application ▾
PALMETTO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT - FALL 2024 COHORT

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We've carefully reviewed your application,
Jordan

We're happy to offer you a conditional award. Please check your checklist for your next steps.

Congratulations!
Important Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Information

**** If a student's school choice changes after they have submitted their Designation Form, please have them email Scholarships@che.sc.gov to request an update to their school choice. They will need to provide their full name and high school name in their email.**

School Rank Policy

- If we can't locate your rank policy on your website, you will need to email your School handbook or profile showing your class rank policy. Your policy should match what you are currently doing for class rank.
- CHE will review a school's rank policy every 3 years to ensure compliance with regulations.

Rank Report

< Class Ranking

Sample High

25-26 Year

Class Ranking for Grade 11

SC_GPA_UGP_Round

06/02/2026 - Sample High

CHE archives rank reports – submit to CHE at end of AY.

PowerSchool rank reports do not have the words “Date Calculated” however date calculated is shown as highlighted above.

Make sure transcripts and rank report match.

Rank	Student #	Name	GPA	Percentile
1.	40047	Student 1	5.442	.42
2.	10056	Student 2	5.417	.84
3.	110010029988	Student 3	5.307	1.27
4.	18064	Student 4	5.266	1.69
5.	40053	Student 5	5.178	2.11
6.	110010030215	Student 6	5.126	2.53
7.	110010029895	Student 7	5.095	2.95
8.	31645	Student 8	5.088	3.38
9.	110010028863	Student 9	5.048	3.80
10.	110010030028	Student 10	5.038	4.22
11.	110010028783	Student 11	4.965	4.64
12.	110010030210	Student 12	4.909	5.06
13.	28923	Student 13	4.899	5.49
14.	10183	Student 14	4.877	5.91
15.	26168	Student 15	4.866	6.33
16.	110010030094	Student 16	4.777	6.75
17.	110010033468	Student 17	4.775	7.17

Rank Report

CHE archives rank reports – submit to CHE at end of AY.

PowerSchool Excel rank reports may not have: School name, grade level rank, academic year, and date calculated. You will need to add this information as a Header.

**** Make sure GPA, rank and class size on transcripts and rank report match.**

SC Sample High School
2023-24 12 Grade Class Rank

Date Calculated: 6/13/24

RANK	STUDENTID	LASTFIRST	GPA	PERCENTILE	STORECODE
1	22683	Student 1	4.704	1.59	
2	21894	Student 2	4.513	3.17	
3	22112	Student 3	4.478	4.76	
4	11004	Student 4	4.474	6.35	
5	2.60E+11	Student 5	4.347	7.94	
6	20325	Student 6	4.168	9.52	
7	2.60E+11	Student 7	4.097	11.11	
8	26504	Student 8	4.09	12.7	
9	32302	Student 9	3.957	14.29	
10	35350	Student 10	3.939	15.87	
11	14651	Student 11	3.9	17.46	
12	22281	Student 12	3.882	19.05	
13	15674	Student 13	3.857	20.63	
14	11048	Student 14	3.772	22.22	

Saving the Date Calculated in the title, is not sufficient – Colleges are audited on the Date Calculated – they cannot see the title when it’s uploaded into the PFS portal. All Excel documents need to be converted to a PDF before submitting to CHE.

Rank Report - Private/Homeschool



**Academy
University**

Accountability Group

- ✓ Must show the words “Date Calculated” and the actual date final calculation was done.
- ✓ Needs to show school name or letterhead.
- ✓ Make sure data on transcripts and rank report match.
- ✓ CHE archives rank reports – submit to CHE each June.

Rank Report

Date Calculated: June 14, 2022

$$L20 \times 6\% = 2$$

11 th Grade Ranking Report: 6/14/22		
Name	SC UGP	Rank
Student #1	4.868	1
Student #2	4.742	2
Student #3	4.561	3
Student #4	4.378	4
Student #5	4.235	5
Student #6	4.148	6
Student #7	4.027	7
Student #8	3.982	8
Student #9	3.817	9
Student #10	3.665	10

Transcript - Public / PowerSchool

Must contain
signature.

Make sure data on
transcripts and rank
report match.

Student Name Last, First Middle		
Student ID XXXXX	Grade 12	Gender F
State ID XXXXXXXX	Date of Birth 02/19/2008	Ethnic Code W
Parent Guardian		

State of South Carolina
Standard High School Transcript - Final

Graduation Date: 05/22/2026
Class Of: 2026
Diploma Type: State of SC Diploma

School Name/Address High School Street Address City, SC Zip Code Tel: XXX-XXX-XXXX Fax: XXX-XXX-XXXX
District Name/Address County School District Street Address City, SC Zip Code Tel: XXX-XXX-XXXX; Fax: XXX-XXX-XXXX

Crs ID	Course Title	Term	Grd	Mark	Credit	Crs ID	Course Title	Term	Grd	Mark	Credit
20-21 Middle School											
363108CW	Latin 1	YR	7	100	1.00						
21-22 Middle School											
302408HW	Eng I HN	YR	8	95	1.00						
363208CW	Latin 2	YR	8	95	1.00						
411408HW	Alg 1 HN	YR	8	92	1.00						
22-23 High School											
302500HW	English 2 HN	S1	9	96	1.00						
322100HW	Biology 1 HN	S2	9	97	1.00						
337701AW	AP World History	S2	9	91	1.00						
339902CW	Strat for Success	S1	9	96	1.00						
363300HW	Latin 3 HN	S1	9	100	1.00						
411500HW	Algebra 2 HN	YR	9	88	1.00						
412200HW	Geometry HN	S2	9	98	1.00						
459910CW	Musical Theater	YR	9	97	1.00						
25-26 High School											
322881EW	DE Biology I	S2	12	95	1.00						
324500CW	Forensic Science	S1	12	98	1.00						
334700EW	DE Intro Soc	S1	12	78	1.00						
459910HW	Musical Theat HN	S1	12	99	1.00						
459936HW	Theater Prod HN	S2	12	100	1.00						
750000EW	DE SpTopPopMsc	S1	12	90	1.00						
905200EW	DE OnIPublComm	S2	12	95	1.00						

Make sure data on transcripts and rank report match.

9/11

SAT/ACT Score Stickers

SAMPLE

This side for PSAT, SAT, PLAN, ACT, AP.

STUDENT NAME
AP EXAM SCORES
19:HGEO 5

NAME
00/00/00 A

STUDENT NAME
SAT August 2020 Gr: 12
Registration Number/Access Code: 004677893
Total: 1440 ERW: 690 Y MSS: 750 Y
R: 32 WL: 37 MTS: 37.5
SCI: 36 HSS: 32
EOI: 15 SEC: 13 WIC: 13 COE: 14
HOA: 14 PSD: 14 PAM: 14
ESR: ESA: ESW:
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STUDENT NAME	NAME OF STUDENT	ACT ID	05/08/2004
			DATE OF BIRTH
*The writing score range is 1-36 for test events Sept. 2015 to Aug. 2016 and 2-12 for all other test events.			
ENGLISH	MATH	READING	WRITING*
SCORES: 30	31	25	28
PERCENT AT OR BELOW NAT'L COMP.: 90			29
			11
			TEST DATE & TEST LOCATION
			02/2021

The ACT

STUDENT NAME
AP EXAM SCORES
21:USHIST 5
21:BIO 5
21:ENGLANG 4
21:CALCAB 5

NAME
05/08/04
20:WORLDHIS 5
19:HUMANGEO 5

Verified
by [Signature]
4/11/22



This is an unofficial
score report – it
must contain
signature or initials
to be accepted.

SAT/ACT Enrich Score Summary

Student name MUST be on score summary. If your district did not format it so student name prints at the top of page, all pages MUST be included.

3/30/2021

Test Scores

Student Name

Frontline Education

2019 October	11	32	93	34	99	25.5	62	1170	87	Yes	Yes	
2018 October	10	34	97	32	95	26.5	76	1190	91	Yes	Yes	
2016 October	08	31	92	31	93	77	25	66	1120	84	Yes	Yes

READY TO WORK

Administration	Grade	General Certificate Level	Applied Mathematics Level Score	Locating Information Level Score	Reading for Information Level Score	Soft Skills Score
2020	12	Platinum	7	6	6	Pass

SAT

Administration	Grade	Writing Score	Math Score	Evidence Based Reading and Writing Score	SAT Total Score
2021 March	12		610	740	1350
2020 December	12		660	710	1370
2020 August	12		600	730	1330

1400

SC READY

Paul Winfrey

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SAT Score Report

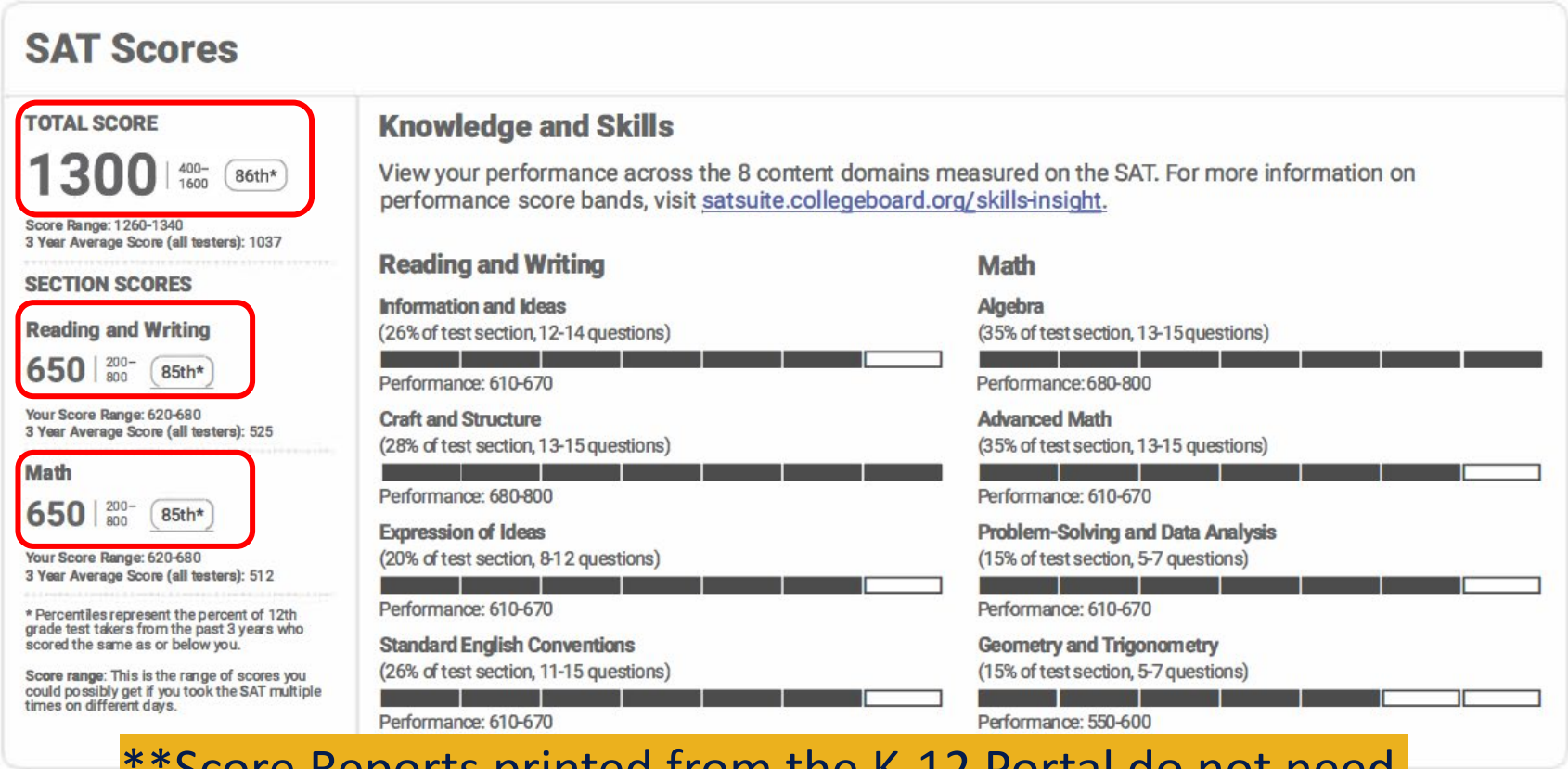


Name: **Student Name**
Grade: **11**
Test administration: **SAT School Day Spring 2026**
Tested on: **Mar 11, 2026**
Record Locator: **S000761253**

Your Score Report

Saved from College Board’s K-12 portal.

If Superscoring, we will need score report for each date you are using a subject score to Superscore.



****Score Reports printed from the K-12 Portal do not need a HS Counselor signature or initial – we will not accept a student score report.**

ACT Superscores for LIFE & Palmetto Fellows

Calculate the student's superscore both ways — then use the higher composite score.

WITHOUT SCIENCE

English + Math + Reading

Divide by 3

Rounding:

If .6 or higher – Round up;
If .5 or lower – Round down

WITH SCIENCE

English + Math + Reading + Science

Divide by 4

Rounding:

If .5 or higher – Round up;
If .4 or lower – Round down

KEY RULE: Use whichever calculation produces the higher ACT Composite.

CHE's ACT Superscore Calculator

Need help calculating an ACT superscore?

Enter the student's highest ACT subject scores from different test administrations.

The calculator will calculate the superscore with and without Science.

- ✓ Compare both calculation methods
- ✓ Reduce manual calculation errors
- ✓ Use the higher composite for scholarship eligibility
- ✓ Submit test score reports for each subject score being used

**Note: ACT Test Score reports after September 2025 will show the Science subject score, if the student took science, but it will not be calculated in the Superscore Composite.*

CHE's Superscore Calculator:

<https://che.sc.gov/sites/che/files/Documents/Counselors%20Page/ACT%20Superscore%20Calculator.xlsx>

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Student Name:

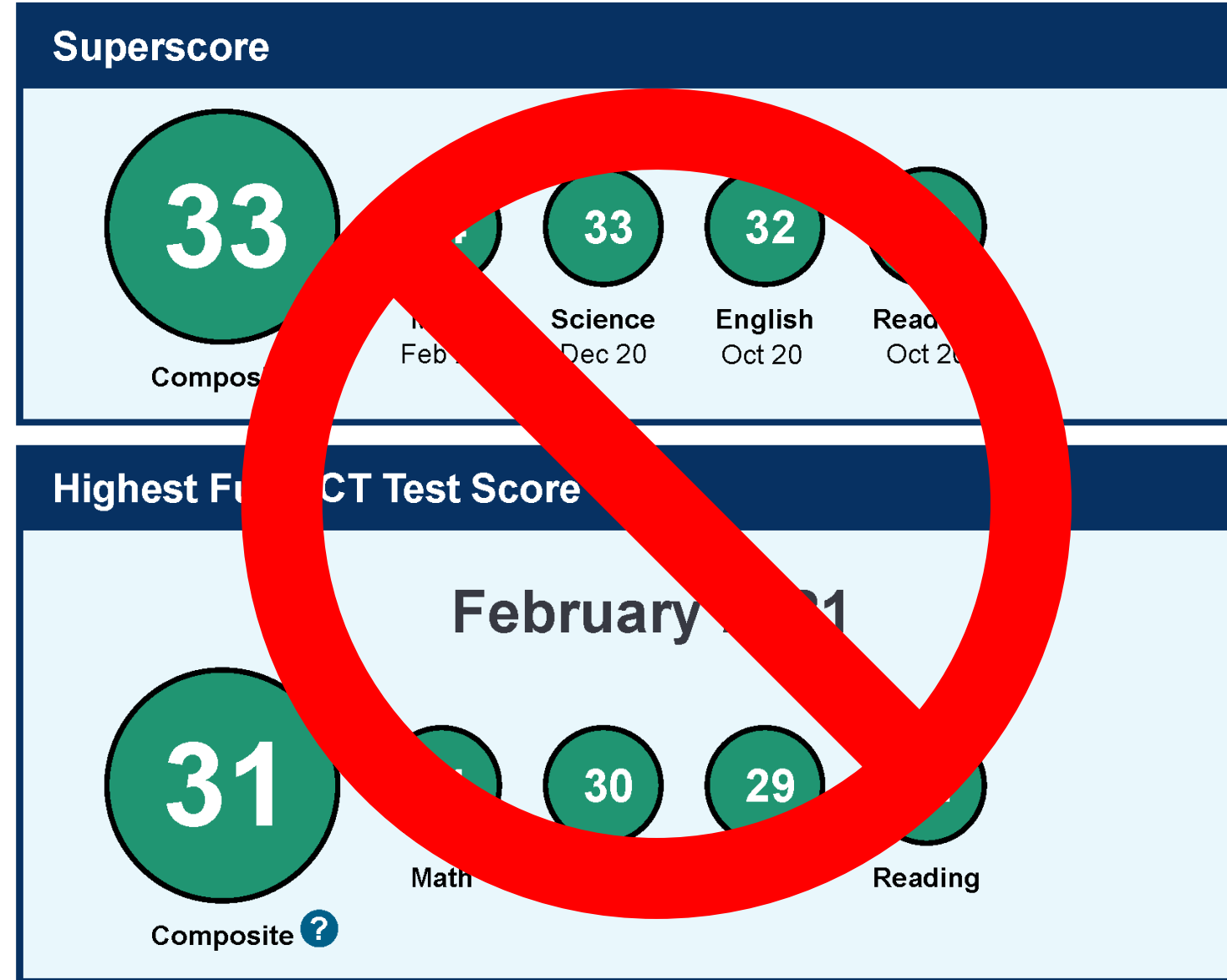
Eric Jones

Please enter the highest test scores in each area			
Math	Science	English	Reading
30	27	34	30
Legacy Superscore			30
Enhanced (New) Superscore			31

**an official score report for each corresponding subject score must be submitted*

ACT Score Report - Student's Score Report

CHE will not accept a student's score report screenshot (or printed) from their portal.



Excerpt from Kayla's ACT Superscore Report at My ACT

ACT Score Report - Enhanced Sample

Saved from ACT's K-12 portal.

If no Superscore on report, will need score report for each date you are using a subject score to Superscore.

STUDENT FIRST MI LAST
STREET ADDRESS
CITY, SC ZIP CODE

ACT ID: XXXXXXXX
GRADUATION YEAR: 2027

DOB: MARCH 10, 2009
GENDER: FEMALE

TEST DATE: FEBRUARY 2026 | STATE
HIGH SCHOOL CODE: XXXXXX
HIGH SCHOOL NAME

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High School Report

Ranking Results

The student's ranks tell you the approximate percentages of recent high school graduates in the US and your state who took the ACT® test and received scores that are the same as or lower than the student's scores. For example, a rank of 56 for the student's Composite score means 56% of students earned that Composite score or below.

US Rank

Composite 99%

Math 99%

Science 99%

STEM 99%

English 99%

Reading 97%

Writing --%

ELA --%

State Rank

Composite 99%

Math 99%

Science 99%

STEM 99%

English 99%

Reading 97%

Writing --%

ELA --%

Progress Toward the ACT National Career Readiness Certificate®

This indicator provides an estimate of the ACT National Career Readiness Certificate (ACT NCRC®) that students with this ACT Composite score are likely to obtain. The ACT NCRC is an assessment-based credential that documents foundational work skills important for job success across industries and occupations. Visit www.act.org/NCRC-indicator to learn more.

Composite Score

1 Scale 36

Bronze Silver Gold Platinum

35

Students with this ACT Composite score are likely to obtain a Platinum level NCRC.

Dashes (-) indicate information was not provided or could not be calculated.

All detailed results are based on the test event that was selected.

Test Type: Full Battery

Superscores

35

35

34

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COMPOSITE

MATH

SCIENCE

STEM

ENGLISH

READING

WRITING

ELA

36

30

24

18

12

6

1

Student's Score

ACT College Readiness Benchmarks

Student's Score Range

If the student's score is at or above the Benchmark, he or she will likely be ready for first-year college courses in the corresponding subject area. There is currently no Benchmark for writing.

achievement. For each test, the student's true achievement likely falls within a small range above or below the reported score. This range, shown by the bands around the score, reflects typical fluctuations that might occur if the student were to retake the test within a short time.

* Scores on English, reading, and writing are required to calculate an ELA score.

Detailed Results

MATH 35

ACT Readiness Range

Preparing for Higher Math 32 of 33 97%

• Number & Quantity 5 of 5 100%

• Algebra 7 of 7 100%

• Functions 8 of 8 100%

• Geometry 7 of 8 88%

• Statistics & Probability 5 of 5 100%

Integrating Essential Skills 7 of 8 88%

Modeling 8 of 8 100%

SCIENCE 34

Interpretation of Data 13 of 16 81%

Scientific Investigation 9 of 9 100%

Evaluation of Models, 8 of 9 89%

Inferences & Experimental Results

ACT Composite Score: Beginning with all ACT tests taken in September 2025, the Composite score is the average of the math, English, and reading scores. For most ACT tests taken prior to September 2025, the Composite score also includes the science score. The Composite score is not computed when any of the test scores that contribute to it are missing. With the exception of writing, all test scores range from 1 to 36.

STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math | ELA: English Language Arts

ACT Readiness Range: This range shows where a student who has met the ACT College Readiness Benchmark on this subject test would typically perform.

ENGLISH 35

ACT Readiness Range

Production of Writing 15 of 16 94%

Knowledge of Language 8 of 8 100%

Conventions of Standard English 15 of 16 94%

READING 34

Key Ideas & Details 12 of 13 92%

Craft & Structure 8 of 8 100%

Integration of Knowledge & Ideas 5 of 6 83%

WRITING --

If the student took the writing test, the essay was scored on a scale of 1 to 6 by two raters in each of the four writing domains. These domains represent essential skills and abilities that are necessary to meet the writing demands of college and career. The domain scores, ranging from 2 to 12, are a sum of the two raters' scores. The writing score is the average of the student's four domain scores rounded to the nearest whole number. To learn more about the writing score, visit www.act.org/the-act/writing-scores.

Ideas & Analysis

Development & Support

Organization

Language Use & Conventions

****Score Reports printed from the K12 Portal do not need a HS Counselor signature or initial – we will not accept a student score report.**

Student Notification

- Students will be notified:
 - Approx. 1 month after CHE receives their School supporting documents.
 - Late Award: Late August*
- Dashboard will be updated automatically, and student will receive an email.
 - Emails are sent from Scholarships@che.sc.gov



Designation Form

- In order for the student to receive scholarship funds they **MUST** complete the DESIGNATION FORM
 - This is the SOLE responsibility of the student
 - This is an online form that will show on the student's dashboard once the application is processed
- Final deadline to submit Designation Form: August 31st
 - Please remind students to check their dashboard and email!



Palmetto Fellows Application Status Reports

Delivered by email on the first Monday of every month



CHECK YOUR STUDENTS



Who has submitted an application?



What is each student's current status?



Are there any students missing from this report?

You received an email to submit documents but the student is not on the report – this is a red flag that the student started an application but did not submit it.



Ask the student to log into their dashboard and check the status of their application.



CHECK YOUR ACTION ITEMS



Did I receive and respond to the counselor request?



Did I submit the required school documentation?



Did I miss an email or action item?



CATCH ISSUES EARLY



Student started an application but never submitted it.



Student submitted, but counselor documents are still missing.



Application/documentation issue that still has time to be corrected.



BOTH SIDES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE DEADLINE.

Student application + High school counselor documentation
Submitting one does not substitute for the other.



STUDENT
APPLICATION

COUNSELOR
DOCUMENTATION



How does the student keep the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship?

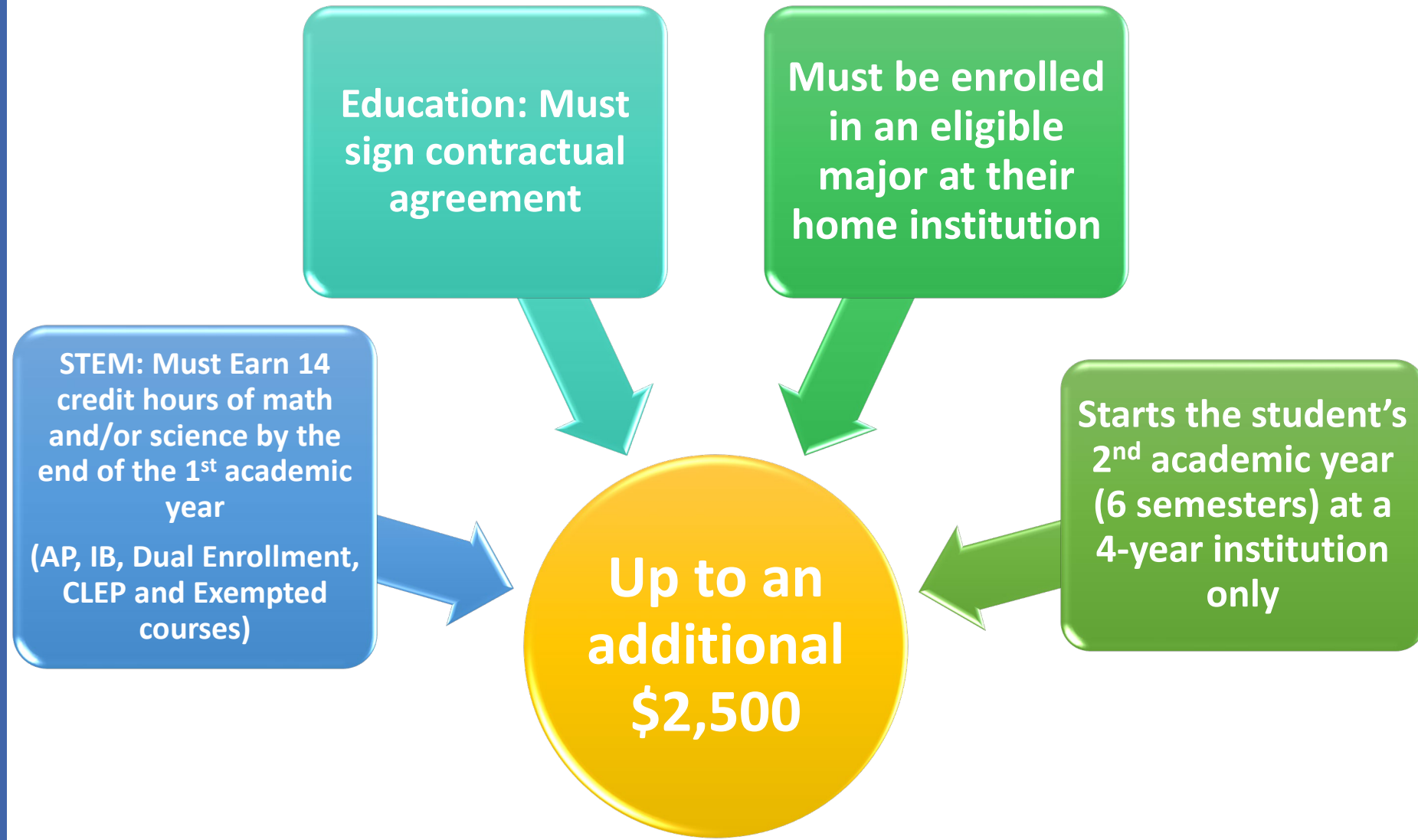
3.0 cumulative
institutional GPA

(Cannot transfer grades
from other colleges)

Earn 30 credit hours each
academic year

Does NOT include AP, IB,
Dual Enrollment, CLEP or
exempted hours

LIFE & PFS Enhancements



ENHANCEMENTS

LIFE Scholarship

1st Year

- Up to \$5,000

2nd, 3rd &
4th Years

- Up to \$7,500 with Enhancement

Palmetto Fellows Scholarship

1st Year

- Up to \$6,700

2nd, 3rd &
4th Years

- Up to \$7,500
- Up to \$10,000 with Enhancement

Students with Documented Disabilities

Register with the Office of Disability Services



May be eligible for accommodations



May be eligible for Reduced Course load

General State Scholarship & Grant Information



- No State Scholarships or Grants may be used at an out-of-state institution at any time.
- Academic Common Market
 - Allows for South Carolina residents who are enrolled in specific programs at out-of-state institutions to be charged only the applicable in-state tuition by the institution in which the student is enrolled



TRANSCRIPTS

In order to determine eligibility for the State scholarship programs, the financial aid office/institution and/or CHE for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship must have an official transcript on file (electronic or otherwise) that demonstrates the following items:

- A valid signature (electronic or otherwise) from the Principal.* In the event that the Principal is not available, the Superintendent signature is acceptable.
 - ***For Independent/Private and home school students: The administrator, registrar, or an official from the home school/accountability group. Should provide letter stating designated school rep.*
- SC UGP GPA must be demonstrated
- Date calculated date to be date calculated no later than June 15th (regardless of academic year)
 - For the LIFE Scholarship and the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Late Award the transcript MUST demonstrate that it is the final official transcript, as well as reflect a graduation date
- Rank
 - If an independent high school or home school association has an approved policy on rank, a rank must be demonstrated on the official transcript (even if the student is not using rank for scholarship eligibility).
 - A rank report must also be submitted **with a date calculated matching the transcripts** even if the student is not using rank. (LIFE 62-1200.10.C)

Transcript Requirements:

Scholarship Eligibility Purposes

Transfer Students

- If a student transfers into your school, and they would like to be considered for state scholarships, the receiving school must provide a cumulative SC UGP GPA either on their schools' transcript or provide a conversion document that shows the student's cumulative SC UGP GPA.
- Class rank uses a cumulative SC UGP GPA, if the student does not have a cumulative SC UGP GPA on their transcript, the student cannot be ranked. The student would be included in the class size and listed on the rank report as not ranked.
- If there is no cumulative SC UGP GPA provided, a student will not be eligible for state scholarships.

HOW TOP PERCENT CALCULATIONS WORK

Two scholarships. Same calculation. Different rounding rules.



PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP TOP 6% OF CLASS

Calculate class size $\times$ 6%.
Round to the next whole student.

EXAMPLE

Class size: 133 students
 $133 \times 6\% = 7.98$



Round up to the next whole student.
8 students
in the top 6%



LIFE SCHOLARSHIP TOP 30% OF CLASS

Calculate class size $\times$ 30%.
Do not round.

EXAMPLE

Class size: 133 students
 $133 \times 30\% = 39.9$



Do not round.
39 students
in the top 30%



Rank ties require a Rank Tie Letter from the high school or home school association documenting each student's true rank. The student's GPA may need to be truncated past two decimal points in order to determine the student's true rank or please refer to your district's, school's or homeschool association's approved policy.

Rank Policies

- In order for a student to use rank from any in-state, out-of-state, public, private, virtual, or charter high school or home school association the process in which rank is determined must be the same for each student.
- A rank policy* is considered the following:
 - Based on the SC UGP;
 - Ranks ALL academic classes at the END of each academic year (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th);
 - Includes the entire class. If the entire class is not included when calculating class rank, then rank CANNOT to be considered;
 - Rank and SC UGP must be demonstrated on the official transcript submitted to CHE or eligible SC institution

**Please Note: In accordance with 62-1200.10 C (3): Student Eligibility: LIFE Scholarship and LIFE Scholarship Enhancement and 62-320 C (4): Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Application, "High schools or home school associations shall not use ranking for the sole purpose of obtaining eligibility for the state scholarships."*

Rank Policies

- The rank policy and rank policy information needs to be consistent in all places rank information is provided
 - School profile
 - Student/parent handbook
 - School website
- Made available to:
 - Students/parents
 - SC Commission on Higher Education staff
 - SC colleges and universities that award State scholarships

Please Note: A Rank Report is required to be submitted to Commission staff and/or eligible SC institution by any independent/private high school or homeschool association should a student be using rank as an eligibility criteria for any of the State scholarship programs. (In compliance with Regulation 62-1200.10)

Rank Reports

If the school/home school association officially ranks as a policy, a rank report must also be submitted to verify class rank on transcript.

Rank reports must include:

- All diploma-seeking students in the class;
- List their GPAs;
- List their class rank;
- Show “Date Calculated”
 - No later than June 15th
- **Information on rank report MUST match information on Transcript.**

Rank Reports

Per the memo sent to institutions and high schools on June 15, 2023, beginning with the Class of 2024, all ranking schools **MUST** submit their final 12th grade ranking report to CHE **no later than June 30** of each academic year. **Must be in pdf format.**

Rank reports can be sent to
Scholarships@che.sc.gov

Ranking high schools no longer need to send ranking reports to SC Colleges and Universities.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

SC HOPE, LIFE, Palmetto Fellows Scholarship, SC Need-based Grant & Lottery Tuition Assistance**

- US Citizen/Legal Permanent Resident*
- SC Resident*
- No felony convictions**
- No second or subsequent alcohol/drug misdemeanors
- Not in default on any state or federal loans
- Enroll in a degree-seeking program at an eligible SC institution

**This must be determined at the time of high school graduation & college enrollment.*

***Excluding Lottery Tuition Assistance.*

EARLY GRADUATE vs. GRADUATING EARLY

UNDERSTANDING SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

CHE uses specific definitions for Early Graduate and Graduating Early.

Use this guide to determine how students in each category may qualify for LIFE and Palmetto Fellows Scholarships.



EARLY GRADUATE

Senior graduating mid-year
NOT during the Spring Cohort.

Student completes all graduation requirements and graduates before the end of the school year (before the Spring Cohort).



DEFINITION



LIFE SCHOLARSHIP

- For scholarship eligibility the student CANNOT use rank as an eligibility criterion.



PALMETTO FELLOWS

- Can ONLY apply during the Early Award Period prior to completing their high school graduation requirements.



PALMETTO FELLOWS EARLY AWARD PERIOD

- July 15 – May 1 (11:59 pm)



LIFE SCHOLARSHIP

- There is no application. The financial aid office at the eligible SC institution will review the student's credentials and award.



SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY



HOW TO APPLY



GRADUATING EARLY

Student graduates academic year(s) early
Graduates with Spring Cohort.

Student completes all graduation requirements early (one or more academic year(s) early) and graduates with their new graduating class during the Spring Cohort.



LIFE SCHOLARSHIP

- Eligibility is based on the end of the academic year with the student's "new" graduating class.



PALMETTO FELLOWS

- Students CANNOT apply during the Early Award Period (if they don't have a final 11th grade GPA).



PALMETTO FELLOWS LATE AWARD PERIOD

- June 1 – July 15 (11:59 pm)



LIFE SCHOLARSHIP

- There is no application. The financial aid office at the eligible SC institution will review the student's credentials and award.



IMPORTANT:

When in doubt, have the student contact their school counselor to confirm which category applies to their situation.



QUESTIONS?

We're here to help!



Scholarships@che.sc.gov



<https://che.sc.gov>



Always check the CHE website and program materials for complete eligibility requirements and deadlines.



- Transfer Excellence Center

- 2023 Transfer Action Plan
- Transfer Outcomes Dashboard
- Transfer and Articulation Center (SC TRAC)
- Military Credit Mobility Task Force
- Credit for Prior Military Learning Training

- Licensing of Non-Public Postsecondary Institutions

- Pay Licensing Fees Online
- Pay SC SARA Fees Online

- Nursing Educator Initiative

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- REACH Act Compliance Guidelines

- CHEMIS

- High School Counselor Resources

- SC CAN GO (College Access and FAFSA Completion Events)
- Veteran's Education and Training (SAA)
- EIA Centers of Excellence for Teacher Education

High School Counselor Resources

Welcome to the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education's resource page for high school counselors! Our goal is to enhance college access by providing resources to support our counselors as they help students on their higher education journey. As a partner for counselors across the state, the CHE Office of Student Affairs is committed to supporting your efforts in shaping the academic and personal growth of students as they pursue their higher education dreams.

Join us for our 2025 Palmetto Fellows Workshops!

We are excited to announce four virtual workshops this fall designed to support administrators and counselors in navigating the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship application process.

- The first workshop, in September, will be tailored specifically for **homeschool administrators**.
- The following three workshops will be for **counselors and administrators at public and independent high schools**.

Each session will provide an overview of the digital application process and guidance on how Early Applications for the Class of 2026 can be successfully submitted electronically. We encourage homeschool administrators, high school counselors, and school administrators to register for the workshop most relevant to their setting. Simply click the "Register" link for your preferred session.

Dates and Registration:



Updates:

[REGISTRATION FOR COLLEGE APPLICATION MONTH AND COLLEGE GOAL SC EVENTS IS OPEN!](#)

[College Application Month Student Survey Link](#)

[Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Fall 2025 Workshops Flyer \(PDF\)](#)

Training Workshops:

[FAFSA Counselor Training](#)

[Palmetto Fellows Late Award Workshop \(PPT\)](#)

[VIDEO: Palmetto Fellows Late Award Workshop](#)

[VIDEO: College Goal SC Site Coordinator Training](#)



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^ State Lottery Scholarship Information and Resources

Note: General information on state scholarships and grants is located on our [Scholarships and Grants Page](#)

- [Early Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Student Invite \(PDF\)](#)
- [Palmetto Fellows Application Status Report Guide](#)
- [Palmetto Fellows 25-26 Application Timeline](#)
- [2026 Palmetto Fellows Student Info Packet \(PDF\)](#)
- [Class Rank Reports Process \(PDF\)](#)
- [Scholarship Regulations](#)
- [State Lottery Scholarships and Grants Printable Flyer \(PDF\)](#)
- [Act 156 Enhancements Guidance for Education and Accounting Majors - Fall 2024 \(PDF\)](#)
 - [Education programs eligible for scholarship enhancements \(PDF\)](#)
 - [Emergency LIFE Scholarship regulations \(PDF\)](#)
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Grants for SC Residents

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Fall 2024 Scholarship Updates:

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[See the list of education programs eligible for scholarship enhancements \(PDF\)](#)

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Retaining state scholarships and grants:

Scholarship and Grant Overview

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**Excluding Lottery Tuition Assistance.

QUALIFYING CRITERIA

SC HOPE
\$2,800

- Attend an eligible four-year institution
- 3.0 SC UGP GPA

CONTINUED ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 3.0 LIFE GPA; and
- Earn an average of 30 credit hours by the end of the first academic year*

If a SC HOPE recipient satisfies the above criteria, they move into the LIFE scholarship program beginning in their 2nd academic year



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Retaining state scholarship and grants:



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How can we help you today?

WE TYPICALLY REPLY IN A FEW HOURS

[Start New Conversation](#)



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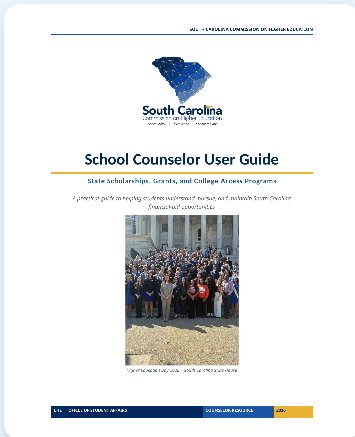
New School Counselor Scholarship Resources

Two practical tools created for South Carolina high school counselors



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SCHOOL COUNSELOR USER GUIDE

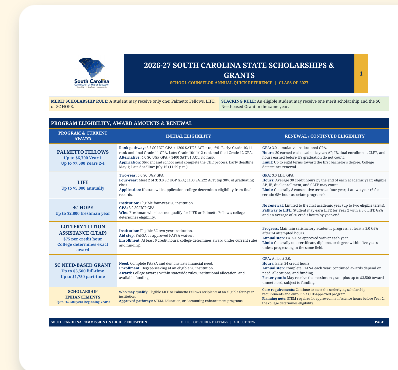


Comprehensive guidance for state scholarships, grants, and college access programs

Use throughout the year when questions arise

2

ANNUAL QUICK REFERENCE



Eligibility criteria, award information, renewal rules, and annual reminders

Designed for quick answers at a glance



FIND BOTH RESOURCES ON THE High School Counselor Resources webpage

Latest versions and workshop information

Register for an Upcoming Virtual Workshop



Register from the High School Counselor webpage!

2026-2027
EARLY APPLICATION

PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOPS

EARLY AWARD WORKSHOPS:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026 AT 1:00PM
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2026 AT 9:30AM
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2026 AT 11:00AM



PALMETTO FELLOWS BASIC WORKSHOPS:

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2026 AT 10:00AM
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2026 AT 12:00PM

REGISTER HERE:

<https://che.sc.gov/high-school-counselor-resources>



Two workshop formats designed to meet your needs this year!
The Early Award Workshop offers a comprehensive walkthrough of the Application process. The Palmetto Fellows Basics Workshop is a quick refresher highlighting key program updates, eligibility reminders, and common submission pitfalls.

The sessions will be recorded and following the final workshop, a recording and the presentation slides will be available on our High School Counselor Resources webpage.



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