

State Lottery-Funded Scholarships & Grants



GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL PROGRAMS

- U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident*
- South Carolina resident*
- No felony convictions**
- No second or subsequent alcohol/drug misdemeanors
- Not in default on any state or federal loans
- Enrolled in a degree-seeking program at an eligible South Carolina institution

* Status must be determined at high school graduation and college enrollment. ** Excludes Lottery Tuition Assistance.

PROGRAM / AWARD	QUALIFYING CRITERIA	CONTINUED ELIGIBILITY
SC HOPE \$2,800	• Attend an eligible four-year institution • 3.0 SC UGP GPA	• 3.0 LIFE GPA; and • Earn an average of 30 credit hours by the end of the first academic year* If these criteria are met, the student moves into the LIFE Scholarship program beginning in the second academic year.
LIFE \$5,000	• Two-year institution: 3.0 SC UGP GPA • Four-year institution - meet 2 of 3: • 3.0 SC UGP GPA • 1100 SAT or 22 ACT • Top 30% of graduating class* • *Rank cannot be used for mid-year graduates.	• 3.0 LIFE GPA; and • Earn an average of 30 credit hours by the end of the first academic year** • Up to eight terms toward a first bachelor's degree *Academic year: Fall, Spring, Summer. **AP, IB, dual enrollment, and CLEP hours may count toward the credit-hour requirement.
Palmetto Fellows \$6,700 year 1 \$7,500 years 2-4	• 3.5 SC UGP GPA; and • 1200 SAT or 25 ACT; and • Top 6% rank in grade 10, 11, or 12 • Alternative criteria (without rank): • 4.0 SC UGP GPA; and • 1400 SAT or 31 ACT • *Mid-year graduates must apply before graduation.	• 3.0 institutional GPA; and • Earn 30 credit hours each academic year • Up to eight terms toward a first bachelor's degree Academic year: Fall, Spring, Summer. AP, IB, dual enrollment, and CLEP hours cannot count toward the credit-hour requirement.
Lottery Tuition Assistance	• Two-year institutions only • Complete the FAFSA or FAFSA waiver • Enroll in at least six credit hours	• Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress • After attempting 24 hours, earn at least a 2.0 GPA • Complete the FAFSA annually Limited to one certificate, diploma, or degree in a five-year period unless the additional credential progresses in the same field of study.
SC Need-based Grant \$3,500 full-time	• Attend a two- or four-year public institution • Demonstrate financial need by completing the FAFSA	• 2.0 GPA; and • Earn 24 credit hours; and • Complete the FAFSA annually to reconfirm financial need

ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMS

UP TO AN ADDITIONAL \$2,500 EACH YEAR

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

- Be eligible for the LIFE Scholarship or Palmetto Fellows Scholarship
- Be in the second academic year, based on initial college enrollment
- Be enrolled in an eligible program at the student's home institution

STEM ENHANCEMENT

Before the start of the second academic year:

- Earn 14 credit hours in approved mathematics or life and physical science courses.
- Qualifying hours may include AP, IB, dual enrollment, and CLEP credit.

Eligible program required

The financial aid office confirms that the student's declared major is an approved enhancement program.

EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT

To participate, the student must:

- Obtain teacher certification.
- Sign a contractual agreement to work in a South Carolina public school for each year the enhancement was received; or
- Repay the enhancement funds received.

HOW ELIGIBILITY IS DETERMINED

The college or university financial aid office determines Enhancement eligibility. Eligible students may receive the Enhancement in addition to either the LIFE Scholarship or Palmetto Fellows Scholarship.

ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM INFORMATION

<https://che.sc.gov/life-and-palmetto-fellows-math-and-science-scholarship-enhancements>