

South Carolina Commission on Higher Education

Scholarship & Grants Workshop 2018



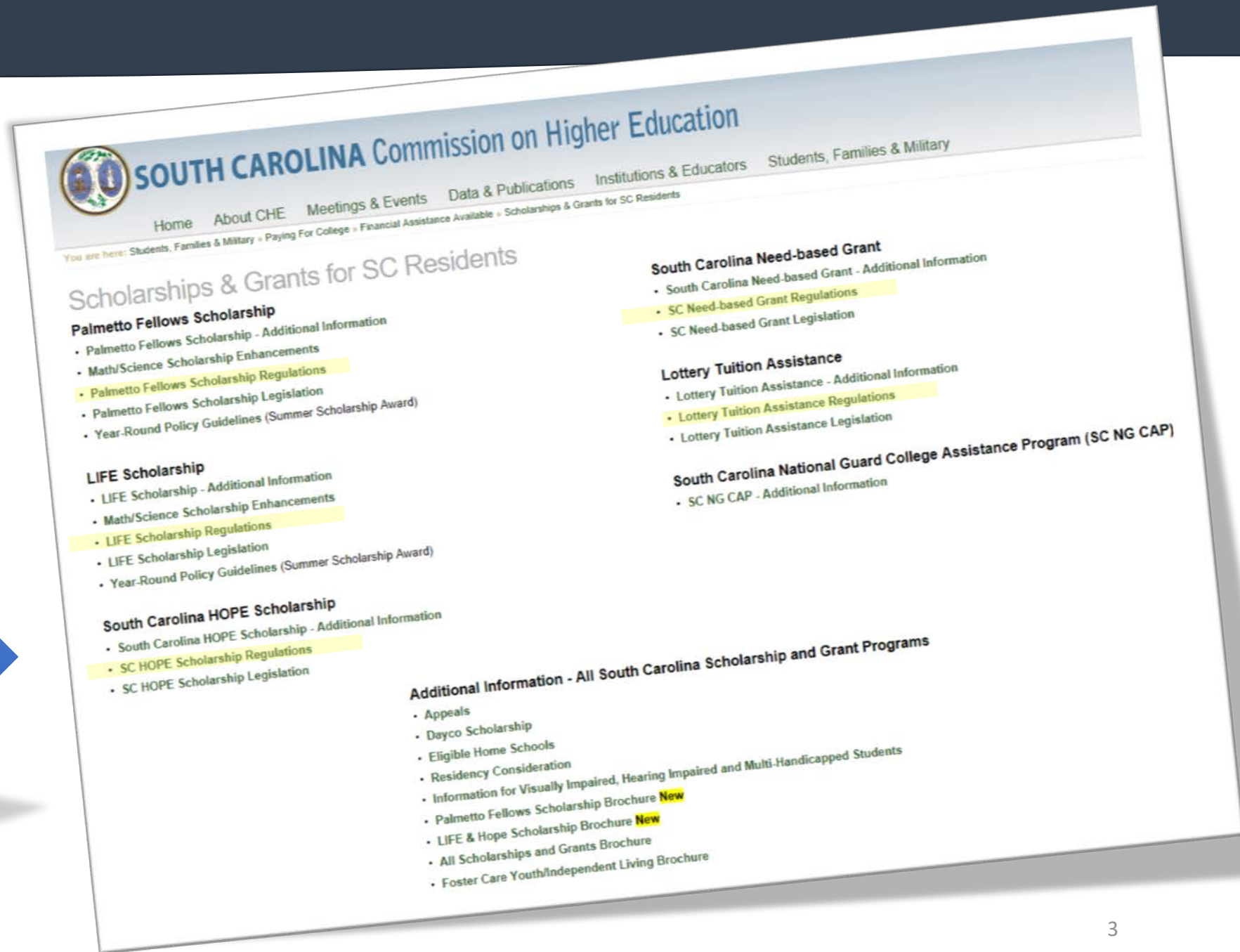
Agenda

11:45am	Welcome & Introduction
11:05am	Scholarship and Grant Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grant Programs• Scholarship Programs• Year-Round Scholarships• Transcripts• Other• Legislative/Reg Updates• Data Verification Review
12:30pm	Questions
12:40pm	Adjourn

*** After the final workshop, a copy of this presentation can be found on the CHE website ***

Regulations

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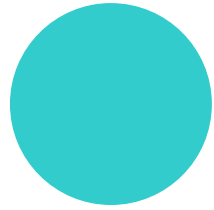
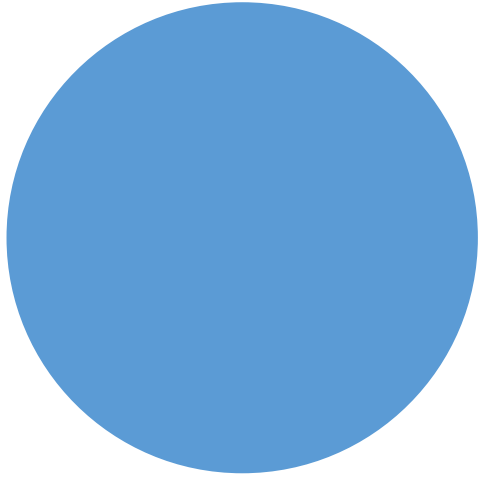
Additional Information - All South Carolina Scholarship and Grant Programs

- Appeals
- Dayco Scholarship
- Eligible Home Schools
- Residency Consideration
- Information for Visually Impaired, Hearing Impaired and Multi-Handicapped Students
- Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Brochure **New**
- LIFE & Hope Scholarship Brochure **New**
- All Scholarships and Grants Brochure
- Foster Care Youth/Independent Living Brochure

Notes of Interest

This presentation will place special emphasis on sections of the regulation that have produced multiple inquiries from institutions, families and public officials over the past year.

- Much of this emphasis will come in the form of scenarios for you to consider. Please note that the institutional names and locations of the scenarios have been changed. However, if you recognize the scenario, please allow others a chance to provide insight.
- We will allow more time for discussion on certain sections if needed. However, please be mindful that we may need to move on from a topic in order to ensure the entire workshop is covered.



Grant Programs

S.C. Need-Based Grant

- Complete a FAFSA;
 - Be 'needy' as defined by Title IV;
- A US citizen/SC resident;
- Enrolled at least part-time as a degree seeking student at the time of grant disbursement;
- Not convicted of any felonies or sex or subsequent alcohol or drug related offenses with the past academic year by signing affidavit;
- Does not owe a refund or repayment on a state grant, PELL grant, or a Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant and not be in default on a loan under the Federal Perkins Loan or Federal Stafford Loan program; and
- Complete any other documentation required by the financial aid office at the institution at which the student is enrolled.

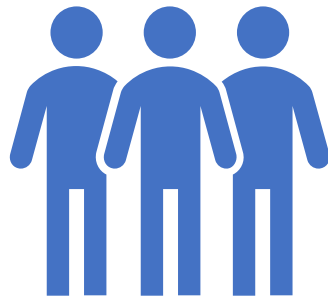
Proviso 11.8

Enables *additional* need-based grant funds for youth in the custody of the Department of Social Services and attending an eligible South Carolina higher education institution

Need-based Grants
Foster Care Youth

Need-based Grants

Foster Care Youth



- NBG Awarding Process Section 62-470 (F): Institutions must give first priority and award the maximum allowable NBG to Foster Care youth who are in the custody of DSS.
- This may include Foster Care youth who have aged out of the system.

Before you can
award, you need:

- ➡ Waiver; and
- ➡ A letter from caseworker indicating student is in custody of DSS *OR* Participating in Independent living services

Send copies to CHE

Eligibility Requirements for Foster Care Youth

If the student meets the eligibility requirements of the S.C. Need-based grant and submits proper documentation, you are free to award a full Need-based grant of \$2,500 (if full-time, \$1,250 if part-time) plus the additional Foster-Care grant up to \$2,000 toward unmet need (\$1,000 per term if full-time, \$500 per term if part-time).

Once you have awarded, please send CHE an invoice for the additional Foster-Care funds.

Lottery Tuition Assistance

Lottery Tuition Assistance

62-900.165 Student Eligibility

**Complete
the FAFSA
application**

Has not used LTAP funding to earned one certificate, diploma, or degree earned within a five-year period unless the additional certificate, diploma, or degree constitutes progress in the same field of study

**Making SAP
towards
completion of
the
requirements
of the program**

Enrolled as a degree seeking student at one of the: 16 technical schools, 2-year USC satellite campuses, or Spartanburg Methodist College

**Enrolled
part-time
\$95/Credit
hour up to
\$1,140 for
full time**

OR complete a FAFSA Waiver each academic year. A college may waive the FAFSA requirement when: 1) the student is in high school and is participating in a dual enrollment program; 2) the student has already earned a bachelor's degree; 3) the student is enrolled in a program that is not eligible for federal funds; or 4) the dependent student is not able to obtain his/her parents', guardians' or spouse's tax form.

Lottery Tuition Assistance

62-900.165 Student Eligibility

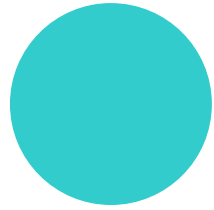
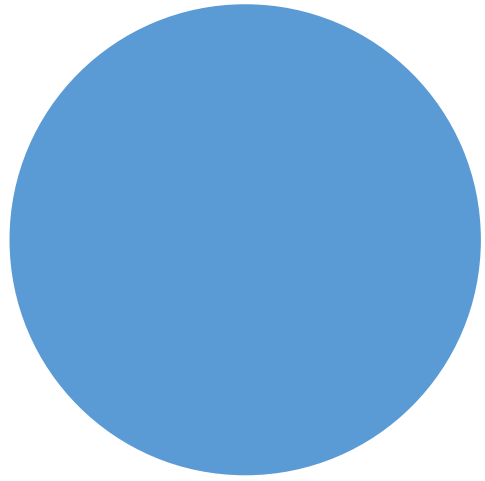
- 1) 1st time entering freshmen who met the requirements of LIFE;
- 2) Are enrolled in less than 12 credit hours of non-remedial;
- 3) And taking a minimum of six credit hours of remedial/developmental education coursework during the term

May receive LTAP for first academic year only

**Delay's initial college enrollment LIFE date*

First-time freshmen who are eligible for the LIFE Scholarship, and enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours of non-remedial coursework

Shall receive the LIFE Scholarship. Once a student is awarded the LIFE Scholarship, they are no longer eligible to receive LTAP during the same academic year.



Scholarship Programs

Lottery Tuition Assistance
62-900.165. Student
Eligibility

Need-Based Grants
62-465. Student Eligibility

SC HOPE Scholarship
62-900.95. Student
Eligibility

LIFE Scholarship
62-1200.10. Student
Eligibility: LIFE
Scholarship and LIFE
Scholarship Enhancement

Palmetto Fellows
Scholarship
62-315. Initial Eligibility
for Palmetto Fellows
Scholarship.

Initial Eligibility Requirements for the State Scholarship Programs

In compliance with the established laws/regulations in place for the HOPE, LIFE, and Palmetto Fellows Scholarship programs, a student must meet the initial eligibility requirements in order to be a recipient of scholarship funds:

- A student must be a US citizen/legal permanent resident*
- A student must be a South Carolina resident*
- No felony convictions
- No second or subsequent alcohol/drug misdemeanors
- Not in default of 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*

Residency as it Pertains to State Scholarships

To be eligible for any State scholarships, students must:

1. Be a U.S. citizen or a legal permanent resident that meets the definition of an eligible non-citizen under State Residency Statutes whose lawful presence has been verified at the time of enrollment at the institution; *and*
2. Be a South Carolina resident* for in-state purposes at the time of high school graduation **and** at the time of enrollment at the institution;

**(As set forth by Section §59-112-10 – 140 and related R. 62.600-612). Unless listed under the five exception located in the residency regulations.*

Program Administration

The institution is responsible for determining SC residency and lawful presence of all State Scholarship and Grant recipients. If it is determined that the institution has failed to verify the lawful presence and SC residency of all State Scholarship and Grant recipient, **the institution shall immediately reimburse the funds disbursed in error.**

Lottery Tuition Assistance (LTAP)

62-900.190. (A) Refunds and Repayments.

Need-Based Grants

62-495. (D) Refunds and Repayments.

SC HOPE Scholarship

62-900.140. (D) Suspension or Termination of Institutional Participation

LIFE Scholarship

62-1200.75. (D) Suspension or Termination of Institutional Participation: LIFE Scholarship and LIFE Scholarship Enhancement.

Palmetto Fellows Scholarship

62-365. (C) Refunds and Repayments.

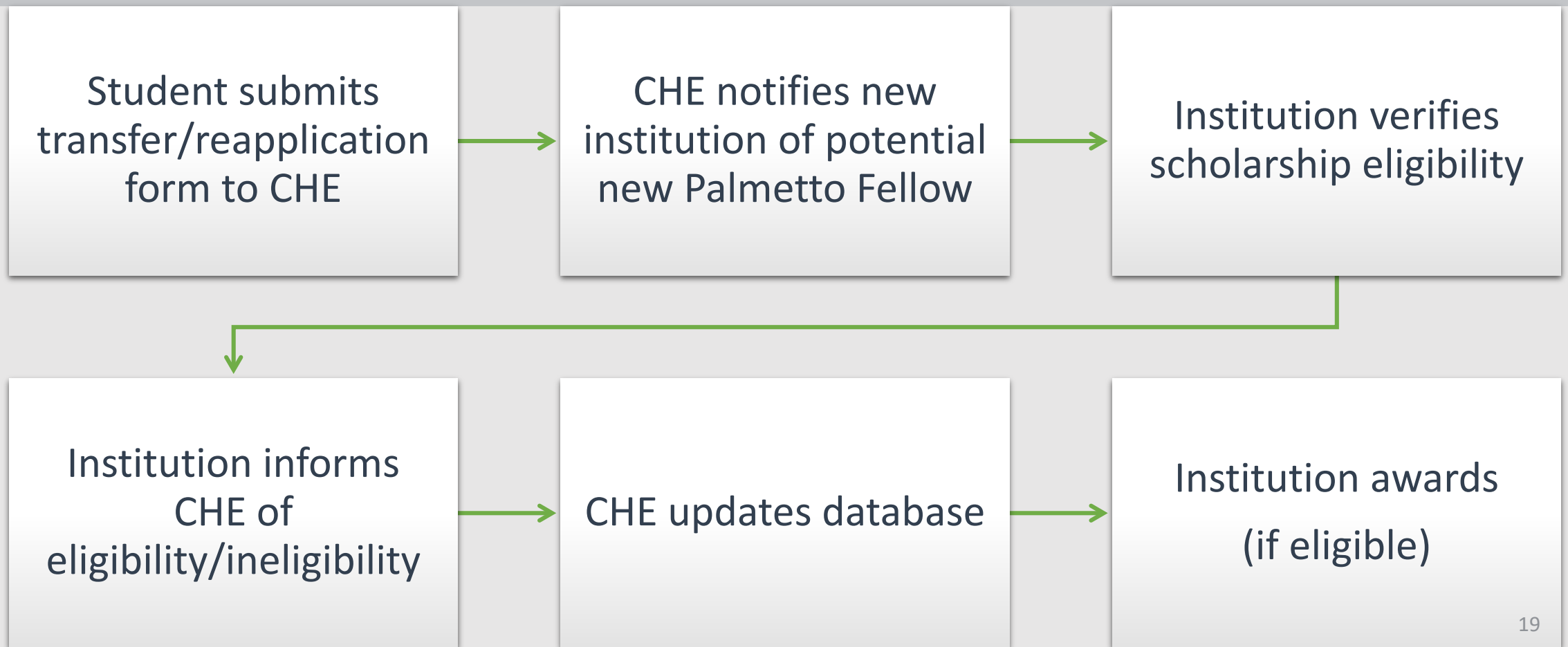
Palmetto Fellows Scholarship

62-330 Policies and Procedures for Awarding

E. In determining the amount awarded for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship and the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Enhancement, all other sources of gift aid, including federal, State, private and institutional funds, must be applied to the unmet cost-of-attendance before calculating the Scholarship and Enhancement amounts and making the award. Adjustments to the financial aid package will be made to the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship and the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Enhancement in accordance with prescribed Title IV regulations in order to prevent an over-award.



Palmetto Fellow Transfer/Reapplication Process (62-340)



Reminder

62-335. Duration and Renewal of Awards

E. By the end of the spring term each academic year, the institution must notify all Palmetto Fellows who have not met the continued eligibility requirements for the next academic year.

The notification should include information regarding the student's ability to attend summer school in order to meet the continued eligibility requirements.

Palmetto Fellows Scholarship

Frequently Asked Questions



Scenario

A student took dual enrollment at our institution, does the GPA from dual enrollment count towards their institutional GPA for Palmetto Fellows eligibility?

Response

No. The cumulative GPA does not begin until the initial date of college enrollment. Any grades earned prior to that date cannot be included in calculating the continued eligibility for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship.

62-310. Definitions.

I. “Cumulative grade point average (GPA)” is defined as the cumulative institutional GPA used for graduation purposes, which includes dividing the total number of quality points earned in all courses by the total credit hours in all courses attempted at the student’s home institution. The cumulative GPA must be at least a 3.0 at the home institution for graduation purposes at the end of each academic year based on the date of initial college enrollment.

Scenario

We heard that a Palmetto Fellows recipient can increase their GPA at any institution. Is this true?

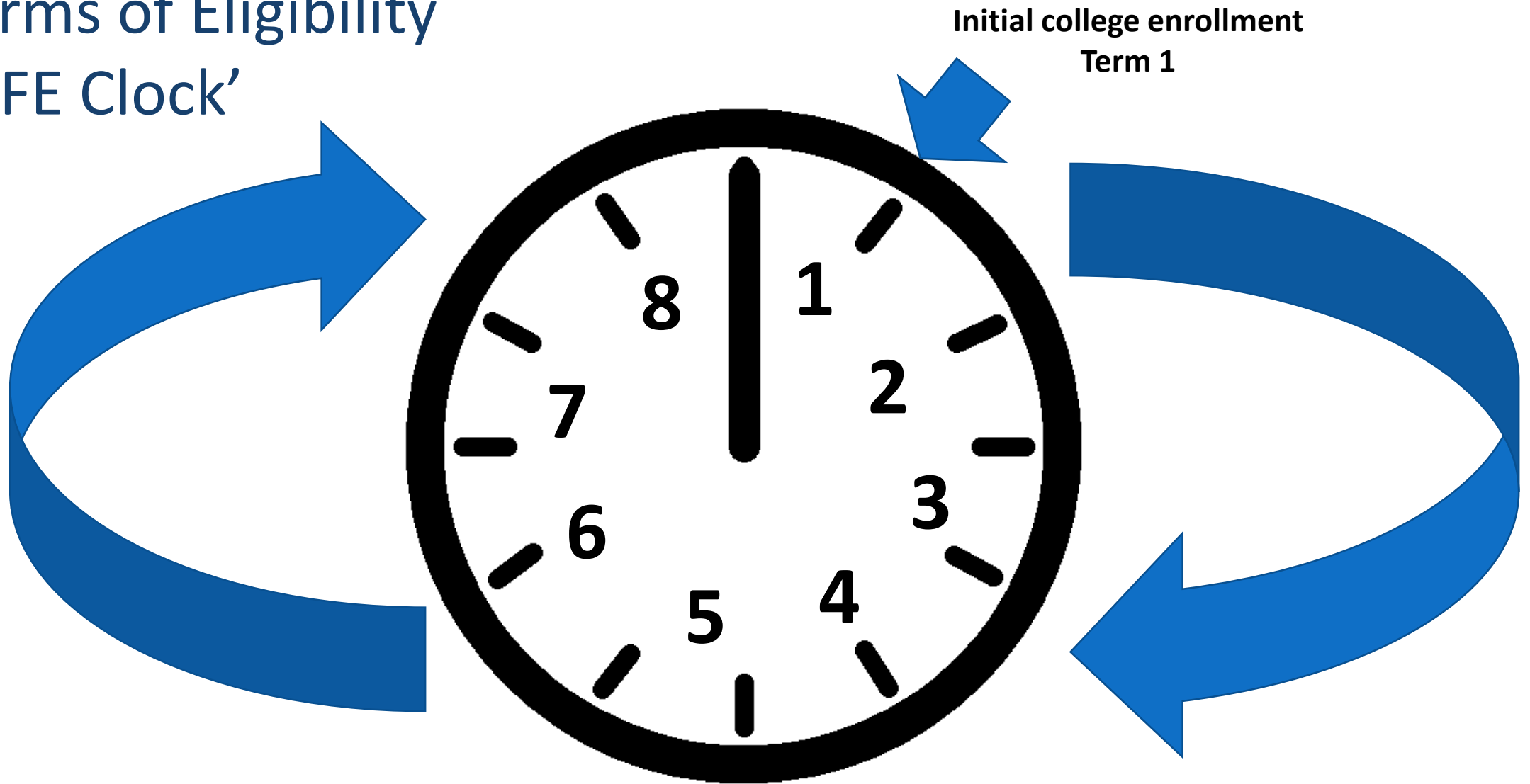
Response

62-335.G.2. Earn at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA at the home institution for graduation purposes by the end of each academic year;

No. A Palmetto Fellow must take courses at their home institution in order to increase their GPA.

LIFE Scholarship

Terms of Eligibility 'LIFE Clock'



Continuous

LIFE 62-1200.5.UU. Palmetto Fellows 62-310.G.

How to Calculate LIFE GPA

AP

Credits: 7

Dual Enrollment

English 101	C	QP: 6	Credits: 3
English 102	C	QP: 6	Credits: 3

16

Transfer

Math	C	QP: 6	Credits: 3
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Fall 2016

Biology 101	B	QP: 9	Credits: 4
History	B	QP: 9	Credits: 3
Psych 101	A	QP: 12	Credits: 3
Seminar	A	QP: 12	Credits: 3

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Spring 2017

Biology 102	A	QP: 12	Credits: 4
Soc 101	A	QP: 12	Credits: 3
Art History	B	QP: 9	Credits: 3
Chemistry	B	QP: 9	Credits: 4

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Total Quality Points : 102

GPA Hours: 36

Earned Hours: 43

Institutional GPA: 3.11

LIFE GPA: 2.83

84 Institutional QP

LIFE Scholarship

Frequently Asked Questions



Scenario

My question is this: currently, a minimum score of 1100 using math and evidenced based reading & writing sections meets eligibility for LIFE . What are the score requirements using the new SAT redesign beginning academic year 2018-2019?

Response

62-1200.10.B. Student
Eligibility: LIFE Scholarship
and LIFE Scholarship
Enhancement

The SAT scores required for state scholarships will not change until the law is changed. If we hear of any new requirements we will be sure to share with everyone.

Scenario

I have heard of a such thing as called a LIFE 'shelf expiration' if a student doesn't enroll in a college within a certain amount of time. For example, we have a student who is trying to enroll (last minute) that graduated from a SC high school in 2012 with all qualifications of having the LIFE scholarship. Student has never enrolled anywhere per Clearinghouse and NSLDS.

For some reason 5 years is sticking out in my head or am I just making stuff up?

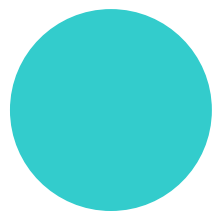
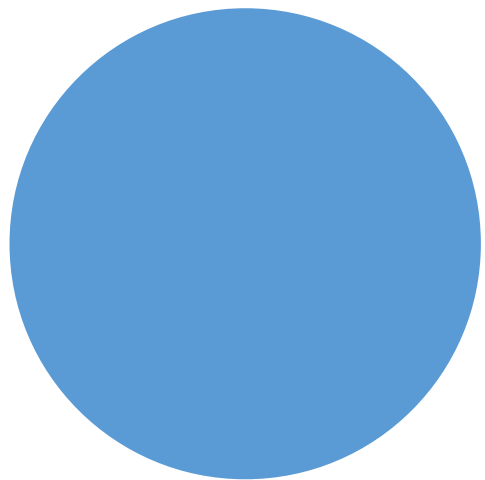
Response

62-1200.10. Student
Eligibility: LIFE Scholarship
and LIFE Scholarship
Enhancement

There is no time limit on the 'gap' between high school graduation and college enrollment. If the student was eligible out of high school, they are still eligible today as long as they are still considered

- 1) A SC resident now and at the time of HS graduation;
- 2) Did not take any college level classes between high school graduation and college enrollment;
- 3) Also double check the high school transcript to verify the GPA was on the current SC UGP.

If the transcript does not match with the current SC UGP, institutions will need to do a GPA conversion or ask the high school to do the GPA conversion from the grading scale of 2012 to today's scale(s).



Scholarship Enhancement



Initial Eligibility Requirements For Enhancement

- A student must meet ALL of the eligibility requirements for a Palmetto Fellows or the LIFE Scholarship;
- Be a recipient of Palmetto Fellows or LIFE Scholarship;
- Must be a declared math or science major;
- Must have taken at least fourteen credit hours of instruction in mathematics and life and physical science courses before the end of their **FIRST** academic year in school.

**(CLEP), Dual Enrollment, Pass/Fail courses with a grade of "Pass" (only), Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory courses with a grade of "Satisfactory" (only), (IB) courses and (AP) courses in mathematics and life and physical sciences taken in high school in which the student scored a three or more on the advanced placement test and received college credit may count toward the fulfillment of this minimum requirement.*

Palmetto Fellows 62-335.H.

LIFE 62-1200.10.O

** Students enrolled at two-year institutions are not eligible to receive a LIFE Scholarship Enhancement*



Eligible classes/Programs

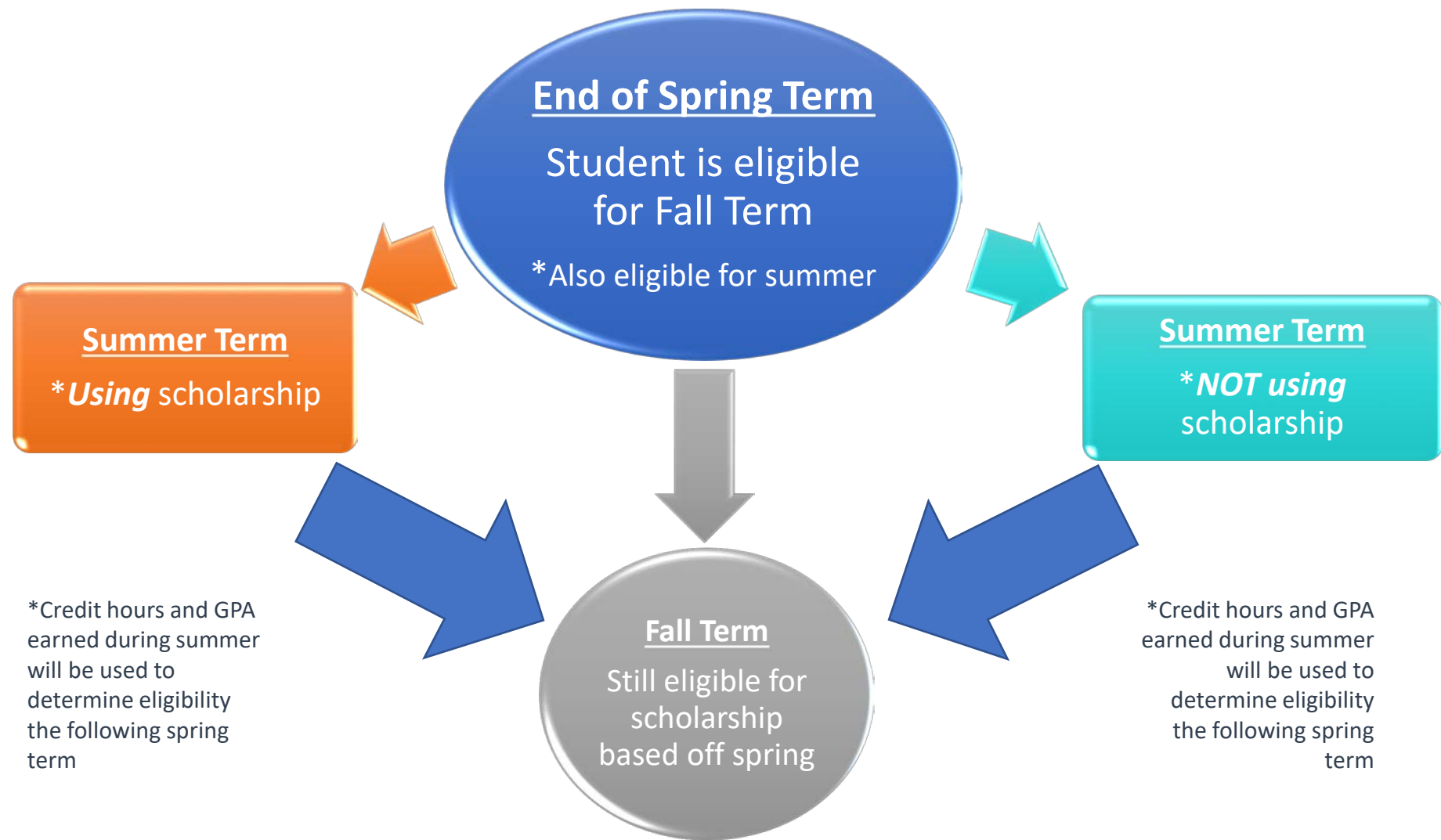
- Approved lists of eligible majors and eligible courses to meet the fourteen credit hour course requirement for the Palmetto Fellows or LIFE Scholarship Enhancement are provided on the Commission's website at www.che.sc.gov.
- CIP codes have been approved by the Commission on Higher Education for eligible degree programs in the fields of mathematics and science.
- If you'd like to add courses or degree programs to the list, please visit our website for more information on how to do so, or contact CHE directly. The link for instructions to the process is:

http://www.che.sc.gov/CHE_Docs/academicaffairs/2015-02-05_scholarship_enhancement_program_eligibility_process.pdf



Year-Round Scholarships

Proviso 11.13.



Eligible Students:
Year-round scholarship visual

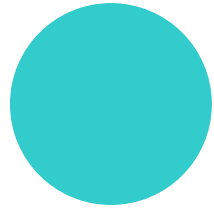
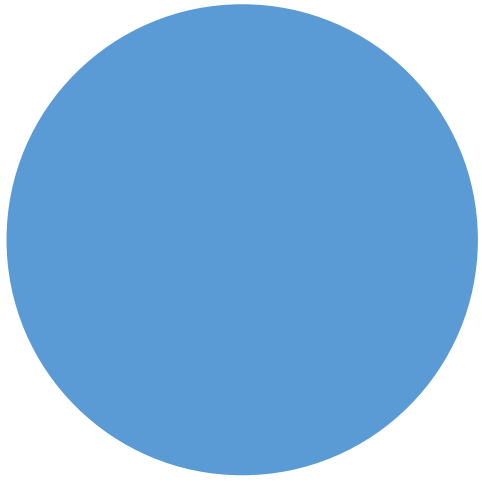
Scenario

If a student was eligible to receive LIFE at the end of spring, but took a summer class to meet the enhancement credit hour eligibility, and then dropped below the GPA requirement, are they still eligible to receive the enhancement in the fall?

Response

Year-round guidelines

As long as the student was eligible for the base LIFE scholarship at the end of the Spring term and met the enhancement requirements by the end of summer (14 credit hours), they are eligible for the scholarship and the enhancement beginning in the fall term.



Transcripts

S.C. Uniform Grading Scale

Scholarships are based on the current grading scale. Please remember the Class of 2019:

- 1 year on 7-point scale
- 3 years of 10-point scale

** Some students may have high school credits from middle school that will be on the 7-point scale.*

Transcript
Requirements:
*Scholarship
Eligibility
Purposes*

All state scholarships and grants are based on the SC UGP, therefore **all transcripts must specifically state “SC UGP.”**

- Any transcript that states, “Weighted and Unweighted GPA” OR “Total GPA” will not be accepted for the purposes of awarding state scholarships as it must comply with the **SC UGP**.

All final official transcripts must be date calculated between the date of the high school graduation but **no later than June 15th**

The final grades/ranking cannot include grades earned after the official graduation date of the school year. Summer school grades earned after high school graduation cannot be used in the calculation.

Transcripts Requirements for Eligibility for the State Scholarship Programs



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)

Out-of-State High Schools & Scholarship Eligibility

For Scholarship purposes, out-of-state schools must comply with SCUGP GPA and ranking *(if applicable)*.

- If the institution is not converting the grades, the out-of-state high school must submit a converted transcript in addition to the official out-of-state high school transcript
 - No handwritten or strikethrough edits can be demonstrated on the submitted transcript for scholarship eligibility determination
- If a student is attempting to use rank as an eligibility criterion from an out-of-state high school:
 - The high school or home school association must have a policy on rank; *and*
 - If using rank, the entire academic class must be converted to the SC UGP and a ranking report that reflects all students in that academic class, the out-of-state GPA, the SC UGP GPA, and the rank based on the SC UGP GPA must be included in order to determine eligibility and award a State scholarship.
- If the high school or home school association does not rank as a policy, or the student does not meet the rank eligibility requirement once a conversion of the grades to meet the SC UGP GPA and rank requirement then student must use the Alternate Criteria for eligibility (SC UGP GPA and SAT/ACT score).

Palmetto Fellows
62-320.K.

LIFE Scholarship
62-1200.10. 3.C-D



State of South Carolina Standard High School Transcript - **Final**

Graduation Date: 06/01/2017

Class Of: 2017

Diploma Type: State of SC Diploma

Student Name		
Student ID	Grade 12	Gender
State ID	Date of Birth	Ethnic Code
Parent or Guardian		

School Name/Address
 XXXX High School
 Address
 City, SC, Zip Code
 Tel: xxx-xxx-xxxx Fax: xxx-xxx-xxxx

District Name/Address
 School District
 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
12-13											
411101CW	Algebra 1 CP	YR	8	98	1.00						
13-14											
301190HW	English 1 Hon	S1	9	100	1.00						
321190HW	Phys Science Hon	S2	9	99	1.00						
331000HW	World Geo (GS)	S1	9	100	1.00						
340103CH	Fam/Comm Health(f)	Q2	9	100	0.50						
344101CW	PE 1	S2	9	96	1.00						
412101HW	Geometry Honors	S2	9	99	1.00						
502001CW	Integrat Bus App 1	S1	9	99	1.00						
580802CW	Con/Homemaking 1	S2	9	100	1.00						
581203CH	Fin Fitness (f)	Q1	9	98	0.50						

301511EW	English Composition I	S1	11	97	1.00	Work-in-Progress	
301611EW	English Composition II	S2	11	100	1.00		
304511EW	Public Speaking	S2	11	100	1.00		
323101HW	Chemistry 1 Honors	S1	11	100	1.00		
337200AW	AP US History	S2	11	94	1.00		
352011EW	History and Appreciation of Art	S1	11	100	1.00		
354102CW	Chorus Spring	S2	11	100	1.00		
365201CW	Spanish 2 CP	S2	11	99	1.00		
413100HW	PreCalculus Honors	S1	11	98	1.00		
517602CW	DesktopPub	S1	11	98	1.00		
16-17							
301811EW	World Literature II	S1	12	99	1.00		
322811EW	Biological Science I	S1	12	100	1.00		
322911EW	Biological Science II	S2	12	100	1.00		
333111EW	American Government	S2	12	99	1.00		
335711EW	Macroeconomics	S2	12	100	1.00		
354101CW	Chorus Fall	S1	12	100	1.00		
365711EW	Elementary Spanish I	S1	12	99	1.00		
365811EW	Elementary Spanish II	S2	12	98	1.00		
373596EW	Careers in teaching/Teacher Cadet DC	S1	12	99	1.00		
417000AW	AP Calculus AB	S2	12	93	1.00		

To determine the course academic level refer to the seventh character in each course ID.

If graduation date is a future date, current year reflects Work in Progress.

Information about the South Carolina Uniform Grading Policy can be found by searching for "Uniform Grading Policy" at <https://ed.sc.gov/>

Official Signature

Signature Here

Principal

Date: June 8, 2017

An official signature and/or seal is required for manually printed transcripts (PDF format).

An official signature (.JPEG format) is required for electronic transcripts sent via secure transmission.

SC transitioned to a 10-point Grade Scale in 2016-17. Prior year courses were evaluated on a 7-point Grade Scale (see below).

2015-16

A 93-100

B 85-92

C 77-84

D 70-76

F 0-69

2016-17

A 90-100

B 80-89

C 70-79

D 60-69

F 0-59

A c a d e m i c T r a n s c r i p t

XXXXXX Academy

Transcript calculated on SC UGP GPA.
Weighted GPA is SC UGP GPA

Address
City , South Carolina , Zip Code

Phone: xxx-xx-xxx | Fax: xxx-xx-xxxx

School Code: xxxx
Headmaster: Mr. xxxxxxxxx

Name:	Birth Date: City:	Gender:	Parent/Guardian:
Address:		State:	
Entry Date:	Withdrawal Date: N/A	Graduation Date: 05/26/2017	Final Transcript Calculated on: 06/06/2017

2012-2013

<u>Class Title</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Credits</u>
Algebra 1 Honors	89	1.000
Computer Science	92	1.000
English I CP	92	1.000
History	95	0.000
PE	96	1.000
Science	88	0.000

Grade Level: 8 GPA: 4.031 Credits: 4.000

2013-2014

<u>Class Title</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Credits</u>
Algebra II Honors	73	1.000
English II Honors	80	1.000
Physical Science	75	1.000
Spanish 1	88	1.000
World Geography	89	1.000

Grade Level: 9 GPA: 2.700 Credits: 5.000

Semester 1

<u>Class Title</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Credits</u>
Advanced Biology Honors	94	0.500
American History II-DC	97	1.000
Economics		N/A
English V CP	90	0.500
Government	88	0.500
Statistics	92	0.500
World Religion-DC	98	1.000

Grade Level: 12 GPA: 4.988 Credits: 4.000

Semester 2

<u>Class Title</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Credits</u>
Advanced Biology Honors	98	0.500
American History I-DC	96	1.000
Economics	92	0.500
English V CP	95	0.500
Government		N/A
Statistics	96	0.500

Grade Level: 12 GPA: 4.967 Credits: 3.000

Weighted	Cumulative GPA:	Cumulative Credits:	Class Rank:
Un-Weighted	Cumulative GPA:	Cumulative Credits:	Class Rank:

Official(s) Certifying Transcript:

Signature Here

Signature

SC Uniform 10 Point Grading Scale used in 2016-2017 School Year

A = 90-100% B = 80-89% C = 70-79%

D = 60-69% F = 59% & Below

Printed Name

Title

6-6-2017

Date

Early Graduate

(Senior graduating mid-year)

For scholarship eligibility the student can ONLY use SC UGP GPA; **CANNOT** use rank

**Palmetto Fellows: can only apply during Early Award Period*

Graduating Early

(Student graduates academic year(s) early)

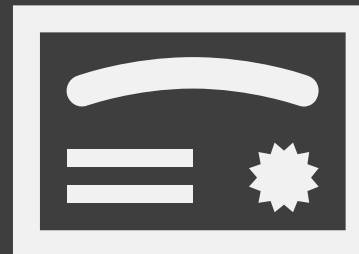
SC HOPE/LIFE Scholarship

- Eligibility is based on the end of the academic year with their “new” graduating class

Palmetto Fellows Scholarship

- Early Award Application period can only use end of the 10th grade GPA and rank
- Late Award application period can use the end of the 10th or 12th grade rank, must use end of the 12th grade GPA

Early Graduate vs. Graduating Early





Other

Internships, Cooperative Work Programs, Travel Study Programs, or National or International Student Exchange Programs

Students enrolled in a program listed above, that is approved by the institution:

- A. Accepts full-time transfer credit: student can use scholarship funds/term (student must meet continued eligibility requirements).
- B. Funds must be paid directly to student's account at home institution. Cannot exceed COA at home/host institution, whichever is less.
- C. Enroll one term for no credit: must earn **15 credits/3.0 GPA** by the end of the academic year. Does not use a term of eligibility.
- D. Enroll full year for no credit: renewal will be based on prior year's eligibility. Did not use any terms.
- E. One term and/or summer: enroll in 12 credit hours over summer. Renewal requirements: Summer only (12 credit hours); One term plus summer (27 credit hours) and a 3.0 GPA.

LIFE Scholarship:
62-1200.40
**Palmetto Fellows
Scholarship:**
62-350



Military Mobilization

- A. Term(s) that a service member is mobilized will not count against the maximum terms of eligibility. The service member must re-enroll within 12 months of demobilization and provide documentation to the Financial Aid office. Reinstatement will be based upon the service member's eligibility at the time he/she was mobilized. If they re-enroll after 12 months, they can submit an appeal to CHE.
- B. Mobilized for a full-year, eligibility will be based on prior year's eligibility.
- C. Enrolled one term, mobilized one term: continued eligibility is 15 credit hours and a 3.0 GPA.
- D. One term and/or summer: enroll in 12 credit hours. Renewal requirements: Summer only (12 credit hours); One term plus summer (27 credit hours) and a 3.0 GPA.

SC HOPE Scholarship

62-900.111. Military Mobilization

LIFE Scholarship

62-1200.45. Military Mobilization: LIFE Scholarship and LIFE Scholarship Enhancement.

Palmetto Fellows Scholarship

62-351. Military Mobilization

Scholarship Appeals

- The 2018-19 Appeals Cycle for the Palmetto Fellows, LIFE, and SC HOPE scholarship opened May 1, 2017. All appeals materials must be in receipt of the CHE by the deadline close of **5:00 pm on September 7, 2018.**
- Students are encouraged to review the Guidelines for Appeal on the CHE website to determine if their circumstance truly meets the definition of an extraordinary circumstance or a traumatic event.
- Students should be advised that their appeal is not guaranteed to be granted, nor is it a guarantee that a decision will be rendered prior to the due date of their college bill. Students should make arrangements with the institution for payment.
- The link to the appeals information and application is:

<http://www.che.sc.gov/Students,FamiliesMilitary/Appeals.aspx>

Correspondence will be electronic; both to students and institutions. Initial emails will go to Financial Aid Directors, who can then inform us if there is a more appropriate contact.

Scholarship Appeals Con't



As part of the Scholarship Appeals Guidelines:

If the student is appealing because of poor academic performance, the student must explain to the Committee whether he/she used the institutional appeals process to have the grades changed due to an extenuating circumstance each term. The student must also explain each term of poor academic performance.

**LIFE
Scholarship:**

62-1200.35

**Palmetto
Fellows
Scholarship**

62-345

B. The Institutional Disability Services Provider must provide written documentation to the Office of Financial Aid prior to each academic year verifying that the student is approved to be enrolled in less than full-time status or earn less than the required annual credit hours. The institution is responsible for retaining appropriate documentation according to the “Program Administration and Audits” Section.

Students with Disabilities

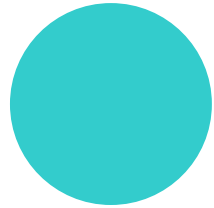
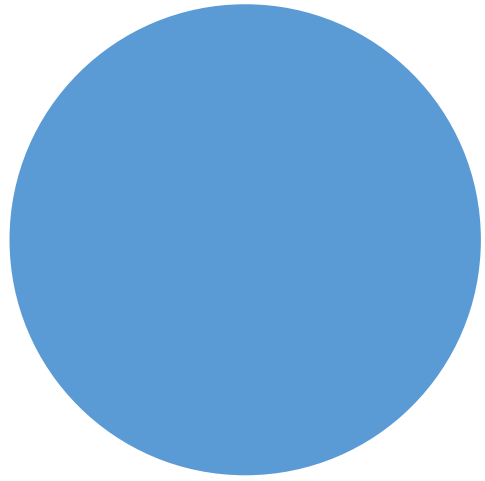


Legislative/ Regulation Updates

Palmetto Fellows

- Notice of Drafting submitted May 8, 2018
- Published in State Register May 25, 2018
- Public Hearing will be during the fall term
- Possible new items
 - Colleges will hear about eligible students beginning summer after the completion of junior year through August of enrollment
 - GAP year
 - Proration of final term
- May be in affect Fall 2019

*** Must be passed by the General Assembly during the 2019-20 legislative session.



S.C. State Scholarship and Grant Programs- Data Verification Review

Introduction

The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (CHE) has over-sight responsibility and serves as the administrative entity for the Legislative Incentive for Excellence (***LIFE***), ***Palmetto Fellows*** and ***HOPE*** Scholarships, the ***Need-Based Grant***, the ***Lottery Tuition Assistance Program*** for the State of South Carolina. In addition, CHE administers the ***National Guard College Assistance Program*** with the help of the National Guard. The Commission has the responsibility of ensuring that all funds awarded by the institutions are in compliance with the prerequisites of Title 59, of the 1976 Code of Laws for the State of South Carolina, as amended, regulations established by the Commission, and applicable program guidelines.

The Commission will ensure that all institutions that receive LIFE, Palmetto Fellows, and SC HOPE Scholarships and the Need-Based Grant, Lottery Tuition Assistance, and NGCAP awards, as applicable, are reviewed at ***least once within a three (3) year cycle.***



**Engagement
Letter**

**Desk
Review**

**On Site
Review**

**Preliminary
Draft
Report**

**Final
Report**

Review Process

Engagement Letter

Mailed to the institution's president two to four weeks prior to on-site

Date and Time of the Entrance Conference

Review Scope – programs and academic year

Confirmation Requested via signature

Program Review Policy and Procedures

Electronic copy provided to FA Director and other staff members as directed

Desk Review

- **Initial documentation request**
 - Policies and Procedures
 - Cost of Attendance budgets and any supporting documents
 - ***Institutional list of scholarship recipients***
 - Compliance Review Questionnaire
- **CHEMIS Reconciliation**
 - Invoices
 - Award File
- **Sample Selection**
 - Randomly selected
 - Provided prior to on-site



On-Site Review

Entrance Conference

Policies and Procedures
Compliance Questionnaire



Data Verification

Eligibility –General, Initial and Continued
Awarding and Disbursement
Record Retention



Exit Conference

Findings
Observations

Data Verification

Eligibility

- Citizenship and residency
- Student classification
- Initial enrollment date and enrollment status
- SAT/ACT scores
- Final High School Transcript
- Ranking Report
- Collegiate GPA
- Needs Analysis

Award Disbursement

- Award amounts disbursed to students for each term
- Number of credit hours students were enrolled at the time of disbursement
- Total Gift Aid
- COA

Record Retention

- Award Notifications/Award Letter
- LIFE GPA Verification/Calculation
- Annual Scholarship Certification /Affidavit
- Scholarship Terms and Conditions

Reporting

Preliminary Draft Memorandum and Report

- Mailed to the Institution's President
- Includes findings, criteria, and recommendations
- Requests written response within 10 business days
- Electronic copy provided to FA Director and others as directed

Final Report

- Includes written response(s) from institution
- Mailed to the Institution's President
- Electronic copy provided to FA Director and others as directed

Observations and Issues

Observations

- Residency verification process is documented and in place
- Awarding policies and procedures are documented and in place
- Student files contain required documentation

Issues

- High School Transcripts
- Independent High Schools
- Home School Associations
- CHEMIS Reconciliation
 - Late Awards & Adjustments
- Scholarship Terms and Conditions



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