



SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Scholarship & Grants Workshop 2019

Agenda



11:30 am

Welcome & Introduction

11:45 am

Scholarship & Grant Workshop

- Funding Levels and Notes of Interest
- Grant Programs
- SCNG CAP
- Scholarship Programs
- Year-Round Scholarships
- Transcripts
- Other
- Legislative / Reg Updates
- Data Verification Review

12:45 pm

Questions

1:00 pm

Adjourn

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

Regulations

<http://www.che.sc.gov/Students,FamiliesMilitary/PayingForCollege/FinancialAssistanceAvailable/ScScholarshipsGrantsforSCResidents.aspx>

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Palmetto Fellows Scholarship

- Palmetto Fellows Scholarship - Additional Information
- Math/Science Scholarship Enhancements
- Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Regulations
- Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Legislation
- Year-Round Policy Guidelines (Summer Scholarship Award)

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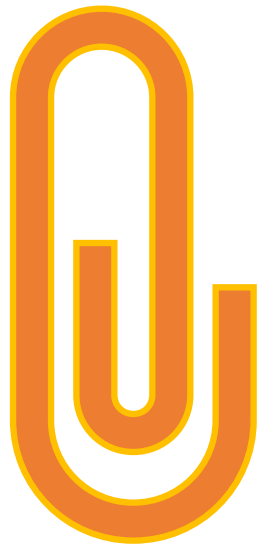
South Carolina National Guard College Assistance Program (SC NG CAP)

- SC NG CAP - Additional Information

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 regulations 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.

Funding



SC Need-based Grant:

- ➔ Funding remained the same at \$20,000,000

Lottery Tuition Assistance:

- ➔ Funding remained the same at \$51.1 million
- ➔ Fall 2019: \$1,200 or \$100 per credit hour

Merit Scholarships:

- ➔ Overall funding increased from \$300,982,119 to \$316,469,396
 - ➔ HOPE Scholarship: \$14,557,008
 - ➔ LIFE Scholarship: \$240,102,429
 - ➔ Palmetto Fellows Scholarship: \$61,809,959

SC National Guard College Assistance Program (CAP)

- ➔ Funding remained the same at \$2,631,129

Higher Education Tuition Mitigation

FY 2019-2020 Approved Proviso

- To receive state general funds appropriated in the 2019-2020 proviso, institutions must certify to CHE by August 1, 2019, that, excluding tuition increases due to pension increases and any state health plan increase, there is no in-state tuition or mandatory fee increase for the 2019-2020 academic year.
- By October 1, 2019, CHE shall report to Senate Finance, House Ways and Means, and the Executive Budget Office those institutions that failed to certify



Diverse Student Recruitment and Retention



- Institutions are required to report the effectiveness of minority recruitment and retention programs to CHE for inclusion in CHE's annual report.

Initial Eligibility Requirements for the State Scholarship / Grant 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 by the institutions at the time of high school graduation and college enrollment.*

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.

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;
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**(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

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.

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.**

GRANT PROGRAMS

S.C. Need-Based Grant



In order to be eligible to receive S.C. Need-based Grant funds a student must:

- Complete a FAFSA; and
 - Be 'needy' as defined by Title IV; and
- A US citizen/legal permanent resident and SC resident; and
- Enrolled at least part-time as a degree seeking student at the time of grant disbursement; and
- Not convicted of any felonies or second or subsequent alcohol or drug related offenses within the past academic year; and
- 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 Direct Loan program; and
- Complete any other documentation required by the financial aid office at the institution at which the student is enrolled.

Need-Based Grant

Foster Care Youth



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

NBG Awarding Process Section 62-470 (F): Institutions must give first priority and award the maximum allowable NBG 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) 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:

- A 'SC Need-based Grant Waiver Form For Foster Care Youth' completed by the student's case worker

AND

- A letter from the DSS caseworker indicating that the student is in custody of DSS or participating in Independent Living Services

** Students are only required to provide this documentation once per institution; copies must ALSO be sent 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 Program (LTAP)

62-900.165
*Student
Eligibility*

Each academic year the following must be true:

- Student must complete the FAFSA or a FAFSA waiver
 - *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.*
- Student has NOT used LTAP funding to earn a certificate, diploma, or degree within a five year period unless the additional certificate, diploma, or degree constitutes progress in the same field of study
- Student must be making SAP towards the completion of the requirements of the program
- Student must be enrolled as a degree seeking student in a 2-year program at one of the: 16 technical schools, 2-year USC satellite campuses, or Spartanburg Methodist College.

Lottery Tuition Assistance Program (LTAP)

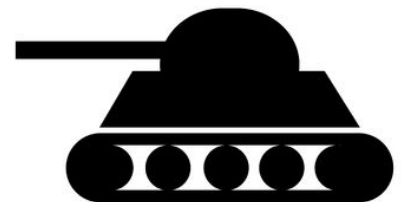
62-900.165 Student Eligibility



F. While the student is taking remedial/developmental coursework, an exception to the initial college enrollment applies only to first-time freshmen who met the eligibility requirements for the LIFE Scholarship upon graduation from high school, are enrolled in less than 12 credit hours of non-remedial coursework at an eligible two-year or technical college and taking a minimum of six credit hours of remedial/developmental education coursework during the term may be eligible to receive Lottery Tuition Assistance for the fall and/or spring terms only of their first academic year. First-time freshmen who are eligible for the LIFE Scholarship, attending an eligible two-year or technical college 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. See Section 62-1200.10 (I) of the LIFE Scholarship and LIFE Scholarship Enhancement Regulation.

South Carolina National Guard College Assistance Program (SCNG CAP)

- SCNG CAP offers financial assistance to members of the South Carolina Army and Air National Guard by providing incentives for enlisting or remaining for a specified time in either the South Carolina Army or Air National Guard (SCNG).
- Statutory Authority - SC Code of Laws, Section 59-114-10 Et. Seq.
- The regulation can be accessed at:
<https://www.che.sc.gov/Students,FamiliesMilitary/Military-EducationTraining/NationalGuardCollegeAssistanceProgram.aspx>
- If you or your colleagues need assistance regarding the SCNG CAP, please contact Lorinda Copeland at 803-737-2157 or lcopeland@che.sc.gov.



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS



PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP

Palmetto Fellows Scholarship (PFS)



Early Award

- 3,153 met the Academic Eligibility requirements
 - Increase of **85** awardees from the 2018 Early Award Process

Late Award

- Application period will close June 14th
- Notifications will be sent out in August

Designation Forms

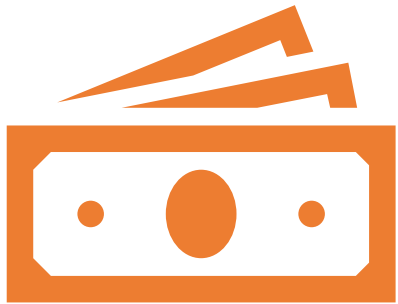
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Transfers

- Total Requests for Fall 2019: 36*

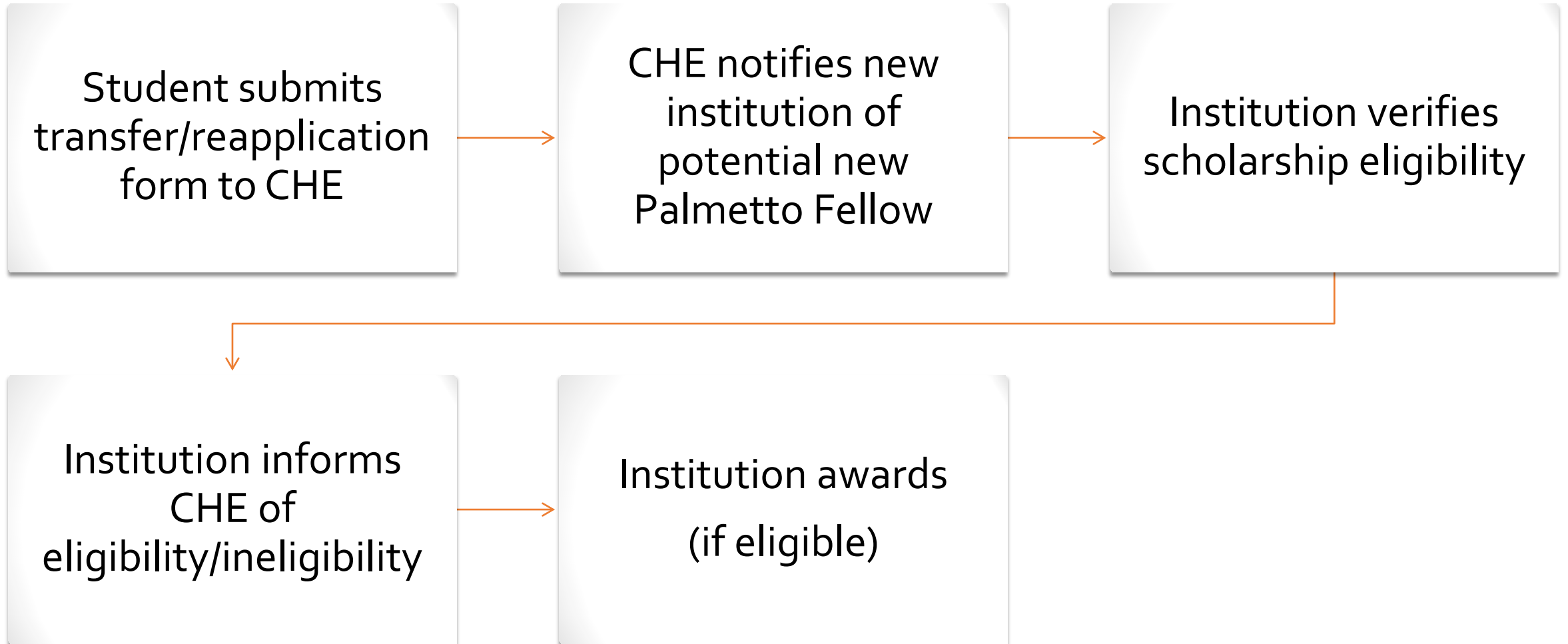
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62-330 Policies and Procedures for Awarding



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.

PFS Transfer / Reapplication Process (62-340)



Where are they going?

Anderson University	43
Bob Jones University	14
Charleston Southern University	34
Claflin University	1
Clemson University	844
Coastal Carolina University	19
College of Charleston	91
Columbia College	1
Columbia International University	3
Converse College	12
Erskine College	3
Francis Marion University	9
Furman University	28

Lander University	27
Limestone University	7
Newberry College	2
North Greenville University	23
Presbyterian College	22
South Carolina State University	1
Southern Wesleyan University	3
The Citadel	14
USC- Aiken	11
USC- Beaufort	6
USC- Columbia	393
USC Upstate	19
Winthrop University	23
Wofford College	31

*As of May 28, 2019

Out-of-State

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Students who met the academic eligibility requirements for the PFS have indicated they will be forfeiting their PFS eligibility and attending an out-of-state institution.

• As of May 28, 2019

Duke University	8
Vanderbilt University	7
Savannah College of Art and Design	6
The University of Alabama	5
Texas A&M University	5
Auburn University	5
Wake Forest University	4
United States Air Force Academy	4
North Carolina State University	4
New York University	4
Milligan College	4
Emory University	4
Baylor University	4

Washington and Lee University	3
University of Tennessee- Knoxville	3
University of Pennsylvania	3
University of Maryland- College Park	3
Tulane University	3
Purdue University	3
Mississippi State University	3
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	3
Louisiana State University	3
Cornell University	3
Brigham Young University	3
Boston University	3
Arizona State University- Barrett Honors College	3
Harvard University	2

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.

Year-round Processing

Gap Year

Proration During Final Term

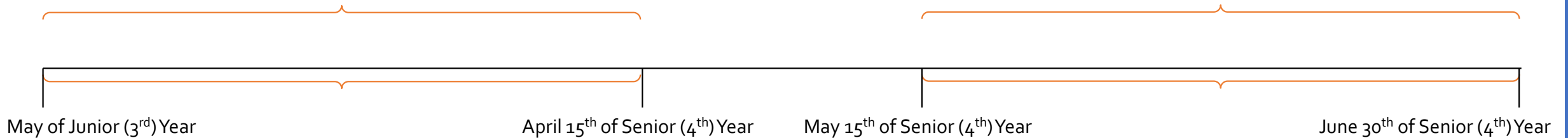
PFS Portal

Changes to the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship

Changes: Year-round Processing

Early Award Period

Late Award Period



- CHE will review applications continuously (bi-weekly) to determine eligibility for the PFS
- Decisions will then be uploaded into CHE data system and released to students/schools
- Estimated processing time from date of application receipt to decision release: **1 month**

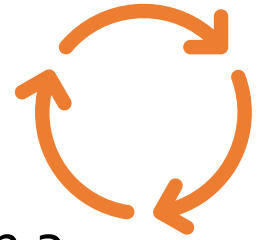
Changes: Gap Year

62-335. Duration and Renewal of Awards.



B. Students selected as Palmetto Fellows must enter an eligible four-year independent or public institution **no later than the fall term one year immediately following high school graduation.** Students must be continuously enrolled at an eligible four-year institution. Students with a break in continuous full-time enrollment at a four-year institution or enrolling as a degree-seeking student at a two-year institution will forfeit the scholarship.

62-335. Duration and Renewal of Awards

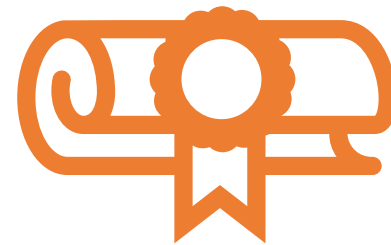


C. A Palmetto Fellows Scholarship may be renewed annually for no more than a total of eight terms (based on the date of initial college enrollment) toward the first bachelor's degree or a program of study that is structured so as not to require a bachelor's degree and leads to a graduate degree or for no more than a total of ten terms (based on the date of initial college enrollment) toward the first approved five-year bachelor's degree. The Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Enhancement may not be awarded for no more than a total of six terms (based on the date of initial college enrollment) toward the first bachelor's degree or a program of study that is structured so as not to require a bachelor's degree and leads to a graduate degree or for no more than a total of eight terms (based on the date of initial college enrollment) toward the first approved five-year bachelor's degree. Students who have already been awarded their first bachelor or graduate degree are not eligible to receive the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship or the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Enhancement....

Changes: Proration During Term of Graduation

*62-335. Duration
and Renewal of
Awards*

C. ...During the seventh or eighth term of attendance, the institution may prorate the Palmetto Fellow Scholarship and the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Enhancement award amount, for the number of credit hours attempted for the current term of attendance, which must be the term of graduation for the student. Proration will be based on 12 credit hours (see section 62-330.B).



**Proration is ONLY in place for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship*

Changes: PFS Portal

**** More to come ****

*We have finished the
DTO migration and
will begin beta testing
within the next few
weeks.*





PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP

Frequently Asked Questions

Scenario

- Gap Year-



- A student applies for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship and is determined to meet the academic eligibility requirements during the Early Award process. Should this student decide to not enroll at an eligible college/university the following fall, can they still receive the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship?
- What if a student begins their enrollment and decides to “take a break” after their first year?

Response

- This student can still receive the scholarship given that they begin their initial enrollment by the fall term one year following graduation.
 - Graduated June 2019 -> Must enroll by Fall 2020 term
 - Student must complete a reapplication form (found on CHE’s webpage) prior to their initial enrollment in order for their status to be updated and the proper institution to be notified.
 - Student **CANNOT** attempt/earn any college credits during the gap period.
 - Institutions are responsible for verifying that the student has not attempted/earned credit hours during the gap period
- A student may only take a “gap year” immediately following high school graduation. Any break in “continuous enrollment” at an eligible 4-year institution after that point will result in a forfeit of the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship.

Scenario

- Mid-year Enrollment -



- A student completed their high school requirements (graduates) in December and enrolls at an eligible institution the spring term immediately following. Will they be eligible to receive the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship?

Response

- This student must apply for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship during the Early Award Period prior to graduating from high school. If determined to be eligible, they will be able to receive the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship during the spring term. In order to maintain scholarship eligibility the following year the student must earn 15 credit hours with a cumulative institutional GPA of 3.0.

Scenario



- A student applied for and was determined to be academically eligible for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship. This student completed the Designation Form indicating that they will be attending an 4-year institution outside of SC. If this student were to transfer back to an eligible in-state institution could they still receive the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship?

Response

- This student must complete the Reapplication Form found on the CHE website in order to “transfer” back in-state. CHE Staff will then verify that the student did, in fact, apply for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship and that they were academically eligible for the scholarship. This student MUST have met the continued eligible requirements (3.0 cumulative GPA and 30 credit hours per year) in order to be eligible to receive the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship upon transferring to an approved in-state institution. A student cannot receive the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship if they have completed their undergraduate degree or been enrolled for more than 8 terms at the out-of-state institution.

Scenario



- Can a student take courses at a local 2-year institution during the summer in order to increase their GPA and meet the continued eligibility requirements?

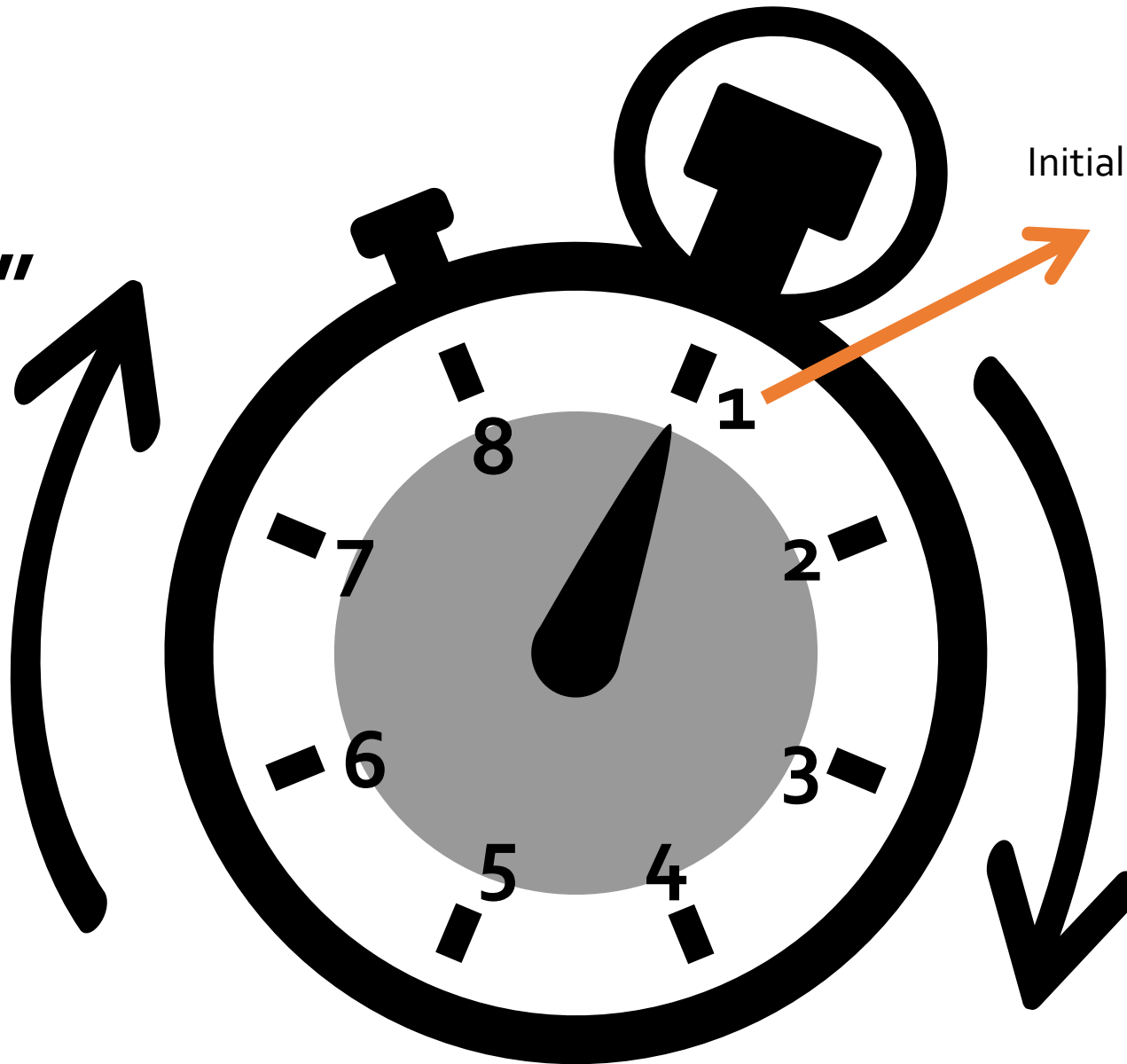
Response

- **NO**. A Palmetto Fellow must take courses at their **home** institution in order to increase their GPA.
- A student may attend an institution other than their home institution for the purpose of increasing earned credit hours if the home institution accepted these hours back for credit (we always recommend a transient student form be completed).
 - *(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)*



LIFE SCHOLARSHIP

Terms of Eligibility "LIFE Clock"



Initial College Enrollment
TERM 1

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

How to Calculate LIFE GPA

Term	Course	Grade	QP	Credits	Subtotal
AP				Credits: 7	16
Dual Enrollment	English 101	C	QP: 6	Credits: 3	
	English 102	C	QP: 6	Credits: 3	
Transfer	Math	C	QP: 6	Credits: 3	
Fall 2016					
	Biology 101	B	QP: 9	Credits: 4	43
	History	B	QP: 9	Credits: 3	
	Psych 101	A	QP: 12	Credits: 3	
	Seminar	A	QP: 12	Credits: 3	
Spring 2017					
	Biology 102	A	QP: 12	Credits: 4	27
	Soc 101	A	QP: 12	Credits: 3	
	Art History	B	QP: 9	Credits: 3	
	Chemistry	B	QP: 9	Credits: 4	

Total Quality Points : 102

GPA Hours: 36

Earned Hours: 43

Institutional GPA: 3.11

LIFE GPA: 2.83



LIFE SCHOLARSHIP

Frequently Asked Questions

Scenario



- Is there a “shelf expiration” for the LIFE Scholarship? Meaning, if a student does not enroll in a college within a certain period of time will they lose their ability to receive the LIFE Scholarship?

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 previous grading scale to the current scale.

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

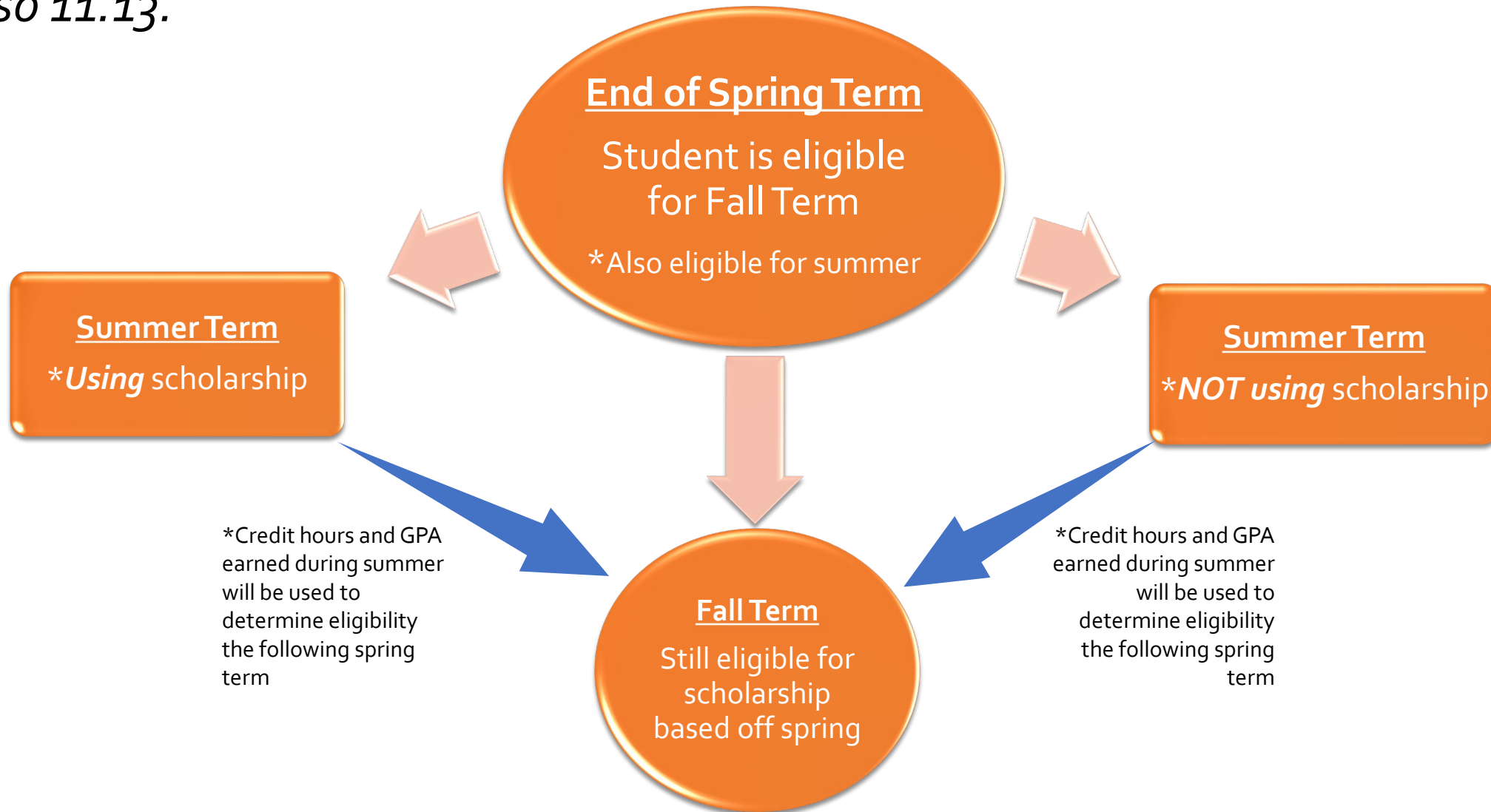


- Approved lists of eligible majors and eligible courses to meet the fourteen credit hour course requirement for the Palmetto Fellows or LIFE Scholarship Enhancement are provided on the Commission's website at www.che.sc.gov.
- CIP codes have been approved by the Commission on Higher Education for eligible 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.



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.
- In order to maintain eligibility for the following academic year the student must meet the requisite GPA and credit hours by the end of the upcoming spring term.



TRANSCRIPTS

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.

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 if the student is using rank. (LIFE 62-1200.10.C)

Transcript Requirements:

Scholarship Eligibility Purposes

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).

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
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

Work-in-Progress		
		SC UGP GPA
		4.0 GPA
GPA Summary		5.282
Class Rank		1 out of 96
Date Calculated		June 8, 2017
Credit Summary		
Total Credit Attempted: 37.00		
Total Credits Earned: 37.00		

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	2016-17
A 93-100	A 90-100
B 85-92	B 80-89
C 77-84	C 70-79
D 70-76	D 60-69
F 0-69	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: _____

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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 vs. Graduating Early

Early Graduate (Senior graduating mid-year)

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.*

Graduating Early (Student graduates academic year(s) early)

SC HOPE / LIFE Scholarship

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

Palmetto Fellows Scholarship

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

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
						SC UGP GPA		4.0 GPA			
						GPA Summary Class Rank Date Calculated				4.618 21 of 561 December 15, 2016	
						Credit Summary Total Credits Attempted: 19.00 Total Credits Earned: 19.00					

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

- “Military mobilization” is defined as a situation in which the U.S. Department of Defense orders service members to active duty away from their normal duty assignment during a time of war or national emergency. Service members include: 1) active duty and reserve members in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, and; 2) members of the Army and Air National Guard.
- 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.
- Mobilized for a full-year, eligibility will be based on prior year’s eligibility.
- Enrolled one term, mobilized one term: continued eligibility is 15 credit hours and a 3.0 GPA.
- 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 2019-2020 Appeals Cycle for the Palmetto Fellows, LIFE, and SC HOPE scholarship opened May 3, 2019. All appeals materials must be in receipt of the CHE by the deadline close of 5:00 pm on September 6, 2019.
- 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 sent electronically- 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 / REGULATORY UPDATE

Legislation- Approved 2019

Tucker Hipps Transparency Act- (Effective date 4/26/2019)

AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 265 OF 2016, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE "TUCKER HIPPS TRANSPARENCY ACT", SO AS TO PERMANENTLY AUTHORIZE THE ACT AND TO REPEAL THE THREE-YEAR SUNSET PROVISION.

H. 3639 (Effective 3/20/19)

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 59-112-50, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO MILITARY PERSONNEL AND THEIR DEPENDENTS WHO ARE ENTITLED TO PAY IN-STATE TUITION AND FEES WITHOUT REGARD TO THE LENGTH OF TIME THEY HAVE RESIDED IN THIS STATE, SO AS TO EXPAND THE CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED (Chapter 31- VocRehab) BY THESE PROVISIONS TO CONFORM WITH CERTAIN CHANGES IN FEDERAL LAW.

Regulations

PFS Regulation changes approved by General Assembly (effective May 24, 2019):

- Year-round Processing
- 'Gap Year'
- Final Term Proration

VA Regulation (to make appropriate changes based on H. 3639):

- Notice of Drafting submitted in February 2019
- Proposed changes and language due to CHE staff by 5pm on July 26, 2019.
- Proposed Regulation is due to AESS Committee and Legislative Council in August/September (will contain accepted changes)
- Public Hearing and Final Regulation will be turned in by November/December



Pending Legislation

- **S. 298-** A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 7 TO CHAPTER 11, TITLE 11 SO AS TO PROVIDE INCREASED FUNDING TO PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING IN THE SAME PERCENTAGE AS GENERAL FUND REVENUES INCREASE, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR CERTAIN SCHOLARSHIPS AND TO PROVIDE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE FUNDING, AND TO ESTABLISH THE HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES REPAIR AND RENOVATION FUND TO PROVIDE INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING; **BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-149-170, 59-149-180, 59-104-50, AND 59-104-60 SO AS TO NORMALIZE THE TEN-POINT GRADING SCALE FOR PURPOSES OF ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTAIN SCHOLARSHIPS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-150-370, RELATING TO THE HOPE SCHOLARSHIP, SO AS TO NORMALIZE THE TEN-POINT GRADING SCALE FOR PURPOSES OF ELIGIBILITY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-142-80 AND 59-143-40 SO AS TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE NEED-BASED GRANT PROGRAM AND TO PROVIDE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR FUTURE FUNDING; TO AMEND SECTIONS 59-104-25 AND 59-149-15, RELATING TO CERTAIN STEM STIPENDS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STIPEND IS AVAILABLE WHEN THE STUDENT BECOMES A JUNIOR INSTEAD OF A SOPHOMORE; BY ADDING SECTION 59-142-90 SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT THE FUNDING TO THE NEED-BASED TUITION GRANTS PROGRAM MUST BE THE SAME AS THE FUNDING TO THE NEED-BASED GRANTS; TO AMEND SECTION 2-47-40, RELATING TO THE JOINT BOND REVIEW COMMITTEE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN INFORMATION BE GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE THROUGH THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET OFFICE; BY ADDING SECTION 2-47-65 SO AS TO INDEX FOR INFLATION PROJECT COSTS FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING IF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS ARE PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; TO AMEND SECTION 2-47-55, RELATING TO A COMPREHENSIVE PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT PLAN, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; TO AMEND SECTION 59-103-110, RELATING TO APPROVAL FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; AND BY ADDING SECTION 59-103-175 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION SUBMIT POLICY STATEMENTS AND RULES AS REGULATIONS.**



Pending Legislation

- **S. 419 / H. 3759-** A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA CAREER OPPORTUNITY AND ACCESS FOR ALL ACT"; BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-485 SO AS TO PROVIDE A STATEWIDE COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS GOAL FOR 2030;.... TO AMEND SECTION 59-104-20, RELATING TO **THE CRITERIA FOR PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIPS, SO AS TO STRENGTHEN ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS, AND COMPUTER SCIENCE FOUNDATIONS OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS SEEKING PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIPS BY REQUIRING SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF CERTAIN ENGLISH AND MATHEMATICS OR COMPUTER SCIENCE COURSEWORK DURING THEIR SENIOR YEARS,** AND TO EXCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE 2019-2020 SENIOR CLASS FROM THESE REQUIREMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-149-50, RELATING TO **THE CRITERIA FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS, SO AS TO STRENGTHEN ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS, AND COMPUTER SCIENCE FOUNDATIONS OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS SEEKING LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS BY REQUIRING SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF CERTAIN ENGLISH AND MATHEMATICS OR COMPUTER SCIENCE COURSEWORK DURING THEIR SENIOR YEARS,** AND TO EXCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE 2019-2020 SENIOR CLASS FROM THESE REQUIREMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-59-210, RELATING TO ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS PROVIDING DUAL ENROLLMENT BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, SO AS TO **EXPAND SUCH DUAL ENROLLMENT OPPORTUNITIES BY CREATING A UNIFORM SYSTEM OF DUAL ENROLLMENT COLLEGE COURSES OFFERED TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS BY PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING....** BY ADDING SECTION 59-53-30 SO AS TO **REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH COMMON MINIMUM ADMISSIONS SCORES FOR ITS INSTITUTIONS, TO PROVIDE VARIATIONS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO PROVIDE ADVICE INSTITUTIONS SHOULD GIVE INDIVIDUALS WHO MEET THESE MINIMUM SCORES;** TO AMEND SECTION 59-150-360, RELATING TO TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR STUDENTS WHO ATTEND TECHNICAL COLLEGES OR TWO-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, SO AS TO **PROVIDE THIS ASSISTANCE FOR STUDENTS SEEKING CERTAIN BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY CREDENTIALS, AMONG OTHER THINGS;....**

Pending Legislation



- **H. 3936-** A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-104-20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO **ELIGIBILITY FOR PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIPS, SO AS TO INCLUDE TWO-YEAR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES AMONG INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING WHOSE STUDENTS MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE SCHOLARSHIPS.**



S.C. STATE SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT PROGRAMS- DATA VERIFICATION REVIEW

Engagement Letter

A vertical flowchart showing five steps of a review process. Each step is contained within a white rounded rectangle with an orange border, set against a light orange background bar. Blue arrows point downwards between each step. The steps are: Engagement Letter, Desk Review, On Site Review, Preliminary Draft Report, and Final Report.

Desk Review

On Site Review

Preliminary Draft Report

Final Report

Review Process

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

Preliminary Draft Memorandum and Report

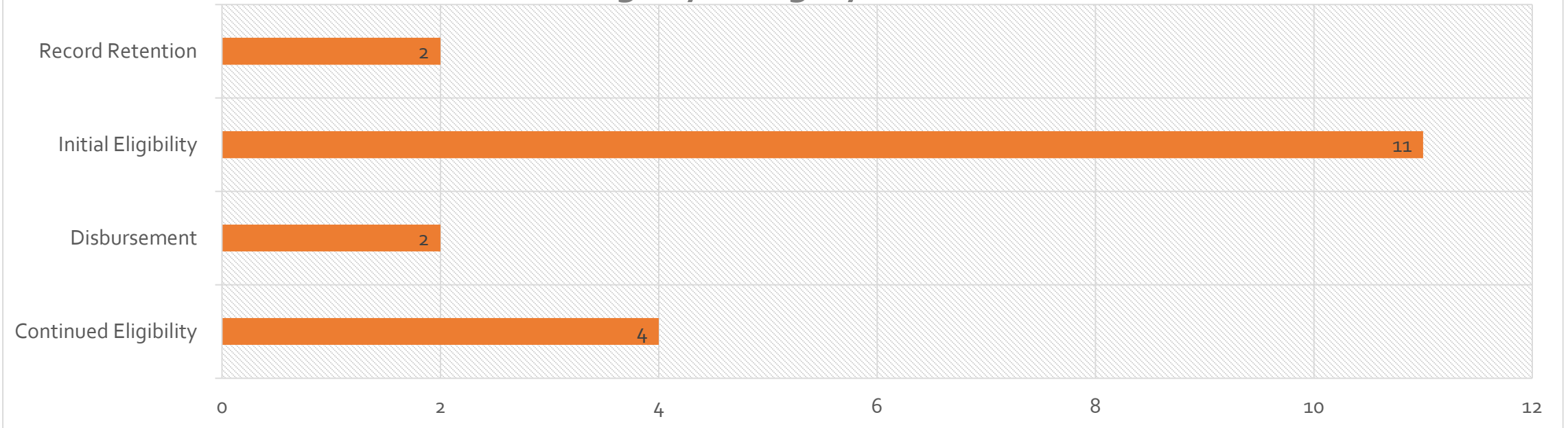
- Mailed to the Institution's President
- Includes findings, criteria, and recommendations
- Requests written response within 10 business days
- Electronic copy provided to FA Director and others as directed

Final Report

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

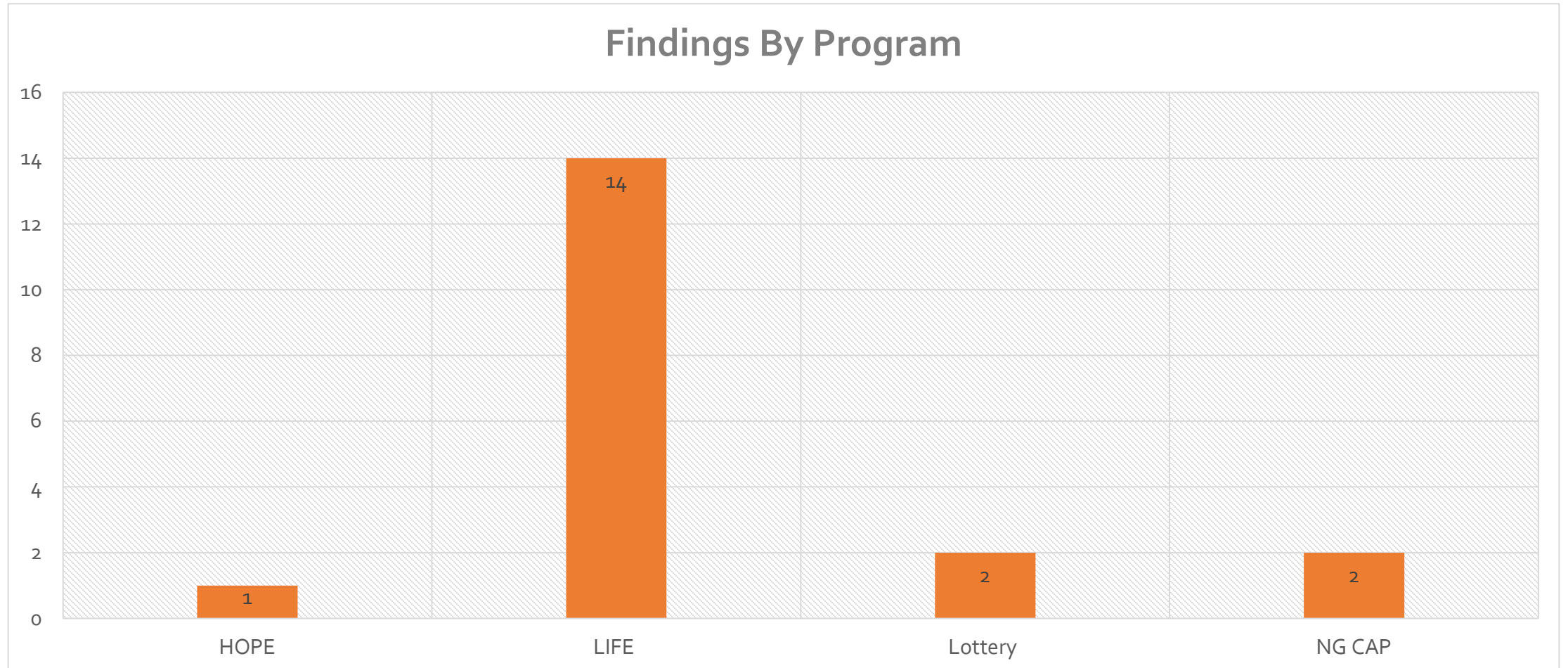
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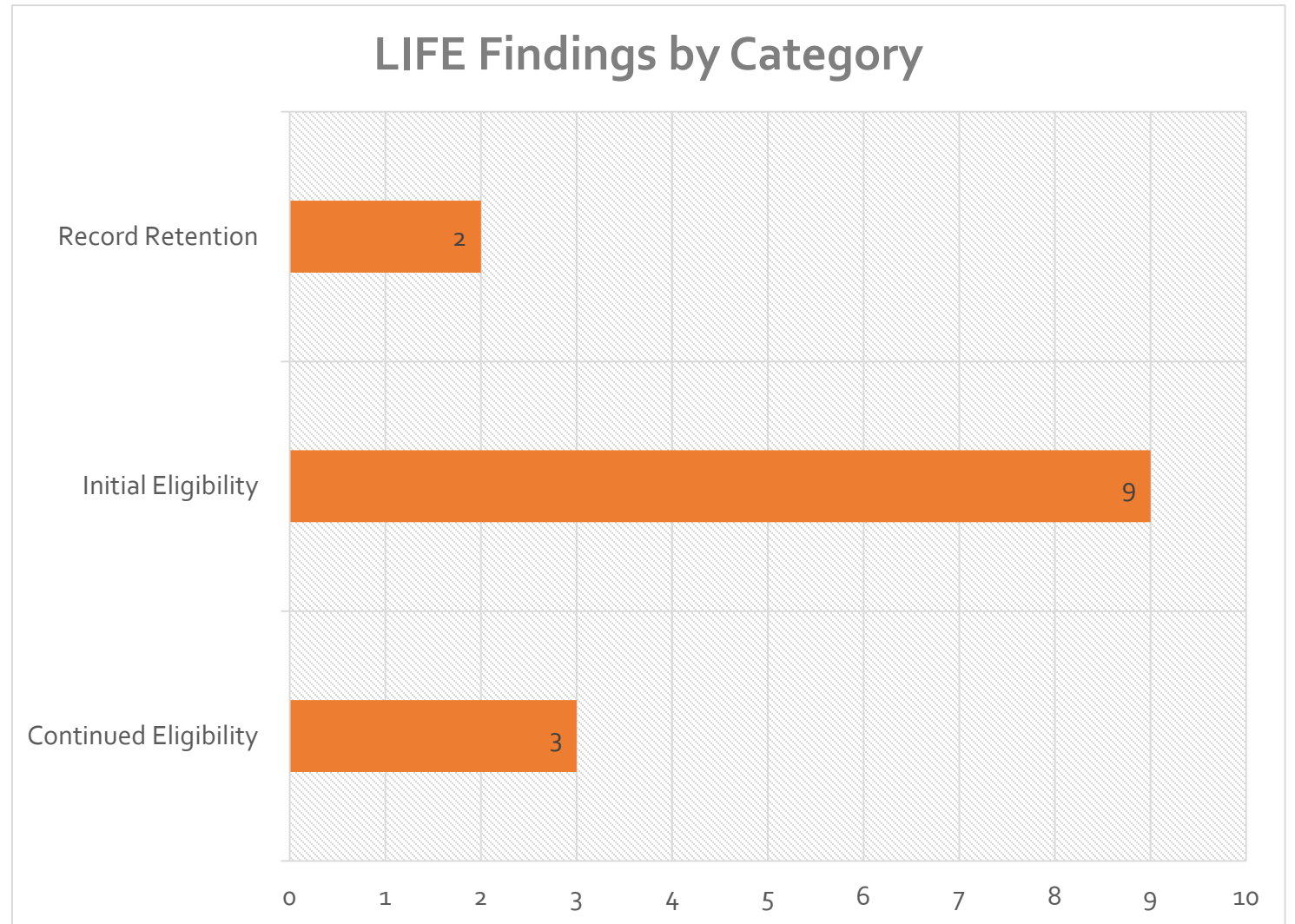


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