

South Carolina
Commission on Higher Education
Access | Affordability | Excellence

Summer 2022

**SC State Scholarships & Grants
Workshop**

Agenda

9:00 am Welcome
Residency Workshop

11:30 am Welcome
Scholarship & Grant Workshop

- Funding Levels
- Grant Programs
- SCNG CAP
- Scholarship Programs
- Year-Round Scholarships
- Transcripts
- Other
- Q & A

1:00 pm Adjourn

* After the 7/26/22 workshop, a copy of this presentation can be found on the CHE website *



Regulations

<https://www.che.sc.gov/Students,FamiliesMilitary/PayingForCollege/FinancialAssistanceAvailable/ScholarshipsGrantsforSCResidents.aspx>

The screenshot shows the website for the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (CHE). The page title is "Scholarships & Grants for SC Residents". The navigation menu includes: Home, About CHE, Meetings & Events, Data & Publications, Institutions & Educators, Students, Families & Military. The breadcrumb trail reads: "You are here: Students, Families & Military » Paying For College » Financial Assistance Available » Scholarships & Grants for SC Residents".

The page is organized into several sections:

- 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)
- LIFE Scholarship**
 - LIFE Scholarship - Additional Information
 - Math/Science Scholarship Enhancements
 - LIFE Scholarship Regulations
 - LIFE Scholarship Legislation
 - Year-Round Policy Guidelines (Summer Scholarship Award)
- South Carolina HOPE Scholarship**
 - South Carolina HOPE Scholarship - Additional Information
 - SC HOPE Scholarship Regulations
 - SC HOPE Scholarship Legislation
- South Carolina Need-based Grant**
 - South Carolina Need-based Grant - Additional Information
 - SC Need-based Grant Regulations
 - SC Need-based Grant Legislation
- Lottery Tuition Assistance**
 - Lottery Tuition Assistance - Additional Information
 - Lottery Tuition Assistance Regulations
 - Lottery Tuition Assistance Legislation
- 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

Funding for FY2022

SC Need-based Grant:

➔ Funding increased to \$70,000,000

Lottery Tuition Assistance:

➔ Funding remained the same at \$51,100,000

➔ Starting Fall 2022: \$85/credit hour with 15 credit hour maximum

Merit Scholarships:

➔ Overall funding is \$318,194,175

➔ HOPE Scholarship: \$10,904,039

➔ LIFE Scholarship: \$235,150,272

➔ Palmetto Fellows Scholarship: \$72,139,864

SC National Guard College Assistance Program (CAP)

➔ Funding remained the same at \$6,200,000



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 exceptions located in the residency regulations.*

Institutional Responsibilities: Residency

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.

Institutional Responsibilities: Auditing

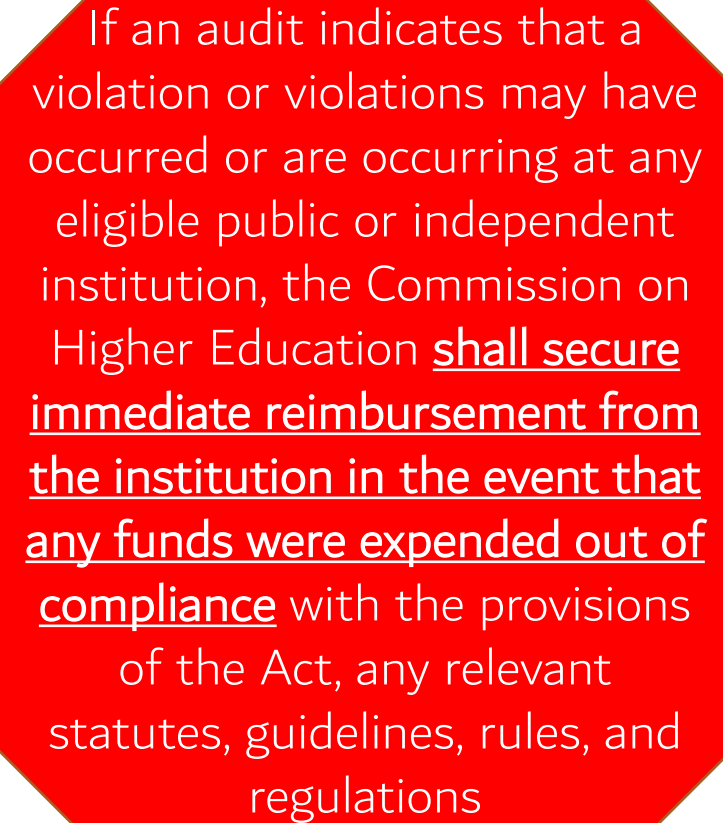
Lottery Tuition Assistance (LTAP)
62-900.200. (C) Suspension or Termination.

Need-Based Grants
62-505. (C) Suspension and Termination.

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

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

Palmetto Fellows Scholarship
62-375. (A) Suspension or Termination.



If an audit indicates that a violation or violations may have occurred or are occurring at any eligible public or independent institution, the Commission on Higher Education shall secure immediate reimbursement from the institution in the event that any funds were expended out of compliance with the provisions of the Act, any relevant statutes, guidelines, rules, and regulations

GRANT PROGRAMS



SC 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
- Enroll 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.



SC Need-based Grant

62-470 Policies and Procedures for Awarding Need-based Grants.

B. The participating institution will make awards in amounts to be defined in accordance with the Need-based Grants Program regulation and criteria, but not to exceed \$1,750 per eligible part-time student and \$3,500 per eligible full-time student per academic year, based on the institution's allocated funds for Need-based Grants and other financial aid awarded to individual applicants. However, the Commission, due to inflation increases or other relevant factors, may periodically adjust the maximum award for the Need-based Grants Program. An eligible student may receive a Need-based Grant for up to three terms of the academic year, not to exceed 100 percent of the annual award amount, assuming continued eligibility. No more than fifty percent of the annual award amount shall be disbursed in any given term.

SC Need-based Grant

Award Notification

2022-23

- \$3,500 for full-time students and \$1,750 for part-time students.
- Eligible students can receive disbursements in up to 3 terms.

Scenario

- NBG -



- A student had mixed enrollment over the course of the academic year. How do we award the SC Need-based Grant due to the mixed terms of enrollment. The student was enrolled as follows:
 - Fall 2022: Full-time
 - Spring 2023: Part-time
 - Summer 2023: Part-time

Response

- Using the newly approved regulations, the student can receive disbursements in up to 3 terms.
- This student can be awarded the SC Need-based Grant as follows:
 - Fall 2022: up to \$1,750 (half of FT enrollment amount)
 - Spring 2023: up to \$875 (half of PT enrollment amount)
 - Summer 2023: up to \$875 (half of PT enrollment amount)

SC 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 DSS representative

AND

- A letter from the DSS representative 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 \$3,500 (if full-time, \$1,750 if part-time) **plus** the additional Foster Care Youth 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 Youth funds.

Send Foster Care Youth Invoices to kharris@che.sc.gov

SC Need-based Grant: College Transition Program (CTP)

5 Institutions in South Carolina

College Transition Program Need-based Grant:

- Funding is up to \$7,500 per year for up to 8 terms.

College Transition Program Scholarship:

- Funding is up to \$10,000 per year for up to 8 terms.



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)

Award Notification

Fall 2022

- \$85 per credit hour for a maximum of 15 credit hours per semester.

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). Maximum lifetime amount (FY22-23): **\$22,000**
- 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 Ms. Alfie Mincy, Program Coordinator at AMincy@che.sc.gov or 803-856-0579.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

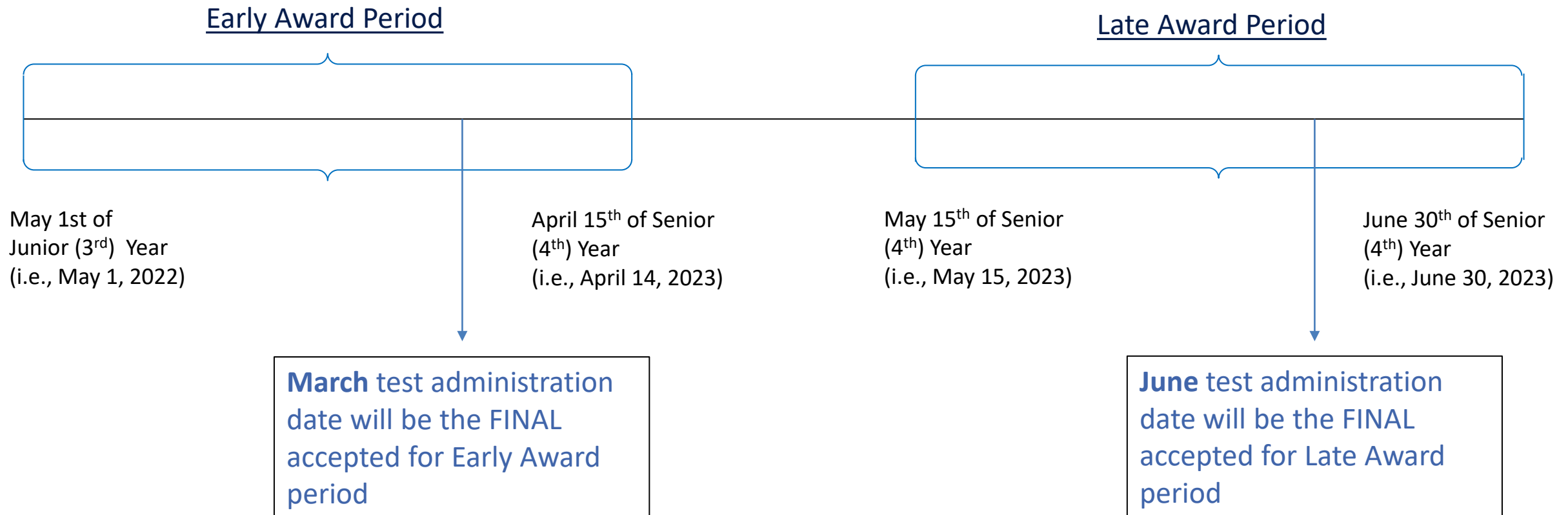




SOUTH CAROLINA
PALMETTO 
FELLOWS
SCHOLARSHIP

PFS Year-Round Processing Timeline

- 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 paper application receipt to decision release: **1 month**



Palmetto Fellows Scholarship (PFS)

Early Award

- 2,933 met the Academic Eligibility requirements

Late Award

- Application closed June 30, 2022, at 5:00pm
- Notifications will be sent out in late-August*

Designation Forms

- 2,110**

Transfers

- Total Requests for Fall 2022: 84**

*The June 4, 2022: SAT test administration scores will be available July 13, 2022.

** As of July 15, 2022



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.



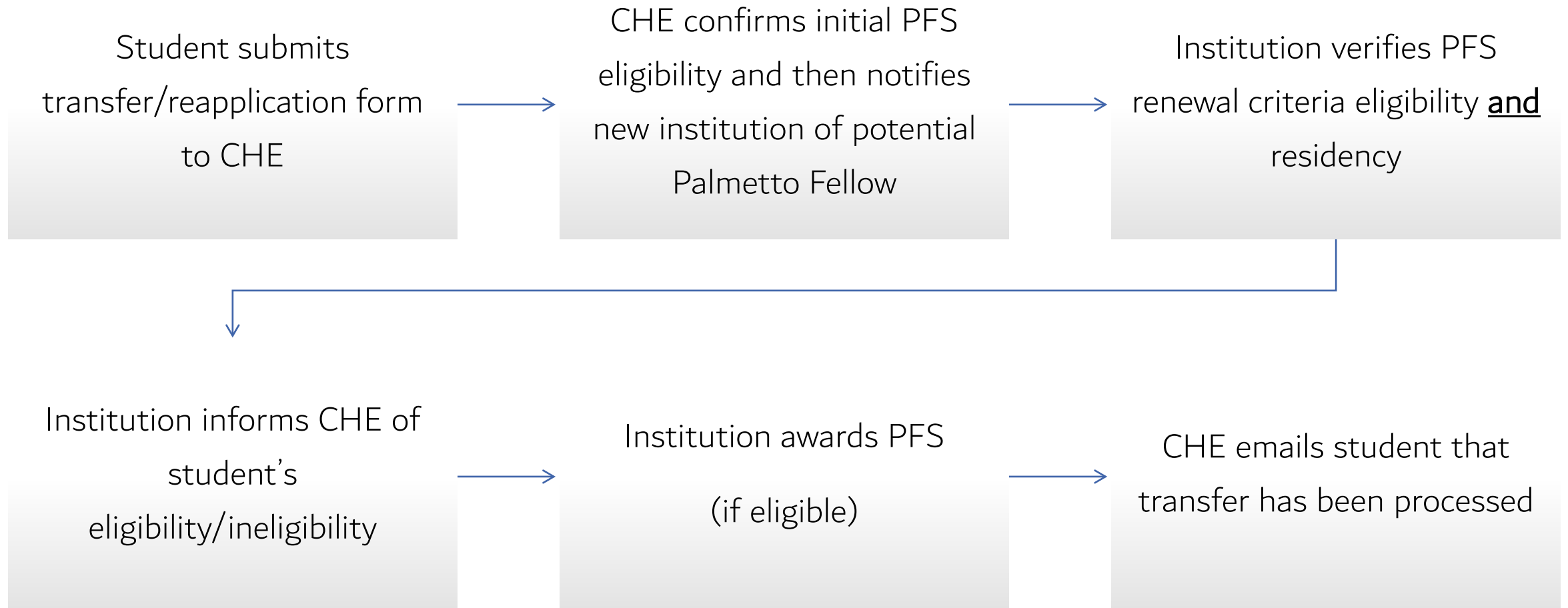
Palmetto Fellows Portal

<https://etl.che.sc.gov/SSO5/Login.aspx?ClientID=Connect>

Institutions will receive Palmetto Fellows notifications through the PFS Portal.

- 2 Lists in the Portal:
 - **Eligible/No Institution Selected** – all eligible students, prior to a Designation Form submission
 - **School Specific List** – once the student submits their Designation Form – they will no longer show on the Eligible/No Institution List – they will show on their specific school's list.
- Passwords will **deactivate after 60 days of inactivity**. Contact Scholarships@che.sc.gov to request password resets.

PFS 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 term in order to meet the continued eligibility requirements.

This also applies to LIFE & SC HOPE Scholarships.

LIFE: 62-1200.60.R.

SC HOPE: 62-900.125.G.



PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP REGULATORY CHANGES



Palmetto Fellows Scholarships at 2-Year Institutions

62-335 Duration and Renewal of Awards

C. A Palmetto Fellows Scholarship may be renewed annually for no more than a total of two terms towards a one-year certificate or diploma program, or four terms (based on the date of initial college enrollment) toward the first associate degree or two-year diploma program, or 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.

Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Enhancement

62-330 Policies and Procedures for Awarding PFS Enhancement

- A. The institution will identify award amounts, which cannot exceed:
2. \$2,500 for the second year, third year, fourth year and fifth year (if applicable) for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Enhancement if enrolled in an [eligible four-year degree program](#) or for not more than four years of instruction if enrolled in an eligible approved five-year degree program. Eligible Palmetto Fellows may prorate their award amount for the term of graduation.



Palmetto Fellows

Qualifying Criteria

- 3.5 SC UGP GPA,
- 1200 SAT or 25 ACT, and
- Top 6% rank in Grade 10, 11, or 12

If class rank criteria not met...

- 4.0 SC UGP GPA, and
- 1400 SAT or 31 ACT

Continued Eligibility Criteria

- 3.0 institutional GPA, and
- Earn 30 credit hours per academic year*

*cannot include hours earned from AP, IB, CLEP, or dual enrollment.

Can be received for a maximum of 8 terms.

PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

ACT Equivalent Score: 62.320.C. and 62.320.D.

Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Regulatory Changes

62-320. Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Application.

F....The graduation date must also be printed on the final end of senior year high school transcript. No coursework completed after the date of uniform calculation can be included in the end of the year GPA. Student must meet the scholarship eligibility criteria within four years of high school.

G....Only one student may occupy each place in class rank. The rank policy and rank policy information must be available to parents, students, colleges, and universities, and the Commission on Higher Education in publication form to include a school's website, student/parent handbook, and/or school profile.





PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP

Frequently Asked Questions

Scenario



- My student attended a 4-year institution their first year, and then transferred to a 2-year institution for their sophomore year. Student was accepted into a nursing program at the 2-year institution and complete that program mid-year of their third year of enrollment. Student then plans to transfer back to a 4-year institution.
- Will my student receive their Palmetto Fellows Scholarship during their second year at the 2-year institution?
- If not, will my student receive their Palmetto Fellows Scholarship when they transfer back to the 4-year institution during year 3?

Response

- The student can receive the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship for their first two years (or 4 terms) of college enrollment after their initial enrollment immediately following high school graduation. In this scenario, the student would **not** be eligible to receive the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship during their third year of enrollment due to being enrolled at a 2-year institution. *If in an approved 68+ program, the student could receive LIFE for the third year at the 2-year institution.
- Regarding the student receiving the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship when they transfer back to a 4-year institution, the student would not be eligible to receive the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship again. Once the Palmetto Fellows has been forfeited, there is nothing in the current regulation that allows a student the ability to regain the scholarship. The student, however, could be considered for the LIFE Scholarship.

Scenario

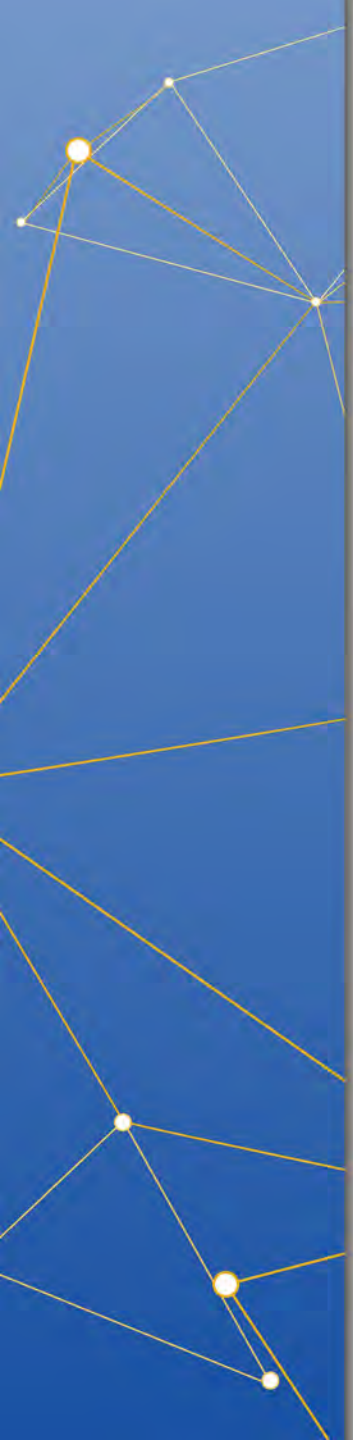


- My student is enrolling at a 2-year institution. Will they be able to receive the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship when they transfer to a 4-year school?

Response

- When the student is ready to transfer, they will need to submit an In-state Transfer form to CHE. CHE will work with their new institution to determine the student's eligibility and transfer their scholarship. The form can be found on our website and has been updated to a fillable pdf so it is easy for the student to complete and submit via email.

https://www.che.sc.gov/CHE_Docs/studentervices/palmettofellows/files/In-state_Transfer_Form-fillable-2022.pdf



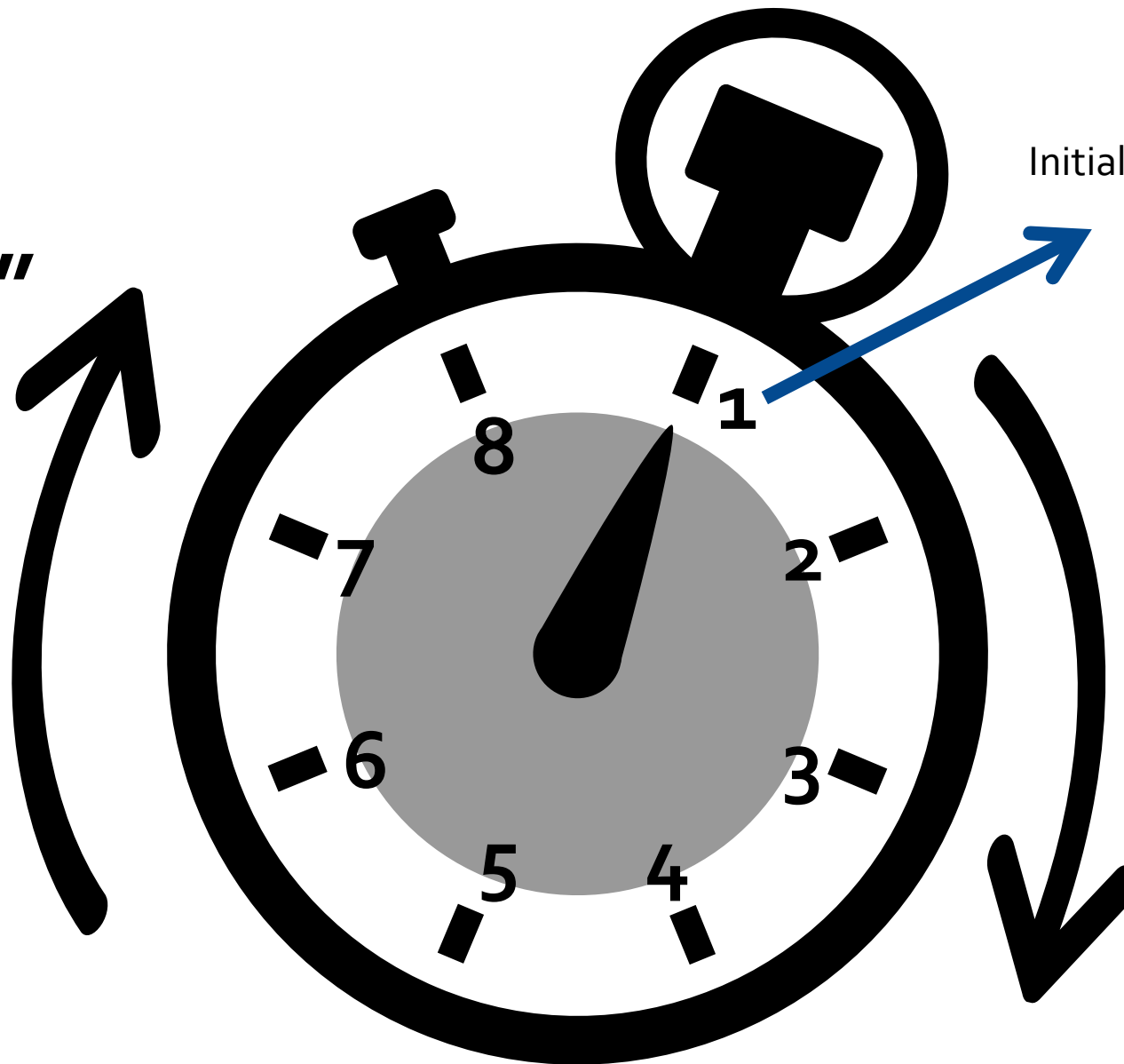
SOUTH
CAROLINA

L I F E

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

AP			Credits: 7	} 16
Dual Enrollment				
English 101	D	QP: 3	Credits: 3	
English 102	C	QP: 6	Credits: 3	
Transfer				} 16
Math	C	QP: 6	Credits: 3	
Fall 2021				} 43
Biology 101	B	QP: 12	Credits: 4	
History	B	QP: 9	Credits: 3	
Psych 101	A	QP: 12	Credits: 3	
Seminar	A	QP: 12	Credits: 3	} 27
Spring 2022				
Biology 102	A	QP: 16	Credits: 4	
Soc 101	A	QP: 12	Credits: 3	
Art History	B	QP: 9	Credits: 3	
Chemistry	B	QP: 9	Credits: 4	

Total Quality Points : 106

GPA Hours: 36

Earned Hours: 43

Institutional GPA: 3.37

LIFE GPA: 2.94

LIFE SCHOLARSHIP REGULATORY CHANGES



LIFE Scholarship Regulatory Changes

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

A. To be eligible for a LIFE Scholarship, students must:

3. Meet two of the following three criteria if a first-time entering freshman at an eligible four-year institution:

a. Earn a cumulative 3.0 grade point average (GPA) based on the South Carolina Uniform Grading Policy (UGP) upon high school graduation. No other grading policy will be allowed to qualify for the LIFE Scholarship. Final high school GPAs shall be based on the four-year period of high school attendance, with the exception of Carnegie Units earned prior to high school. There may be other exceptions, as deemed necessary by the Commission.

Qualifying Criteria

Attending a 2-Year Institution?

- 3.0 SC UGP GPA

Attending a 4-Year Institution?

Meet 2 of following 3:

- 3.0 SC UGP GPA
- 1100 SAT or 22 ACT
- Rank in top 30% of graduating

Continued Eligibility Criteria

- 3.0 LIFE GPA, and
- Earn an average of 30 credit hours per academic year*

*includes hours earned from AP, IB, CLEP, or dual enrollment.

Can be received for a maximum of 8 terms.



LIFE

LIFE SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

ACT Equivalent Score: 62.320.C. and 62.320.D.

LIFE Scholarship Regulatory Changes

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

A. To be eligible for a LIFE Scholarship, students must:

3. Meet two of the following three criteria if a first-time entering freshman at an eligible four-year institution:

c. Rank in the top thirty percent of the graduating class in a high school with an approved, official rank policy, consisting of high school diploma candidates only....Only one student may occupy each place in class rank. Institutions shall use the final ranking as reported by the high school on the official transcript, and on a submitted rank report provided by the high school the student graduated from.... The graduation date must also be printed on the final end of senior year high school transcript, and include no grades earned after the date of the graduating high school class for the graduation year.

LIFE Scholarship Regulatory Changes

62-1200.20. Terms of Eligibility: LIFE Scholarship and LIFE Scholarship Enhancement.

B. Students may receive a LIFE Scholarship for a maximum of two terms for a one-year educational program, four terms for an associate's degree program or at least a two-year program that is acceptable for full credit towards a bachelor's degree, six terms towards an approved associate's degree program that requires a minimum of 68 credit hours, eight terms (or its equivalent) towards the first bachelor's degree...

*Eligible Associate Degree Programs

<https://www.che.sc.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=ZohDz5xDPKk%3d&portalid=0>



LIFE Scholarship Regulatory Changes

62-1200.20. Terms of Eligibility: LIFE Scholarship and LIFE Scholarship Enhancement.

C. If a student pursues the following program, the terms of eligibility for the LIFE Scholarship will be based upon the student's initial college enrollment:

Degree/Program	Maximum Terms of Eligibility	Average Credit Hours Earned at the End of Each Academic Year				
		1st Year = 30 credit hours	2nd Year = 60 credit hours	3rd Year = 90 credit hours	4th Year = 120 credit hours	Fifth Year = 150 credit hours
		Terms of Remaining Eligibility at the End of Each Academic Year				
One-year Certificate/Diploma	2	0	0	0	0	0
Associate/Two-year Program	4	2	0	0	0	0
<u>Approved Associate's Degree Program that requires a minimum of 68 credit hours</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Bachelor/First Professional	8	6	4	2	0	0



LIFE SCHOLARSHIP

Frequently Asked Questions

Scenario



“I have a quick question regarding the SC Life Scholarship. I have a student that has never attended any college after his high school graduation, and I (we) wanted to know if he is still eligible to earn to receive his 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 (remember this is parent info, likely);
- 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.

Scenario



“Good afternoon, I hope you are having a good day. I am not sure I have the correct individual but hope you can point me in the right direction if you are not. My oldest son is coming back to South Carolina for college after two years of college and wrestling in NC. He has good grades and carried good grade through high school in SC. My question is regarding the process to apply for the Hope scholarship. How exactly does that work for transfers? Please let me know what we can do from here.”

Response

(62-900.100 Duration of Award: SC HOPE Scholarship)

“If the student is beyond their first year in college, they are no longer SC HOPE eligible. They may be LIFE eligible.”

There is no application for the LIFE or SC HOPE Scholarship. If the student was eligible out of high school (first year), or at the end of the prior academic year, they may be evaluated by the college. They should follow up with their financial aid office to get the conversation started.”

Scholarship Enhancement

Palmetto Fellows 62-335.H.
LIFE 62-1200.10.O.

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 in a CHE approved program;
- 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.*

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

Scholarship Enhancement

Palmetto Fellows 62-335.H.
LIFE 62-1200.10.O.

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



Scenario

“My son is entering his third year at a University in SC and will be part of the first class in their nursing program. I have two questions.



- 1) Is he still eligible for the LIFE/LIFE enhancement as he changed majors from Biology to Nursing?
- 2) Since it's a 3-year program and it starts this year, is he eligible for the LIFE/LIFE enhancement his 5th year?"

Response

(CHE Policy: Program Additions to Scholarship Enhancement -

https://www.che.sc.gov/CHE_Docs/StudentServices/LIFE/Directives/PolicyforRemovalandAdditionofProgramstotheListofEnhancementEligiblePrograms-Final.pdf)

“Thank you for your email.

The policies regarding the enhancement review and approval process determine that newly approved majors begin with the first freshman class after approval. Students who are already on campus when a new enhancement major is approved are not eligible to enter into that major and receive the enhancement. CHE staff could not indicate if he is eligible for the LIFE Scholarship. Only the college can do that, so he should check with the financial aid office to make sure he is eligible for the base scholarship.

The program is not considered a five-year program, and so the terms of eligibility for any student in that program is determined to be a maximum of 3 years of enhancement and four years of base scholarship. The time limits still begin with the first day of college.”

Scenario



“My student will graduate high school this June. He wants to take a second to breathe and then start college in January for the first time. Will he have to get 30 credit hours in Spring and Summer to keep his LIFE Scholarship for the next Fall?”

Response

(62-1200.15 Continued Eligibility: LIFE Scholarship and LIFE Scholarship Enhancement)

“Thank you for your email.

If he will be starting college for the first time in a Spring term, he will be considered a mid-year starter, and his eligibility will be based on that. As such he is responsible for earning a 3.0 LIFE GPA and a minimum of 15 credit hours by the end of his first summer. In subsequent years, he will need to maintain a 3.0 LIFE GPA, and:

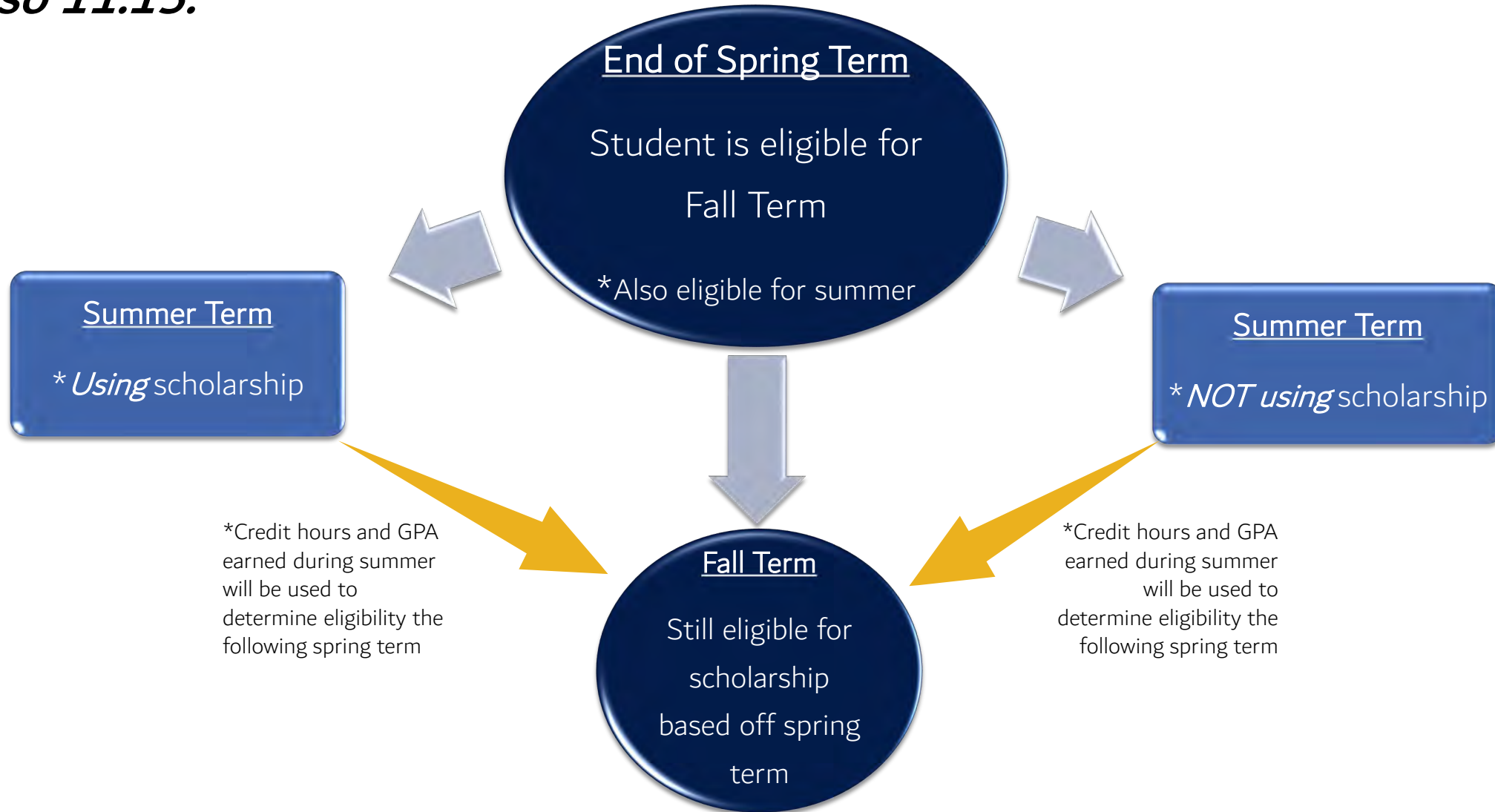
45 credit hours by end of his second year

75 credit hours by end of his third year

105 hours at the end of his 7th term to qualify for one final term, which may be in the Fall.”

Year-Round LIFE Scholarships

Proviso 11.13.



Scenario



“Good afternoon, my son attends a SC University. Last summer 2021, he took 12 hours during summer school to be able to graduate early - December 2022. This summer he is again taking summer classes - but only 6 hours - what is offered for the program he is in. He was not made aware that he could have used his lottery money for the summer semester in 2021. He called and asked the college about the possibility of getting a refund or any help for this summer and they were not able to help him. Is there anyway he could be credited, or an exception be made to pay for this summer session? Please let me know what you are able to do to help him out and any help is greatly appreciated.”

Response

(Year Round Guidelines: LIFE Scholarship and LIFE Scholarship Enhancement)

“Thank you for your email. The Summer funding has a requirement that a student must be full-time to receive the award. There are no exceptions to this.

I hope this helps with clarification.”

Scenario



"I have a LIFE Scholarship question for you. I have a student who graduated HS June 2021. She was eligible for LIFE upon graduating from HS.

- She took HS concurrent classes 24 hours/88.5 Quality Pts. = 3.688 GPA
- She did not begin college until spring 22. She will be a transfer student this fall 22.
- Do I include the concurrent hours and GPA when calculating her LIFE eligibility for Fall 22? Do I award her based on the spring 22 hours and GPA alone? If just the spring hours, I would need to see she passed at least 15 hours and had at least a 3.0 GPA NOT including any of her concurrent work."

Response

(Year Round Guidelines: LIFE Scholarship and LIFE Scholarship Enhancement)

"Thank you for your email. As a Spring 2022 enrollee, you are first looking for at least a 3.0 LIFE GPA and 15 hours by end of Spring 2022. You SHOULD include dual enrollment grades and credit hours in that calculation to see if the student is eligible. If the criteria is not met by end of Spring, the student does have through Summer 2022 to meet the criteria. "



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**.

SC Department of Education’s SC Uniform Grading Policy Manual:

<https://ed.sc.gov/districts-schools/state-accountability/uniform-grading-policy/ugp-may-2019-final-pdf/>

All final official transcripts must be date calculated between the date of the high school graduation and **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 even if the student is not using rank. (LIFE 62-1200.10.C)

Transcript Requirements:

Scholarship Eligibility Purposes

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

Graduation Date: 06/02/2022

Class Of: 2022

Diploma Type: State of SC Diploma

School Name/Address

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

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

Crs ID	Course Title	Term	Grd	Mark	Credit	Crs ID	Course Title	Term	Grd	Mark	Credit
17-18 Middle School											
302400HW	English 1 Honors	YR	8	87	1.00						
411400HW	Algebra 1 Honors	YR	8	84	1.00						
18-19 High School											
302500HW	English 2 Honors	YR	9	85	1.00						
322100HW	Biology1 Honors	YR	9	87	1.00						
337900AW	AP Human Geography	YR	9	73	1.00						
344110CW	PE1	YR	9	96	1.00						
356700CW	Instrumental Music: Guitar	YR	9	84	1.00						
412200HW	Geometry Honors	YR	9	78	1.00						
477500AW	AP Computer Science Principles	YR	9	93	1.00						


20-21 High School						Work-in-Progress	
328200AW	AP Physics 1	YR	11	93	1.00		
332000HW	US Hist and Consti Honors	YR	11	92	1.00		
361200CW	French2	YR	11	87	1.00		
413100HW	Precalculus Honors	YR	11	83	1.00		
605100HW	Intro Eng Design	YR	11	79	1.00		
901200GW	AICE English Language, AS Level	YR	11	88	1.00		
21-22 High School						SC UGP GPA	SC 4.0 GPA
333000HH	U.S. Government Honors	S1	12	92	0.50		
335000HH	Economics Honors	S2	12	84	0.50		
350113CW	Art 1 Sculpture/Ceramics	YR	12	99	1.00		
361300HW	French3 Honors	YR	12	85	1.00		
373500EW	Teacher Cadet Program Dual Enrollment	YR	12	83	1.00		
417000AW	AP Calculus AB	YR	12	FA	0.00		
452500CW	Technical Theatre Arts	YR	12	90	1.00		
923100GW	AICE Chemistry AS Level (9701)	YR	12	87	1.00		
						GPA Summary	
						Class Rank	
						Date Calculated	
						Credit Summary	
						Total Credit Attempted: 29.00	
						Total Credits Earned: 28.00	
						4.114	3.086
						82 out of 262	
						June 13, 2022	

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 _____


Principal

Date: June 13, 2022

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

Academic Achievement Record

Full Legal Name _____ **School Name** School Name
SSN _____ **Ethnicity** N/A **School Address** Address, City, SC Zip Code
DOB 00/18/2004 **Sex** _____ **School Code** 000. **Phone:** xxx-xxx-xxxx
Parent or Guardian _____ **Date Printed:** 06/24/2022
Address Address, City, SC Zip Code
Phone xxx-xxx-xxxx **Graduation Date** 5/27/2022

Grd	Year	Course	S1	S2	Yr	CRD	Grd	Year	Course	S1	S2	Yr	CRD
Middle School													
08	2017-2018	Algebra 1-Honors	H	93	91	92	1						
08	2017-2018	English 1-Honors	H	97	98	98	1						
08	2017-2018	Technology	CP	96	97	97	1						
Annual GPA : 4.9000													
High School													
09	2018-2019	BI: Early Church	CP	94	94	94	1						
09	2018-2019	English 2-Honors	H	94	93	94	1						
09	2018-2019	Geography	CP	94	93	94	1						
09	2018-2019	Geometry-Honors	H	83	84	84	1						
09	2018-2019	Physical Education	CP	100	100	100	1						
09	2018-2019	Physical Science	CP	91	91	91	1						
09	2018-2019	Spanish 1	CP	96	97	97	1						
Annual GPA : 4.4857													

High School							
11	2020-2021	Statistics	CP	90	94	92	1
11	2020-2021	American History II	CP	95	95	95	1
11	2020-2021	World Religion	CP	86	91	89	1
11	2020-2021	Advanced Biology Honors	H	91	96	94	1
11	2020-2021	American Literature II	H	98	98	98	1
11	2020-2021	Spanish 3	CP	94	91	93	1
Annual GPA: 4.5189							

High School							
12	2021-2022	Statistics	CP	90	94	92	1
12	2021-2022	American History II	CP	95	95	95	1
12	2021-2022	World Religion	CP	86	91	89	1
12	2021-2022	Advanced Biology Honors	H	91	96	94	1
12	2021-2022	American Literature II	H	98	98	98	1
12	2021-2022	Spanish 4	CP	94	91	93	1
Annual GPA: 4.5189							

ACADEMIC STANDING

RANK DATE	RANK	OUT OF	AVG	CUM GPA	WT
2022-05-24	2	13	94.0000	4.5765	17.00

NUMBER OF CREDITS EARNED BY DEPARTMENT

Bible	English	Fine Art	Foreign	Mathem	Physical	Science	Social S	Techno									Total
2	3	1	2	3	1	2	2	1									17

Final 12th grade Transcript.
 GPA calculated using the South Carolina Uniform Grading Policy
 GPA Calculation Date: 5/24/2022.

[Signature] 5-24-2022
 School Signature of School Official/Title/Date

Out-of-State High Schools & Scholarship Eligibility

For Scholarship purposes, out-of-state schools must comply with SC UGP 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).

SC Department of Education's SC Uniform Grading Policy Manual:

<https://ed.sc.gov/districts-schools/state-accountability/uniform-grading-policy/ugp-may-2019-final-pdf/>



Early Graduate vs. Graduating Early

Early Graduate

(Senior graduating mid-year > not during the Spring Cohort)

LIFE Scholarship

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

Palmetto Fellows Scholarship

- Student can qualify with class rank from the end of the 10th or 11th grade year.
- *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 > graduates with Spring Cohort)

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 use the end of 10th or 11th grade rank, must use end of 11th grade GPA
- Late Award Application Period can use the end of 10th or 12th grade rank, must use end of 12th grade GPA

Scholarship Appeals

- The 2022-2023 Appeals Cycle for the Palmetto Fellows, LIFE, and SC HOPE scholarship opened May 2, 2022. All appeals materials must be received by CHE on or before the deadline which is [5:00 pm on September 2, 2022.](#)
- 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 are encouraged to go through the institutional appeal process first.
- 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:
<https://www.che.sc.gov/Students,FamiliesMilitary/StudentAppeals.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.

QUESTIONS?



CHE Contact Information

Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Director of Student Services

(803) 856-0578

kwoodfaulk@che.sc.gov

Dr. Gerrick Hampton

Associate Director and Program Manager

(803) 856-0609

ghampton@che.sc.gov

Ms. Kathryn (Katie) Harris

Scholarships and Grants Program Manager

(803) 856-0738

kharris@che.sc.gov

Ms. Tanya Weigold

Scholarships and Grants Program Coordinator

(803) 856-0672

tweigold@che.sc.gov

Ms. Alfie Mincy

SCNG CAP Program Coordinator

(803) 856-0579

amincy@che.sc.gov



WORKSHOP INFO

Wednesday, July 20, 2022: Midlands Workshops at Piedmont Technical College (Newberry Campus)

- 9:00 am – 11:00 am Residency Workshop
- 11:30 am – 1:00 pm Scholarships & Grants Workshop

Tuesday, July 26, 2022: Upstate Workshops at Tri-County Technical College

- 9:00 am – 11:00 am Residency Workshop
- 11:30 am – 1:00 pm Scholarships & Grants Workshop