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## College Process Ambassadors

The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education understands the challenges that high school and first-year college students face! Considering the many deadlines, scholarship applications, FAFSA information, and more, new students in higher education can easily feel overwhelmed. To facilitate a smooth transition, the CHE is looking for students to guide others across South Carolina. These students would become College Process Ambassadors. The Ambassadors would highlight college application and success resources to support the upcoming class of high school graduates and college students.

College Process Ambassadors will create social media content on the Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook for SCCanGo. The Ambassadors will actively assist others via community outreach. Ambassadors are required to participate in and promote events related to College Application Month, College Goal SC, and College Decision Month. The Ambassadors will communicate to the Commission on Higher Education to explain how they can best support students.

The students will be high school juniors or seniors, expecting to graduate within two academic years. To apply, students must submit a completed nomination form (signed by an administrator at your high school), complete the short-answer application, answer the questions in an essay format, and send an unofficial copy of their high school transcript. Selected students will obtain parental permission to participate in the program and they will attend an orientation session on professionalism and general expectations before beginning.

At the end of the academic year, they will receive up to a \$1,000 scholarship, payable directly to their desired institution of higher learning within the state of SC. During the next year, ambassadors may be selected to move on to share their journey in college, as the new cohort of high school students begin. These students will receive \$500 at the end of the second year, as well. Furthermore, these students will have direct support through the process from those at the SC Commission on Higher Education as they go through the college process.

If you believe that you're ready to show South Carolina what your unique college journey looks like, we hope you'll apply to become one of our Ambassadors! Nelson Mandela stated, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

Email any questions to Alantis Seckal at sseckal@che.sc.gov. We hope to see you in the Fall!

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