SC Scholarship & Grant Overview

SC Commission on Higher education website address:
https://www.che.sc.gov/index.php/students-families-and-military/scholarships-and-grants-sc-residents

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(SEE QUICK CHART BELOW)

General Eligibility requirements for all programs:
- US Citizen/Legal Permanent Resident*
- SC Resident*
- No felony convictions**
- No second or subsequent alcohol/drug misdemeanors
- Not in default on any state or federal loans
- Enroll in a degree-seeking program at an eligible SC institution

*This must be determined at the time of high school graduation & college enrollment.
**Excluding Lottery Tuition Assistance.

QUALIFYING CRITERIA

CONTINUED ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

SC HOPE
$2,800

- Attend an eligible four-year institution
- 3.0 SC UGP GPA

- 3.0 LIFE GPA; and
- Earn an average of 30 credit hours by the end of the first academic year*

If a SC HOPE recipient satisfies the above criteria, they move into the LIFE scholarship program beginning in their 2nd academic year

LIFE
$5,000

Two-Year Institution
- 3.0 SC UGP GPA

Four-year Institution (Meet 2 out of 3)
- 3.0 SC UGP GPA
- 1100 SAT or 22 ACT
- Rank in top 30% of graduating class*

*Cannot use rank if graduating mid-year

- 3.0 LIFE GPA; and
- Earn an average of 30 credit hours by the end of the first academic year*

Up to eight terms of eligibility towards first Bachelors degree

*Academic year: Fall, Spring, Summer
** Can use AP, IB, Dual Enrollment, and CLEP hours towards credit hour requirement

Palmetto Fellows
$6,700 year 1
$7,500 year 2–4

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

Without regard to rank (Alternative Criteria)
- 4.0 SC UGP GPA; and
- 1400 SAT or 31 ACT

*Mid-year graduates MUST apply prior to mid-year graduation date

- 3.0 Institutional GPA; and
- Earn 30 credit hours each academic year

Up to eight terms of eligibility towards first Bachelors degree

*Academic year: Fall, Spring, Summer
**Cannot use AP, IB, Dual Enrollment, or CLEP hours towards credit hour requirement

Lottery Tuition Assistance

2-Year institutions only
- Complete the FAFSA or FAFSA waiver;
- Enroll in at least six credit hours

- Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress
- After attempting 24 hours, earn a minimum 2.0 GPA; and
- Complete the FAFSA annually

Students are not eligible to receive Lottery Tuition Assistance for more than one certificate, diploma, or degree earned within any five-year period unless the additional certificate, diploma, or degree constitutes progress in the same field of study.

SC Need-based Grant
$3,500 (Full-time)

- Determined 'in need' by completing the FAFSA

- 2.0 GPA; and
- Earn 24 credit hours; and
- Complete the FAFSA annually, so 'in need' status can be confirmed.

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