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Commission on Higher Education
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Summer 2023

**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 7/27/23 workshop, a copy of this presentation can be found on the CHE website *



Funding for FY2023

SC Need-based Grant:

➔ Funding increased to \$80,000,000

Lottery Tuition Assistance:

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

➔ Starting Fall 2023: \$80/credit hour with 15 credit hour maximum

Merit Scholarships:

➔ Overall funding is \$281,097,981

➔ HOPE Scholarship: \$12,574,147

➔ LIFE Scholarship: \$201,194,944

➔ Palmetto Fellows Scholarship: \$67,328,890

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;
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**(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.*

SC Residency Updates: Proviso 117.159

Chapter 35 Covered Individuals

See Memo, dated July 7th regarding Chapter 35 Covered Individuals

117.159. (GP: In-state Tuition Payment) For the current fiscal year, an individual enrolled in a public institution of higher learning who receives educational assistance under Chapter 35, Title 38 of the United States Code is entitled to pay in-state tuition and fees, while living in the State, without regard to the length of time the individual has resided in the State.



Institutional Responsibilities: Residency

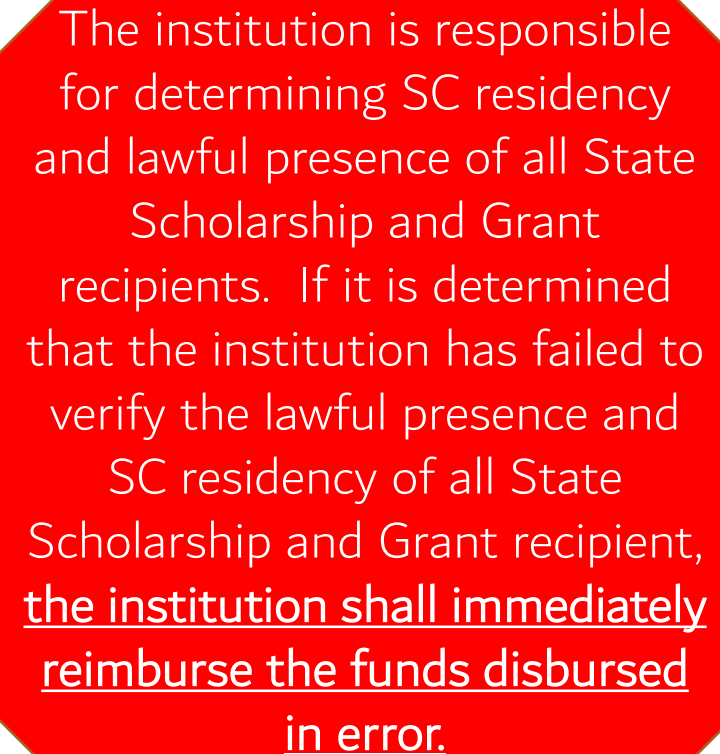
Lottery Tuition Assistance (LTAP)
62-900.190. (A) Refunds and Repayments.

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

2023-24

- \$3,500 for full-time students and \$1,750 for part-time students.
- Eligible students can receive disbursements in up to 3 terms (Fall – Spring – Summer).

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

Eligible SC higher education institution = the IHL receives SC NBG funds from CHE or through the SC Tuition Grants Commission.

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 or participating in aftercare programming through DSS.

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 the student(s), 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)

6 Institutions in South Carolina

College Transition Program Need-based Grant:

- Funding is up to \$10,000 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 2023

- \$80 per credit hour for a maximum of 15 credit hours per semester.

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 (FY23-24): **\$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
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SCHOLARSHIP

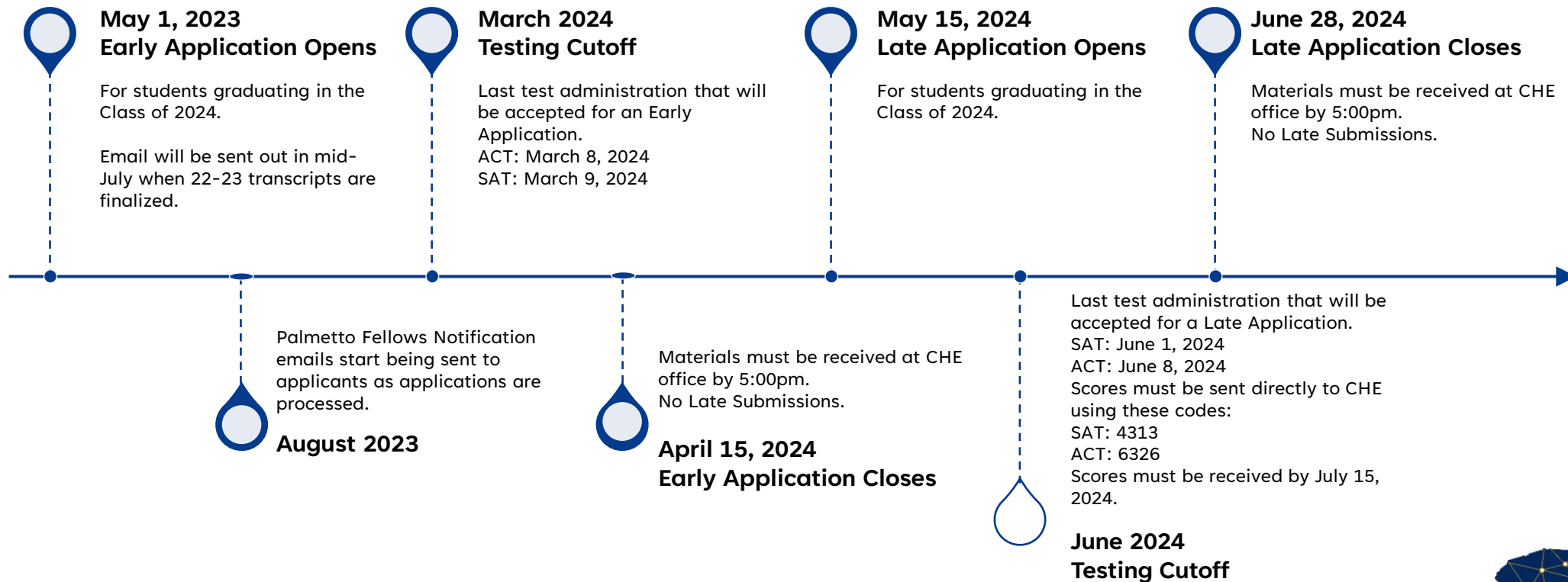


PFS Year-Round Processing

- CHE will review applications continuously to determine eligibility for the PFS.
- Decisions will then be uploaded into CHE data system (weekly) and student email notifications sent. The PFS Portal is real time to the CHE data system, so the students will show in the portal immediately after they are loaded into the CHE data system.
- Estimated processing time from date of paper application received at CHE to decision release: **1 month**



2023-2024 Palmetto Fellows Application Timeline



SC Commission on Higher Education, Attn: Palmetto Fellows, 1122 Lady St, Suite 400, Columbia, SC 29201
<https://che.sc.gov/>



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 (PFS)

Early Award

- 3,136 met the Academic Eligibility requirements

Late Award

- Application closed June 30, 2023, at 5:00pm
- Notifications will be sent out continuously through late-August*

Designation Forms

- 2,098**

Transfers

- Total Requests for Fall 2023: 72**

*The June 10, 2023: ACT test administration scores will be available July 4, 2023.

** As of July 7, 2023



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 for the incoming recruitment class only (prospective students).

- Passwords will deactivate after 60 days of inactivity. Contact Scholarships@che.sc.gov to request password resets.

Palmetto Fellows Portal

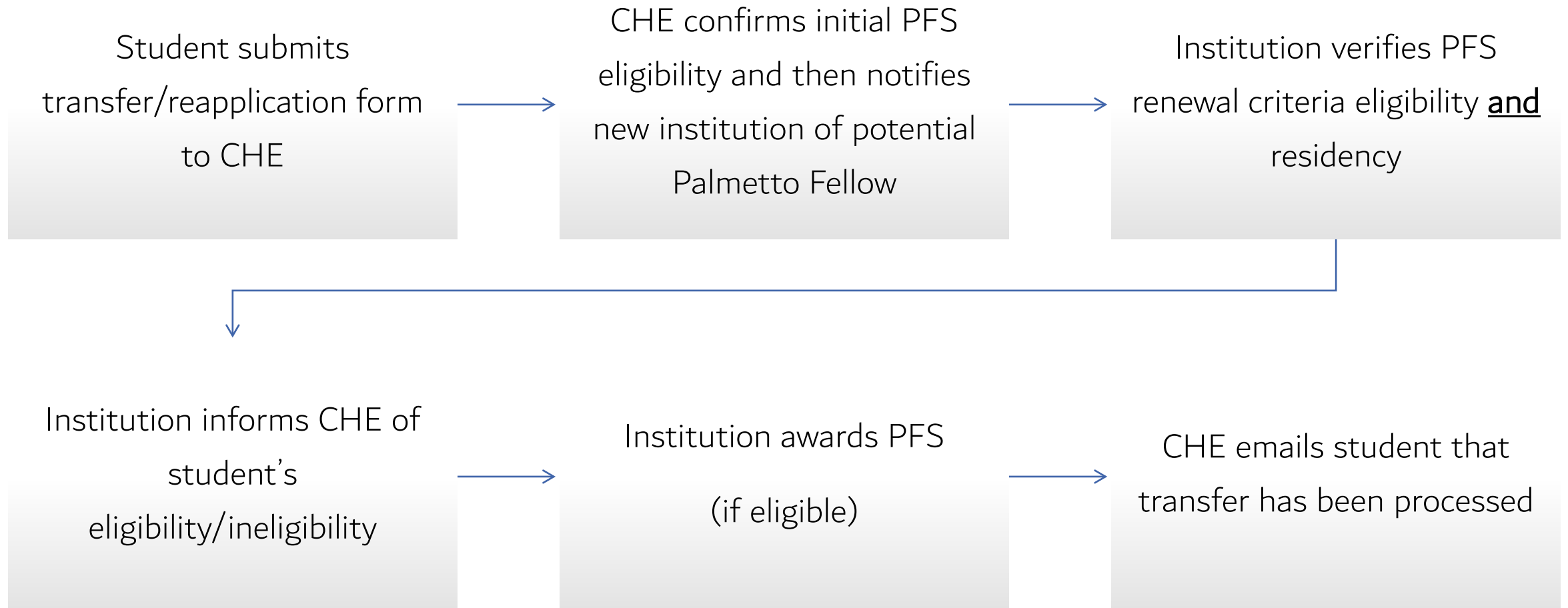
<https://etl.che.sc.gov/SSO5/Login.aspx?ClientID=Connect>

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)

These students will not be visible to the IHLs in the Palmetto Fellows Portal until after the below process!



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 UPDATES FOR STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGES

Palmetto Fellows Regulation

62-330. Policies and Procedures for Awarding the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship and the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Enhancement

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SC Workforce Industry Needs Scholarship (SC WINS) Legislation

E. Section 59-150-365: South Carolina Workforce Industry Needs Scholarship

SECTION 1. Chapter 150, Title 59 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

"Section 59-150-365. (A)(1) A student who is pursuing a professional certificate, industry-recognized credential (IRC), diploma, or degree from a public South Carolina technical college, meeting the qualifying criteria, shall receive a South Carolina Workforce Industry Needs Scholarship (SCWINS). The SCWINS scholarship is equal to the cost of tuition, fees, or expenses for required course-related materials **after applying all other federal or state scholarships or grants**, not to exceed five thousand dollars each year for no more than three years of instruction, including the student's freshman year, if the student is enrolled in an associate degree program, or no more than two years of instruction, including the student's freshman year, if enrolled in an IRC, diploma, or professional certificate program.



Awarding PFS at SC Technical College

If Student has **Palmetto Fellows** and **SC WINS** eligibility:

1 Calculation of Need-based Aid

Cost of Attendance

- EFC (expected Family Contribution – FAFSA)

Student's Financial Need

Awarding of Need-based Aid

(Federal Pell Grant, FSEOG, Direct Subsidized Loan, Federal Work-Study, SC Need-based Grant, etc.)

3 Calculation of PFS Eligibility

Cost of Attendance

- All Awarded Aid

Student's Eligibility for PFS

2 Determination of Non-Need-based Aid

Cost of Attendance

- All Need-based Aid

Student's Eligibility for Non-need-based Aid

- Awarding of all other sources of Aid

(Institutional, Federal, State (SC Tech scholarships, LTAP, LIFE), private scholarships, etc.)

4 Calculation of SC WINS Eligibility

Cost of Attendance

- All Awarded Aid

Student's Eligibility for SC WINS

*SC WINS is last dollar to student's COA, per statute.

If the student does not qualify for SC WINS, you would award PFS last to COA, per regulation.





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SCHOLARSHIP



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.

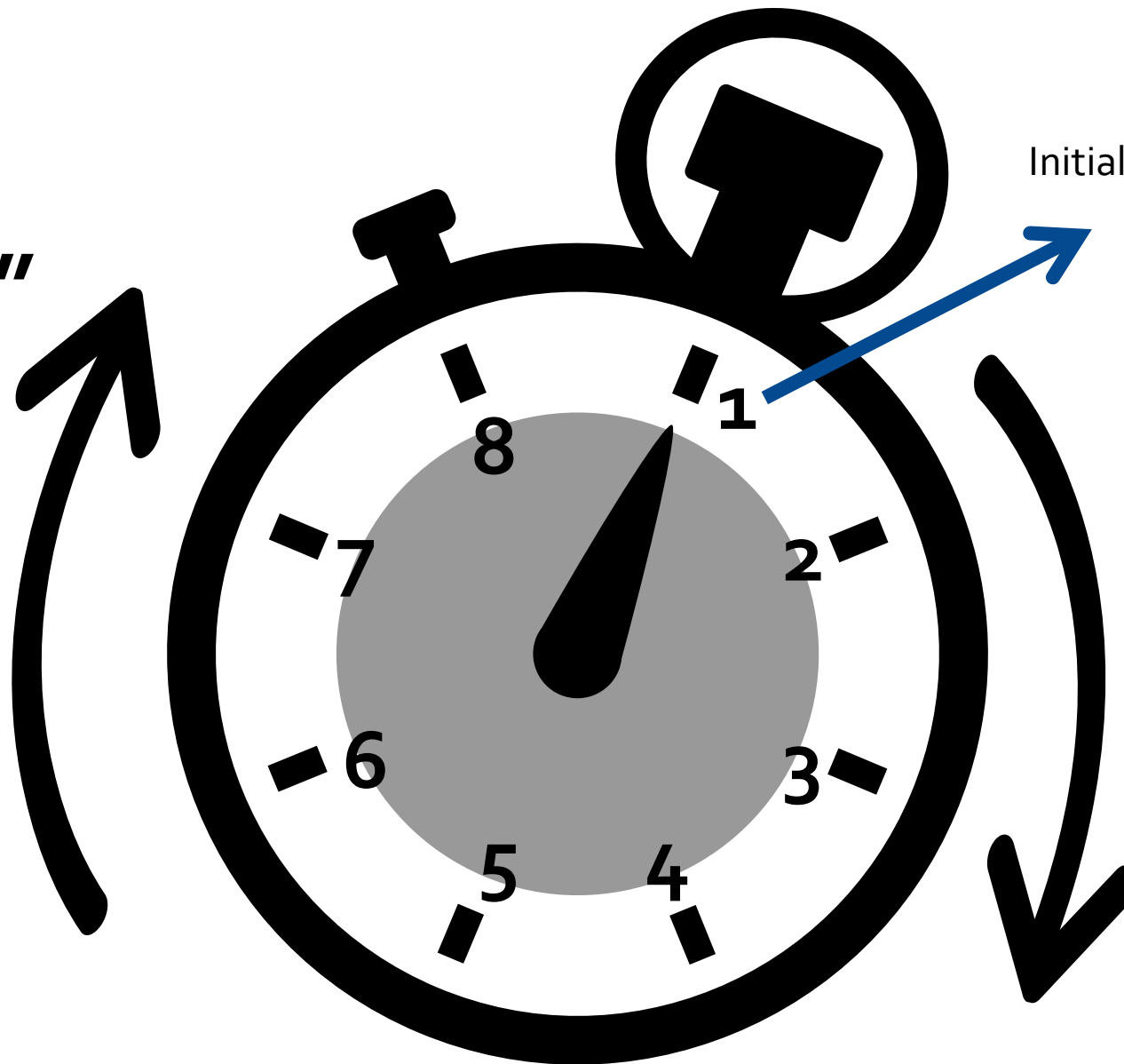
Can be received for a maximum of 8 terms.

LIFE

LIFE SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

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

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	
Spring 2022				} 27
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 UPDATES



LIFE Scholarship Update: Class Rank Language

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 Updates: Rank Report Access

- See Memo, dated June 15th regarding Final 12th grade rank reports
- Effective for the Class of 2024, high schools will no longer be sending final 12th grade ranking reports directly to SC colleges and universities. Instead, it will be the responsibility of the institution to check the portal designated by the SC Commission on Higher Education (CHE) to access the final 12th grade ranking reports.
- Transition Period: For the Class of 2023, High schools will have the choice of sending their final 12th grade ranking periods directly to CHE and/or SC colleges and universities. CHE will load Class of 2023 final 12th grade ranking reports into the portal for institutions to compare what they receive with what the CHE has received. Please retain any rank reports received by the institution for audit purposes.
- For the Class of 2024, High schools will only send final 12th grading ranking reports to the CHE.



LIFE Scholarship Update: Rank Report Access

- Accessing the Portal: Designated institutional representatives will be required to regularly check the CHE portal to access the final 12th grade ranking reports. This portal will serve as the primary platform for retrieving the necessary information.
- If your staff needs access to the portal, please contact Kathryn Harris or Tanya Weigold at Scholarships@che.sc.gov.
- Reporting Period: Final 12th grade ranking reports will be uploaded as they are received from SC high schools. SC high schools have a deadline of June 30 each academic year to provide CHE with their final 12th grade ranking. Please ensure that your institutional representatives regularly check the portal during the appropriate reporting period to access the reports.

PFS Portal: Rank Reports for LIFE Scholarship Eligibility

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

Login to SC Commission on Higher Education Systems

* User Name

* Password

Forgot your password? [Click here to reset it.](#)

PFS Portal: Rank Reports for LIFE Scholarship Eligibility

Institution Users

[View Eligible Palmetto Fellows Students](#)

[Palmetto Fellows Renewals](#)

[View High School Ranking Documents](#)

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PFS Portal: Rank Reports for LIFE Scholarship Eligibility

View High School Ranking Documents

Cohort [Retrieve Data](#)

Show entries

Search:

Id	Name	City	County Id	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
410494	A.C. Flora High School	Columbia	40			View
410000	Abbeville High School	Abbeville	1			
410049	Academic Advantage Association	Spartanburg	42			
410025	Aiken High School	Aiken	2			View
410083	Aiken Scholars Academy	Aiken, SC	2			View
412077	Airport High School	West Columbia	32			View
410732	Allendale Fairfax High School	Fairfax	3			View
410041	Anderson Christian School	Anderson	4			
410042	Anderson Five Charter School	Anderson	4			View
411175	Andrew Jackson High School	Kershaw	29			View
410058	Andrews High School	Andrews	22			View



LIFE Scholarship Updates: 68 Plus Programs

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/sites/che/files/Documents/Students%2C%20Families%2C%20Military/Scholarships/Associate%20Degrees%2068%2B%20CHE%20List.pdf>

LIFE Scholarship Updates

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 Updates: Proviso 117.183 LIFE GPA for Sophomore eligibility

See Memo, dated July 7th regarding Legislation Updates for Act 84

Proviso 117.183. (GP: Life Scholarship Retention) For the current fiscal year, of the funds allocated to the Commission on Higher Education for Life Scholarships, no monies shall be withheld from a student otherwise eligible for their second year of Life Scholarship funding based solely upon a grade earned in a dual enrollment class.

- For those students who end the first year ineligible, institutions will need to determine if they were ineligible solely due to their performance in a dual enrollment course. If this is the case, then the student should retain the LIFE Scholarship for the second year.
- After the second year, you would compute a normal LIFE GPA and determine eligibility based on that LIFE GPA and average credit hours.



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



Scholarship Enhancement

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

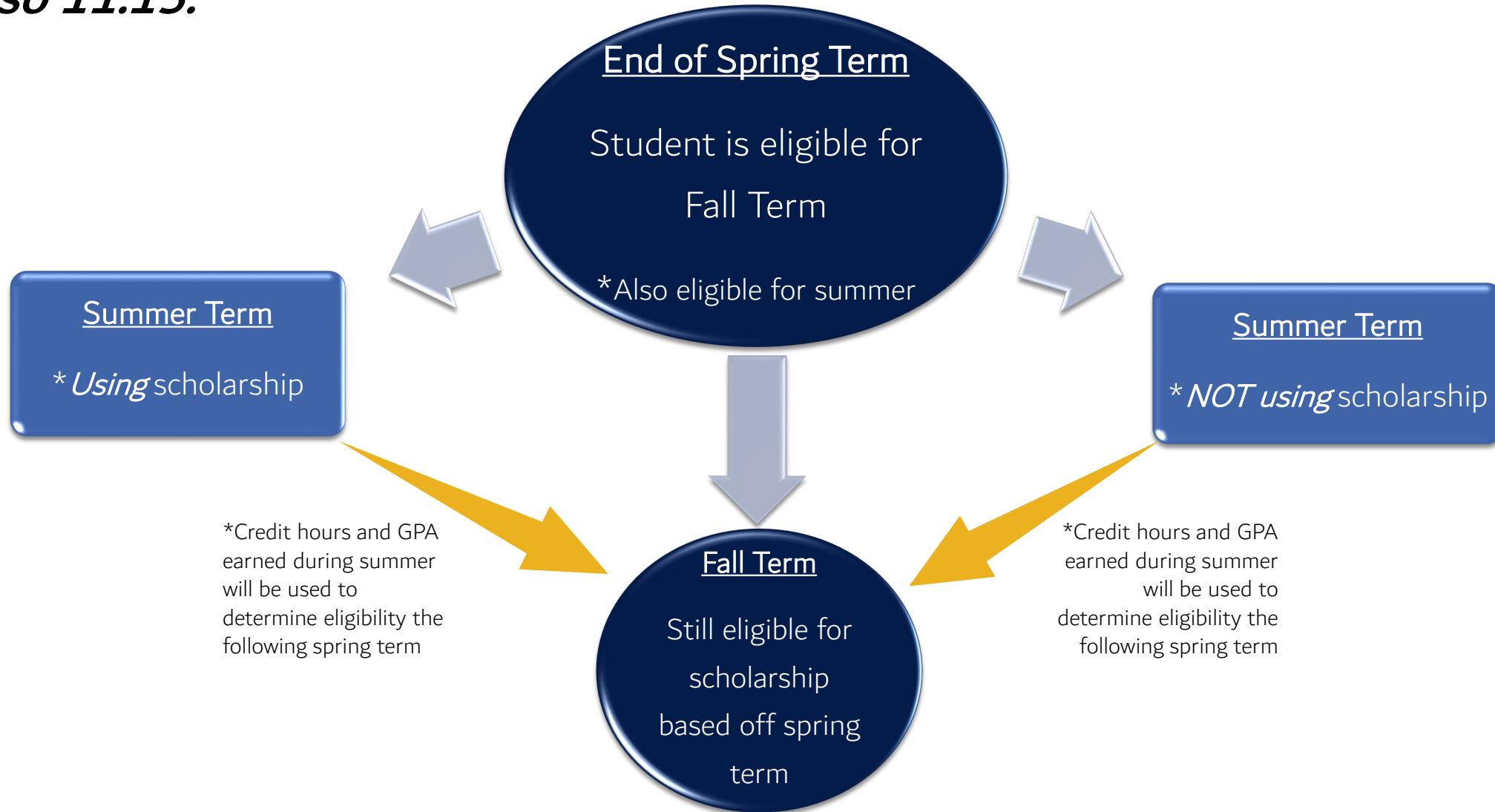
Eligible Classes / Programs:

- Students can move from one eligible enhancement program to another (including new programs).



Year-Round LIFE Scholarships

Proviso 11.13.





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 3 days prior to 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 earlier than 3 days before graduation and 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

Ranking Information on CHE Portal

Institution Users

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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							
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		
						SC UGP GPA	SC 4.0 GPA
GPA Summary						4.114	3.086
Class Rank						82 out of 262	
Date Calculated						June 13, 2022	
Credit Summary							
Total Credit Attempted: 29.00							
Total Credits Earned: 28.00							

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



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 the school uses a 10-point grading scale, they will need to submit a copy of their grading policy/scale to show that it is the same as the SC UGP, if there is not GPA conversion.
- 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*
 - The rank policy must be approved by CHE as being in alignment with the rank regulation; *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 2023-2024 Appeals Cycle for the Palmetto Fellows, LIFE, and SC HOPE scholarship opened May 1, 2023. All appeals materials must be received by CHE on or before the deadline which is [5:00 pm on February 16, 2024.](#)
 - Early Review: May – September 15, 2023. Final decisions rendered no later than Jan. 1
 - Late Review: September 16 – February 16, 2024. Final decisions rendered no later than April 5.
- 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.

Students with Documented Disabilities

Register with the Office of Disability Services



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May be eligible for Reduced Course load

Regulations

<https://che.sc.gov/students-families-and-military/scholarships-and-grants-sc-residents>

Detailed Scholarship and Grant Information

✓ [Palmetto Fellows Scholarship](#)

✓ LIFE Scholarship

✓ South Carolina HOPE Scholarship (Freshmen)

✓ South Carolina Need-based Grant

✓ Lottery Tuition Assistance

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