South Carolina Scholarship and Grant Programs

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	Palmetto Fellows Scholarship	LIFE Scholarship	S. C. HOPE Scholarship	S. C. Needs- Based Grant	Lottery Tuition Assistance
Initial Eligibility	Minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA based on S. C. Uniform Grading Scale Rank in top 6% of class at end of sophomore, junior, or senior year Minimum score of 1200 SAT/27 ACT OR Minimum 4.0 cumulative GPA based on S. C. Uniform Grading Scale Minimum Score of 1400 SAT/32 ACT Rank requirement waived	Four Year Institution Must have 2 of 3: Minimum of 3.0 on S. C. Uniform Grading Scale Rank in top 30% of high school graduation class Minimum Score of 1100 SAT/24 ACT OR Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA based on S. C. Uniform Grading Scale at two- year institution Test score and rank are waived	Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA based on the S. C. Uniform Grading Scale No minimum test score and rank required For students who do not qualify for the LIFE or Palmetto Fellows Program, but graduate from high school with at least a B average (3.0+)	No minimum GPA Students must complete Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)	No minimum GPA Students must complete Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
Award Amount	Up to \$6,700 toward the cost of attendance at eligible four-year institutions freshman year Up to \$7,500 for sophomore, junior, and senior years	Up to \$5,000 (includes \$300 book stipend) towards the cost of attendance at eligible four-year institutions OR Up to the cost of attendance at eligible two-year institutions plus \$300 book stipend	\$2,800 (includes \$300 book stipend) towards the cost of attendance at eligible four-year institutions	Up to \$2,500 for full time students and \$1,250 for part-time students towards the cost of attendance at eligible four-year institutions	Up to cost of tuition
Renewal Criteria	Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA and 30 credit hours for graduation purposes each academic year	Minimum 3.0 LIFE GPA and an average 30 credit hours each academic year based on initial college enrollment	This scholarship if for the first year of attendance at a four- year institution only.	Fill out FAFSA and minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA and 24 credit hours each academic year if full time and 12 hours if part-time	Fill out FAFSA and satisfactory academic progress
Term Limit	Eight consecutive terms toward first bachelor's degree	Two consecutive terms for a certificate or diploma, Four consecutive terms for an associate's degree, and Eight consecutive terms for first bachelor's degree	Up to two consecutive terms of funding	Eight consecutive terms toward bachelor's degree	