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# South Carolina Tuition Grants Program

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Need-based grant program for students attending eligible independent colleges and universities in the State

Over \$1.1 billion in Tuition Grants awarded to nearly 500,000 students since the program was created in 1970



Provides South Carolina residents the opportunity to choose the in-state college that best meets their academic needs



## Eligible Colleges and Universities



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Allen University	Erskine College
Anderson University	Furman University
Benedict College	Limestone University
Bob Jones University	Morris College
Charleston Southern University	Newberry College
Claflin University	North Greenville University
Clinton College	Presbyterian College
Coker University	Southern Wesleyan University
Columbia International University	Spartanburg Methodist College
Columbia College	Voorhees University
Converse University	Wofford College



Maximum Grants for the 2023-2024 Academic Year are set at **\$4,800** at all eligible colleges and universities

# 2023-2024 Maximum Grant

This is the largest Maximum Grant in the Program's 53-year history!



The Commission estimates it will award roughly \$55 million in 2023-2024 to just over 12,000 eligible students



# How to Apply



Complete the **FAFSA** online at [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) using prior-prior year tax data (2022 Tax Year for 2024-2025)

**\*\*CHANGE FOR 2024-2025\*\*:** *Availability of the FAFSA delayed until December 2023*

FAFSA must be **received** by the  
Federal Processor by JUNE 30



Must file annually by deadline for continued eligibility





# Student Eligibility Requirements

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- Must have financial need as determined by the FAFSA
- Must enroll full-time (at least 12 credit hours) each semester
- Must be a legal South Carolina resident (parents of “dependent” students must be permanent South Carolina residents) for at least 1 year
- Must meet applicable academic requirements:
  - **\*\*NEW THIS YEAR\*\*** First-time Freshman: Must have obtained a high school diploma or its equivalent (GED or Adult Education Diploma) and be fully admitted as a degree-seeking student based on the college’s admissions requirements
  - Returning college students: Must meet the college’s federal Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements



## Additional Information

- Grant Awarded for Fall/Spring
  - *Must attend full-time and must attend Fall term; Not attending Fall term forfeits the Tuition Grant for the full year*
  - *Not available for Summer terms*
- Tuition Grants limited to a total of 4 years (8 semesters)
- Eligibility restricted to first four-year degree



## Tentative Eligibility Notices

- Tentative Eligibility Notifications begin in late Spring
- Notices are sent to the email listed on the FAFSA
  - Be sure students use a personal, active email address – not a school-specific or district email address
- Tentative Awards are made to the first eligible private college listed on the FAFSA
- Grant can be transferred if the student decides to attend another eligible private college
- Notification will prompt student to create their *myTG* Account



# South Carolina Tuition Grants Student Portal

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In September, the Tuition Grants Commission rolled out the *myTG* Student Portal

With *myTG*, you can:

- View your South Carolina Tuition Grants application status & award information
- View prior SC Tuition Grants payments
- Complete transfer requests between eligible independent colleges
- Submit appeal documentation securely, if applicable





# Resources

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## **Federal Student Aid:**

Program information, Create StudentAid.Gov Account (FSA ID), Complete the FAFSA, Complete loan counseling and master promissory note, and more!

- <https://studentaid.gov>

## **Free Scholarship Searches:**

- <https://cf-lowcountry.org/>
- <https://www.fastweb.com>
- <https://www.scholarships.com>
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org>
- <https://www.careeronestop.org/Toolkit/Training/find-scholarships.aspx>

## **South Carolina Aid Resources:**

SC Commission on Higher Education

- <https://www.che.sc.gov>

SC Tuition Grants Commission

- <https://sctuitiongrants.org>

SC Technical College System

- <https://www.sctechsystem.edu/index.html>

SC Teaching Fellows

- <https://www.cerra.org>

SC Teacher Loan

- <https://www.scstudentloan.org>



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# South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities

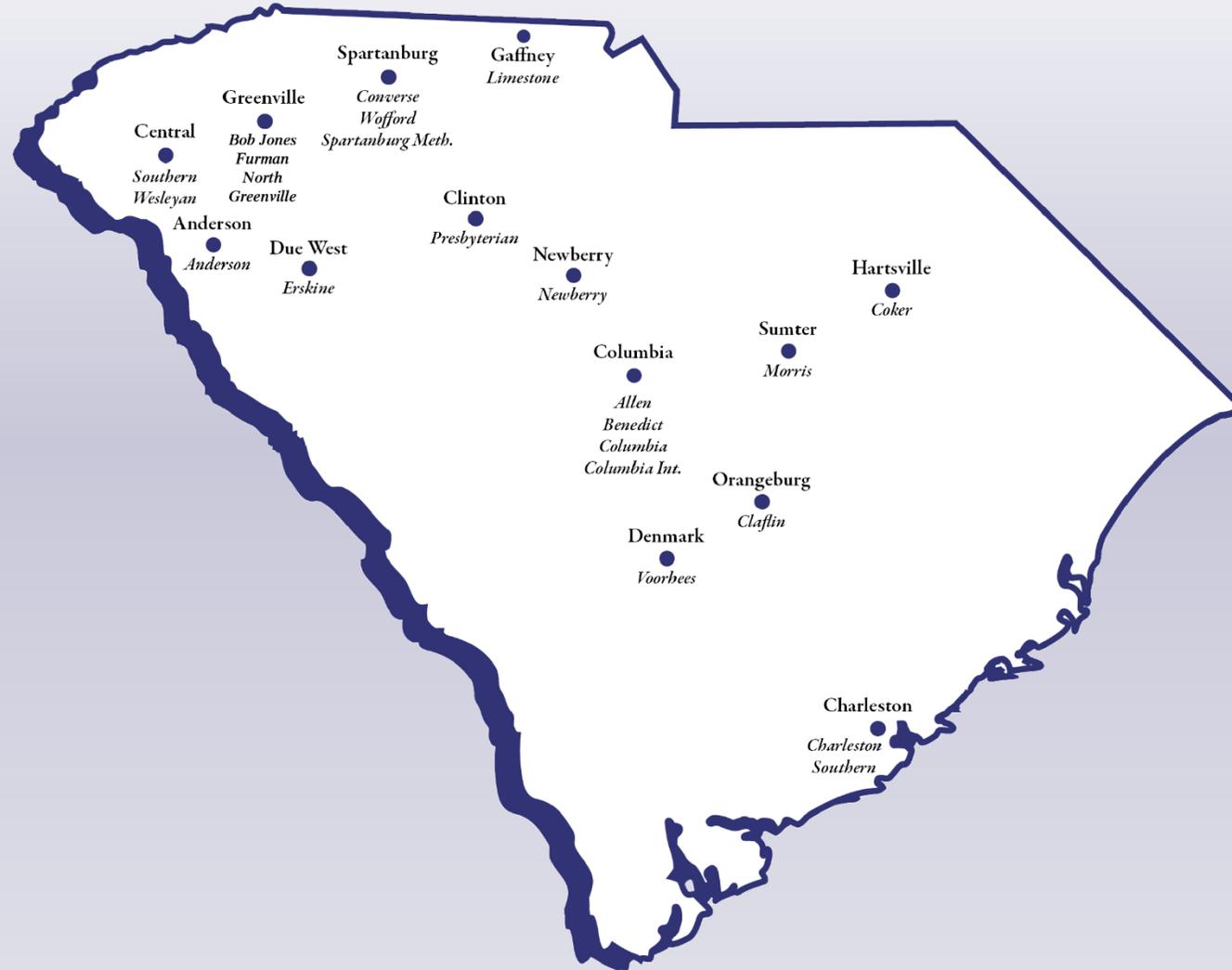
[www.scicu.org](http://www.scicu.org)



# SCICU's 21 Member Institutions



# The members of SCICU are located across South Carolina in both major cities and small towns

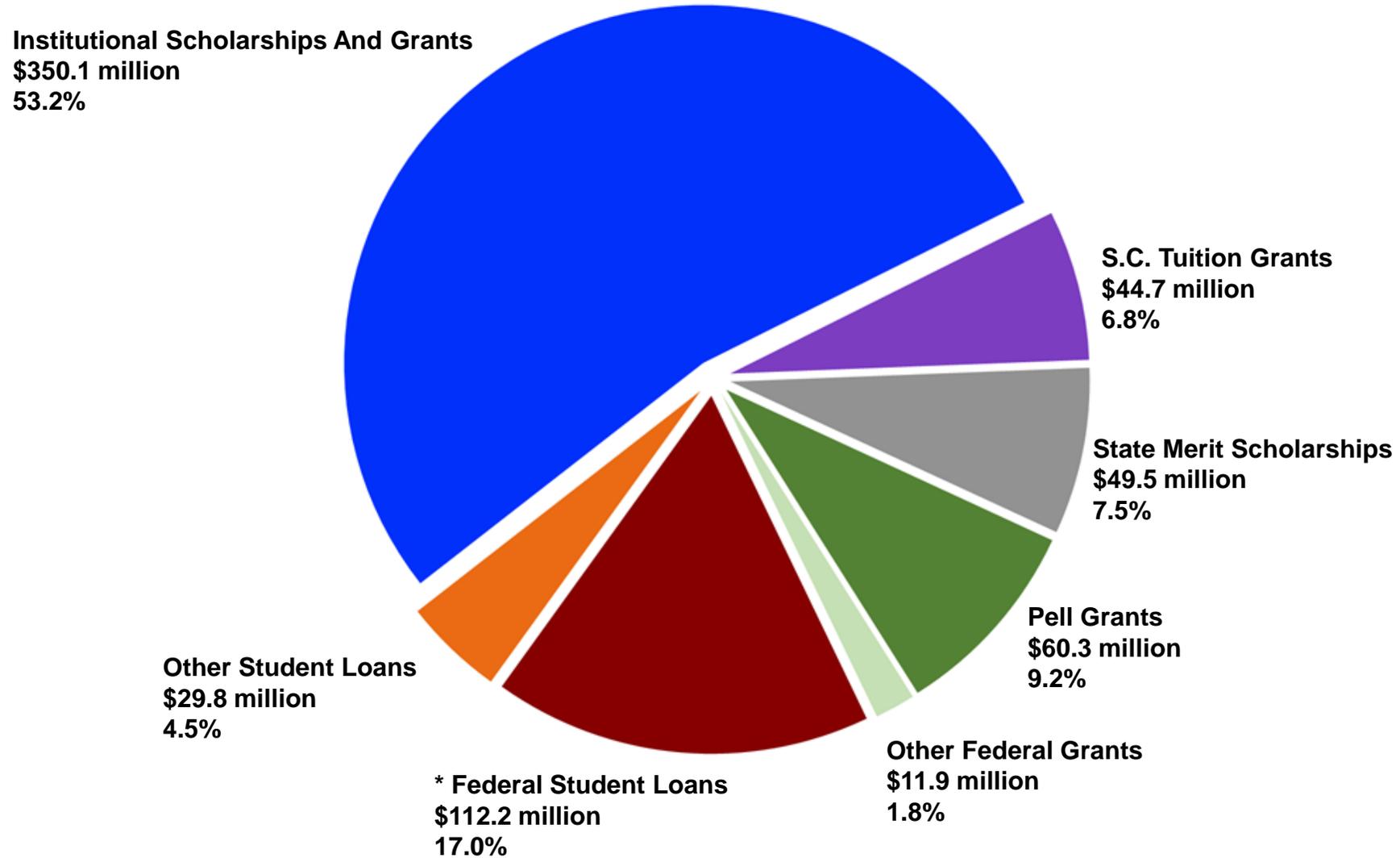


# SCICU Member Stats...

- 21 member institutions.
- 36,000 students / 30,000 undergraduates.
- 24 % of bachelor's degree-seeking students in SC.
- 65 % of undergrads are SC residents.
- 37 % received SC Tuition Grants.
- 39 % are Pell Grant recipients.
- 56 % received federal student loans.

# Academic Year 2021–2022 Student Financial Assistance: All Undergraduates

## Percentage by Category



*\*Federal student loans only include loans with the student as the named borrower (Parent PLUS loans excluded)*

# 2023 SCICU College Guide is here!



SCICU's 2023 College Guide is a first stop for prospective students looking for the independent college or university in South Carolina that best equips them to achieve their dreams.



Or go to [scicu.org](https://scicu.org) and download the College Guide.