INDIVIDUAL GRADUATION PLAN PLANNING GUIDE



2024-2025 School Year



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IGP CONFERENCE CHECKLIST



Correct Legal Name:



Postsecondary Plans:

- 2 Year College
- 4 Year College



Reminder to Review:

- Current Schedule
- Class Rank
- Transcript

- Military
- Workforce Career Interest:
- GPA
- End of Course (EOC) Exams

Graduation Requirements: South Carolina Diploma

(Credit Requirements) "Every Course Counts"

Additional Course Options:

- VirtualSC Courses
- Credit Recovery
- Edgenuity



Reminder to Review:

- PSAT

South Carolina Scholarship Programs:

- Hope
- Life
- Palmetto Fellows



Financial Aid, Athletic and Military Information:

- Introduce FAFSA/Financial Aid <u>www.fafsa.ed.gov</u>
 NCAA Eligibility Center Student-Athletes t DI, DII
- or DIII Colleges <u>www.eligibilitycenter.org</u> Or <u>www.2point3.org</u>



Financial Aid, Athletic and Military Information:

□ SC Uniform Grading Policy

- □ SC Graduation Requirements SC 4 Year College Entrance Requirements
- □ South Carolina Scholarship Programs Importance of 3.0+

- Summer School
- Other information in the eIGP

ACT & SAT - You may qualify for a "fee waiver" based on qualifications. Ask your School Counselor for more information)

- ACT: <u>www.actstudent.org</u>
 - SAT: <u>www.collegeboard.com</u>
 - 🗆 Workforce:
- WIN Assessment: <u>https://www.winlearning.com</u>

 Military: --ASVAB: www.asvabprogram.com

Lottery Tuition Assistance Program

- LTAP
- SC Needs-Based Grant Program --SC Commission on Higher Education --PACE Scholarship <u>www.che.sc.gov</u>
- NAIA Eligibility Center -Student planning to play collegiate sports at https://www.naia.org/landing/index
- Military Academy Application Process & Nominations -<u>https://www.usa.gov/military</u>
- ROTC Scholarships: <u>www.military.com</u>
- □ NCAA/NAIA Eligibility Center
- Extended Learning Opportunities
- □ Resume Writing
- Interviewing
- Soft Skills



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Remember that College AdmissionRequirements and High School Graduation Requirements are not always the same!

*Beginning with the freshman class of 2023 – 2024 (Personal Finance Update) https://ed.sc.gov/newsroom/school-district-memoranda-archive/personal-finance/personal-finance memo/#:~:text=In%20November%202022%2C%20the%20State,South%20Carolina%20High%20School%20Diploma

***Science** - Two units must be taken in two different fields of the physical or life sciences and selected from among biology, chemistry, or physics. The third unit may be from the same field as one of the first two units (biology, chemistry, or physics) or from any laboratory science for which biology and/or chemistry is a prerequisite. Courses in earth science, general physical science, or introductory or general environmental science for which biology and/or chemistry is not a prerequisite will not meet this requirement. It is strongly recommended that students take physical science (taught as a laboratory science) as a prerequisite to the three required units of laboratory science outlined in this section.

***EOC** - Gateway courses in English/language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies will be defined by the State Board of Education. EOCEP examination scores count 20 percent in the calculation of the student's final grade in gateway courses. Defined gateway courses currently include Algebra 1, Intermediate Algebra, Biology 1, English 2, and United States History and the Constitution, or courses with other names and activity codes in which the academic standards corresponding to these subjects are taught.



Credit Requirements	Entering Freshman Class Through 22-23	Entering Freshman Class 23-24 and Later
English Language Arts	4	4
Mathematics	4	4
Science	3	3
U.S. History and Constitution	1	1
Economics and Personal Finance	0.5	0.5
American Government	0.5	0.5
Other Social Studies	1	1
Physical Education or Junior ROTC or Marching Band with PE	1	1
Computer Science	1	1
World Language or Career and Technical Education	1	1
Personal Finance	0	0.5
Electives	7	6.5
Total	24	24

COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS INDICATORS

Purpose of Indicator

To determine if students who are graduating from a high school are prepared for college or careers after graduating.

What This Means

If students graduating from a high school are prepared for college or a career.

College Ready

Scores a composite score of 20 or higher on the ACT; Scores a composite score of 1020 or higher on the SAT; Scores a 3 or higher on an Advanced Placement (AP) exam; Scores a 4 or higher on an International Baccalaureate (IB) assessment Only higher learning (HL) exams may count; or Completes at least six (6) credit hours in dual enrollment courses with a grade of C or higher.

Career Ready

Is a CTE completer and earns a national or state industry credential as determined by the business community; or Earns a Silver, Gold or Platinum National Career Readiness Certificate on the state-approved career readiness assessment; or Earns a scale score of 31 or higher on the ASVAB; or

Successfully completes a state-approved work-based learning program

PROFILE OF A SOUTH CAROLINA GRADUATE — COMPETENCY STATEMENTS —



READ CRITICALLY

I can make meaning from diverse media to better understand the world around me.



EXPRESS IDEAS

I can communicate through diverse formats for a range of purposes and audiences.

INVESTIGATE THROUGH INQUIRY

I can explore questions and build knowledge through inquiry.



REASON QUANTITATIVELY

I can work with numerical data, solve problems, and construct mathematical solutions.





I can assess the credibility of sources and synthesize my new learning to build knowledge.



DESIGN SOLUTIONS

I can engage in a systematic design process to develop data-informed solutions to authentic design challenges.



LEARN INDEPENDENTLY

I can develop a plan, monitor my progress, and persevere through challenges to achieve my goal.



NAVIGATE CONFLICT

I can develop skills, strategies, and emotional awareness while navigating conflicts with others.



LEAD TEAMS

 I can effectively lead teams with clarity, purpose, and care.



BUILD NETWORKS

I can initiate relationships with diverse individuals and networks for a purpose, and sustain relationships with authenticity and care.



SUSTAIN WELLNESS

I can support my own physical, emotional, and social health in order to live a healthy and productive life.



ENGAGE AS A CITIZEN

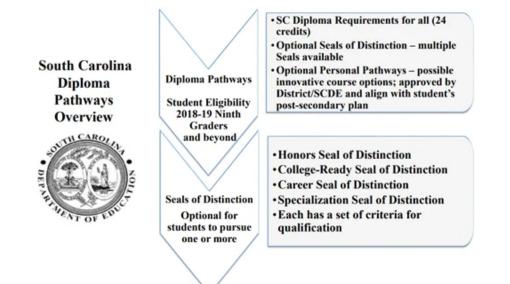
I can participate in my community, build my civic knowledge, and take action to improve my community.

SC UNIFORM GRADING

The Uniform Grading Scale and policy governs courses that students take to earn high school diplomas. The Uniform Grading Scale requires that grades be recorded numerically and outlines the calculation to be used to ascertain a student's grade point ratio. A student may also receive WF for "withdrawn after deadline", or FA for "failure due to excessive absences.

	South Carolina		-	
Numerical Average	Letter Grade	College Prep Weighting	Honors Weighting	AP/IB/Dual Credit Weighting
100	A	5.000	5.500	6.000
99	Â	4.900	5.400	5.900
98	Â	4.800	5.300	5.800
97	Â	4.700	5.200	5.700
96	Â	4.600	5.100	5.600
95	Â	4.500	5.000	5.500
94	Â	4.400	4.900	5.400
93	Â	4.300	4.800	5.300
92	Â	4.200	4.700	5.200
91	Â	4.100	4.600	5,100
90	Â	4.000	4.500	5.000
89	B	3.900	4.400	4.900
88	B	3.800	4.300	4.800
87	B	3.700	4.200	4.700
86	B	3.600	4.100	4.600
85	B	3.500	4.000	4.500
84	B	3.400	3.900	4.400
83	B	3.300	3.800	4.300
82	B	3.200	3.700	4.200
81	B	3.100	3.600	4.100
	B			
80		3.000 2.900	3.500	4.000
79	C	2.800	3.400	3.900
78 77	C C	2.700	3.300 3.200	<u>3.800</u> 3.700
76	č	2.600	3.100	
75	č	2.500	3.000	3.600 3.500
74	C C			
		2.400	2.900	3.400
73 72	C C	2.300	2.800 2.700	3.300
71	č	2.200		3.200
		2.100	2.600	3.100
70	C	2.000	2.500	3.000
69	D	1.900	2.400	2.900
68	D	1.800	2.300	2.800
67	D	1.700	2.200	2.700
66	D	1.600	2.100	2.600
65	D	1.500	2.000	2.500
64	D	1.400	1.900	2.400
63	D	1.300	1.800	2.300
62	D	1.200	1.700	2.200
61	D	1.100	1.600	2.100
60	D	1.000	1.500	2.000
59	F	0.900	1.400	1.900
58	F	0.800	1.300	1.800
57	F	0.700	1.200	1.700
56	F	0.600	1.100	1.600
55	F	0.500	1.000	1.500
54	F	0.400	0.900	1.400
53	F	0.300	0.800	1.300
52	F	0.200	0.700	1.200
51	F	0.100	0.600	1.100

SC DIPLOMA PATHWAYS





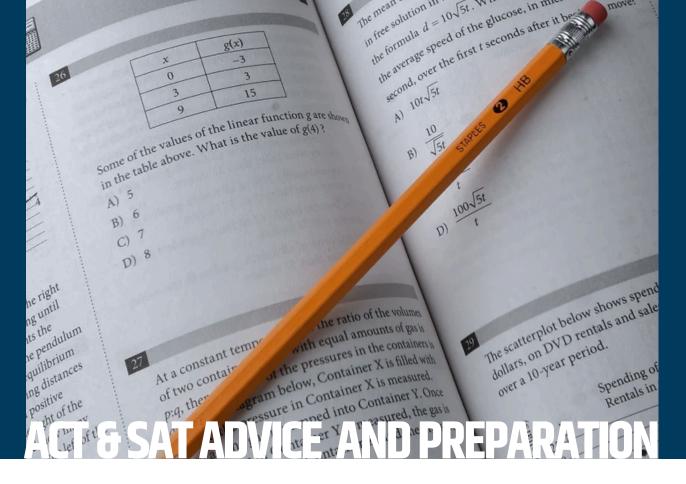
DIPLOMA PATHWAYS SEALS OF DISTINCTION TEMPLATE

Students shall meet all requirements for earning a South Carolina high school diploma to be eligible to earn any Seal of Distinction. One or more Seals may be earned.

Consult District or School Curriculum Guides for more information regarding curriculum choices and requirements.

Honors Seal of Distinction	College Ready Seal of Distinction	Career Ready Seal of Distinction	Arts Specialization Seal of Distinction
UGP GPA 3.5 or higher	UGP GPA 3.0 or higher	UGP GPA 3.0 or higher	UGP GPA 3.0 or higher
English - 4 credits 2 at honors or higher level Math - Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry, and a 4th higher level math requiring Algebra 2 as	or ACT 20 or higher or SAT 1020 or higher Tests may be superscored	Career and Technical Education (CTE) Completer with an industry recognized credential OR Silver or higher certificate on ACT	4 credits in a single or multiple arts areas, 2 at the honors or higher level* AND Mastery on externally evaluated
a prerequisite 3 at honors or higher level Lab Science - 3 credits 2 at honors or higher level Social Studies - 3 credits 2 at honors or higher level World Languages -	English - 4 credits Math - Algebra 1 (or the equivalent of Algebra 1), Algebra 2, Geometry, and another higher level math Lab Science - 3 credits Social Studies - 3 credits	WorkKeys or Level 3 Credential or higher on WIN SC Career Ready Test OR Completion of Career Ready Work-Based Learning (WBL) placement STEM Specialization Seal of Distinction	exam or performance task *If honors credit is not available for arts courses, student must complete four courses in a single art area World Language Specialization Seal of Distinction
2 credits of the same language for students entering 9th grade	World Language - 2 credits in the same language	UGP GPA 3.0 or higher	UGP GPA 3.0 or higher
in 2018–2019 3 credits of the same language for students entering 9th grade in	Fine Arts - 1 credit	4 credits beyond required graduation courses in	4 credits in the same language OR a nationally normed proficiency-
2019–2020 and beyond Advanced Coursework -	Military Specialization Seal of Distinction	math, science, technology, and engineering; at least 2 at honors	based language assessment score of "Intermediate Low" OR AP exam score of 3 or higher OR
4 additional credits of honors or higher completed during the Junior/Senior years (the last 2 years prior to graduation)	UGP GPA 3.0 or higher 4 credits in JROTC and an ASVAB score of 31 or higher	or higher level Courses may be in 1 area of STEM or across all 4 areas	IB exam score of 3 or higher OR IB exam score of 4 or higher OR Cambridge AICE Language exam score of E or better before the senior year

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The Basics of Preparing for the ACT or SAT

The Importance of Course work in Preparing for the Tests:

- The best way for a student to prepare for success on the ACT or SAT is to take academically rigorous and challenging courses in middle and high school.
- ACT vs. SAT: The best test for the specific student is the one on which he or she performs the best. Colleges treat the ACT and SAT equally. Students and parents should review testing results from the Pre-ACT, PSAT and ACT/SAT with a school counselor to determine which assessment may be the better choice.
- Who Should Take the ACT or SAT? All students DO NOT need to take the ACT or SAT. Students that are planning to apply to a two-year college can save time and money by taking one of the FREE college admissions assessments given at those schools.
- Frequency of Testing: Students should make a minimum of two attempts on the ACT and/or SAT in order to achieve the best score possible.
- **Timing of Testing:** Students should make their first attempt on the ACT or SAT no later than the spring of the11th grade and be mindful of the deadlines for scholarships and college admissions.

Before You Take the ACT or SAT You Should:

- Successfully Complete or Be Enrolled in the Following Classes:
 - English 1, 2, and 3
 - Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, Algebra 3 or Pre-Calculus
 - Biology and Chemistry for the ACT as the SAT does not test on Science
- **Take Practice Tests** to become familiar with the test structure, content, and directions.(See web resource page for free practice test sites)
- Enroll in ACT or SAT Preparation Courses or Workshops either online or at your high school
- Use the pre-test tools and register for the tests at their websites
- ACT <u>www.actstudent.org</u>
- SAT<u>www.collegeboard.com</u>



COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS





The ACT is an achievement test with four core sections (english, math, reading and science) and an optional writing section. ACT test questions are directly related to what students learn in most of their high school courses.



SAT

The SAT covers core content areas deemed essential for success in college — reading, mathematics, writing and language. The SAT is connected to the College Board's earlier grade college-readiness assessments, such as the PSAT, which work together to provide an ongoing grade-level picture of a student's progress.



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Parent Guide

Preparing World Class Learners for a Ready to Work South Carolina

Whether their path leads to the workplace, college, trade school, or military, WIN provides your child with the tools to prepare them for the road ahead.

In spring 2018, the South Carolina Department of Education announced a partnership with WIN Learning to prepare South Carolina public high school students with the "knowledge, skills, and opportunity to be college ready, career ready, and life ready for success." (South Carolina Code of Laws, Title 59, Chapter 18)

By partnering with WIN, the South Carolina Department of Education has implemented the instructional courseware for students to determine achievement in foundational readiness and essential life and career skills including creativity and innovation, critical thinking and problem solving, and collaboration and teamwork, which are part of the "Profile of a South Carolina Graduate" framework. By focusing on building the foundational skills and work habits or employability skills needed to be successful, your child will understand the need for these important skills in the workplace.

The South Carolina Ready to Work Credentials have been administered statewide, online and in paper form, to approximately 70,000 students and adults annually since the spring of 2018. Learn about the Ready to Work and Essential Soft Skills resources at https://tinyurl.com/sc-courseware.





Ready to Work and Essential Soft Skills Assessments

The South Carolina Ready to Work Credentials includes a combination of four valid and reliable assessments that are aligned to state/national standards for career and college readiness and workforce development system objectives.

WIN Ready to Work Applied Mathematics Assessment measures foundational workplace mathematical reasoning and problem-solving skills.

WIN Ready to Work Locating Information Assessment measures comprehension and application of workplace graphics such as charts, graphs, tables, forms, flowcharts, diagrams, maps, and instrument gauges.

WIN Ready to Work Reading for Information Assessment measures comprehension and critical thinking using written text including emails, websites, letters, contracts, signs, notices, policies, and regulations.

WIN Essential Soft Skills Assessment measures foundational work habits and employability skills that employers nationwide commonly define as essential to gain and maintain employment, including cooperating with others, resolving conflicts and negotiating, observing critically, and taking responsibility for learning.

winlearning.com

Research shows that the foundational academic and employability skills taught and assessed by the Ready to Work Credentials are necessary for more than 85% of all jobs today. These skills are the basis for most career readiness jobs across the country providing national portability.

The Ready to Work and Essential Soft Skills Credentials are state certificates signed by the governor that your child can add to their portfolio. The credentials show that the learner has successfully mastered the foundational skills and that they are ready to work.

The Ready to Work assessments are scored on a scale from 3 to 7. The higher the scores, the greater his or her ability to perform more complex tasks and qualify for a broader range of jobs.

There are four Ready to Work skill levels:



PLATINUM: Level 6

Successfully pass a minimum of Level 6 in all assessments to be ready for 99% of jobs in the workforce. Occupations include: architect, chemist, geographer, anesthesiologist, and agricultural engineer.



GOLD: Level 5

Successfully pass a minimum of Level 5 in all assessments to be ready for 90% of jobs in the workforce. Occupations include: credit analyst, aircraft mechanic, medical transcriptionist, acute care nurse, and social worker.



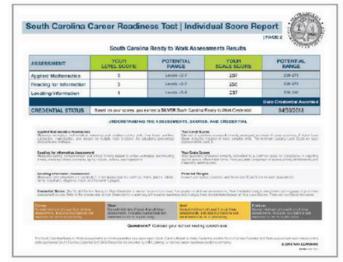
SILVER: Level 4

Successfully pass a minimum of Level 4 in all assessments to be ready for 65% of jobs in the workforce. Occupations include: insulation installer, roofer, chef, pipe layer, flight attendant, and machinist.

BRONZE: Level 3

Successfully pass a minimum of Level 3 in all assessments to be ready for 35% of jobs in the workforce. Occupations include: construction laborer, electrician assistant, cement mason, and hygienist.

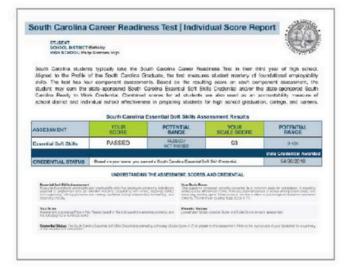
Your child will receive an individual score report with their results on each of the assessments and a Ready to Work Credential certificate.





We must look to develop a skilled workforce that has both the hard and soft skills necessary to succeed in today's global economy.

Essential Soft Skills is a proctored assessment composed of questions measuring entry-level work tasks and behaviors including cooperating with others, resolving conflicts and negotiating. The questions in this subject area present situations that the learner might encounter at work and possible actions that could be used to deal with the situation. Students must earn a scale score of 70 to pass. Your child will receive an a score report and the Essential Soft Skills Credential certificate.



For more information about the credentials or courseware, visit www.winlearning.com/sc-courseware.

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TESTING CALENDAR



S Common Timelines for Testing & Prep

Early

Students on this timeline take maximum advantage of the summer before 11th grade. Goals typically include a peak performance on the PSAT, closing out the SAT or ACT by spring of 11th grade, and banking 3–4 strong Subject Test scores. The goal of these students is to be completely done with testing by June of 11th grade.

	May/June of 10th Grade	Summer between 10th and 11th Grades	Fall of 11th Grade	
Early	Take Subject Tests as appropriate. Take diagnostic SAT and ACT to plan for preparation.	Begin preparation geared toward the October PSAT and fall ACT or SAT.	Take October PSAT. Take ACT or SAT.	
Traditional	Take Subject Tests as appropriate.	Begin foundational preparation in the summer with the ultimate goal of a winter or spring ACT or SAT.	Take October PSAT. Foundational work allows additional preparation to fit into a busy junior calendar.	
Deferred	Take Subject Tests as appropriate.		Take October PSAT. Take diagnostic SAT and ACT to decide on a course of preparation. Junior PSAT results can provide a guideline but are not available until December. Map out a schedule to prepare for the February or April ACT or the March or May SAT. Preparation typically begins in October or November.	

YEAR SUMMEREAK SENIOR YEAR JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC JAN FEB MAR APR MAY Image: April 100 and 100 and

Traditional

Prep in the summer before 11th grade is moderately paced and foundational, designed to lighten the intensity of prep during the school year. This steadfast approach to prep culminates in the spring and leaves room for the competing priorities of junior year.

Deferred

This timeline intentionally allows students to defer the testing process in favor of other summer activities and a focus on getting 11th grade classwork off to a great start. Rigorous prep for the SAT or ACT falls in winter/spring of 11th grade and may continue into the following summer prior to final testing in fall of 12th grade.

Early Spring of 11th Grade	May/June of 11th Grade	Summer/Fall of 12th Grade
Consider repeating ACT or SAT and having admission testing completed prior to APs, finals, and Subject Tests.	Take Subject Tests as appropriate.	Focus on college applications. Additional preparation and testing only as needed.
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2024-2025 ACT & SAT TEST DATES

ACT Test Dates	Registration Dates	Score Release Dates	SAT Test Date	Registration Dates	Score Release Dates
June 8, 2024	May 3rd	June 18th	August 24, 2024	Aug. 9th	TBD
July 13, 2024	June 7th	July 23rd	October 5, 2024	Sept. 20th	TBD
September 14, 2024	Aug. 9th	Sept. 24th	November 2, 2024	Oct. 18th	TBD
October 26, 2024	Sept. 20th	Nov. 5th	December 7, 2024	Nov. 22nd	TBD
December 14, 2024	Nov. 8th	Dec. 24th	March 8, 2025	Feb. 21st	TBD
Februrary 8, 2025	Jan. 3rd	Feb. 18th	May 3, 2025	Apr. 18th	TBD
April 5, 2025	Feb. 28th	April 15th	June 7, 2025	May 22nd	TBD

ACT⁻-SAT⁻ Concordance: A Tool for Comparing Scores

The ACT[®] college readiness assessment and SAT[®] are different tests that measure similar but distinct constructs. The ACT measures achievement related to high school curricula, while the SAT measures general verbal and quantitative reasoning.

ACT and the College Board (producers of the SAT) have completed a concordance study that is designed to examine the relationship between two scores on the ACT and SAT. These concordance tables do not equate scores, but rather provide a tool for finding comparable scores.

ACT Composite Score	SAT Score Critical Reading + Math (Single Score)	SAT Score Critical Reading + Math (Score Range)	ACT Score Combined English/Writing	SAT Score Writing (Single Score)	SAT Score Writing (Score Range)
36	1600	1600	36	800	800
35	1560	1540-1590	35	800	800
34	1510	1490-1530	34	770	770-790
33	1460	1440-1480	33	740	730-760
32	1420	1400-1430	32	720	710-720
31	1380	1360-1390	31	690	690-700
30	1340	1330-1350	30	670	660-680
29	1300	1290-1320	20	650	640-650
28	1260	1250-1280	28	630	620-630
27	1220	1210-1240	27	610	610
26	1190	1170-1200	26	590	590-600
25	1150	1130-1160	25	570	570-580
24	1110	1090-1120	24	550	550-560
23	1070	1050-1080	23	530	530-540
22	1030	1020-1040	22	510	510-520
21	990	980-1010	21	490	480-500
20	950	940-970	20	470	470
19	910	900-930	19	450	450-460
18	870	860-890	18	430	430-440
17	830	820-850	17	420	410-420
16	790	770-810	16	400	390-400
15	740	720-760	15	380	380
14	690	670-710	14	360	360-370
13	640	620-660	13	340	340-350
12	590	560-610	12	330	320-330
11	530	510-550	11	310	300-310



ACT-SAT Concordance Stady: June 2008



The S.C. High School Credential will provide a course of study designed to equip students with the skills, knowledge and work ethic needed to succeed in today's job market.

South Carolina has roughly 100,000 students with disabilities serviced under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), of which the majority are able to earn a state high school diploma. Given the varying levels of student achievement, some students are unable to complete this required high school coursework. As a result, there is a need to provide an alternative option for students with disabilities to demonstrate their ability to transition into the work community.

The Credential helps to ensure that we are working to prepare the entirety of the S.C. workforce by equipping students with adequate skills. Since the fall of 2018, this option has been available for students entering high school.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The student must be able to meet the following requirements:

 24 units of coursework aligned with the S.C. College and Career-Ready Standards:

COURSE	UNITS
English / Language Arts	4
Mathematics	4
Natural Science	2
Social Studies	2
Employability Education	4
Physical Education / Health	1
Technology	1
Electives	6

- Career Portfolio that includes a multimedia presentation project
- Work readiness assessment results that demonstrate the student is ready for competitive employment
- Work-based learning/training that totals at least 360 hours

QUICK FACTS

Section 59-39-100 was amended to include:

- Flexibility in identifying and creating personalized diploma pathway options for all students
- An employability credential for applicable students with disabilities

The S.C. High School Credential:

- · Is NOT a S.C. High School Diploma
- · Is NOT for all students with disabilities
- Is a career-based educational program
- · Is aligned with the Profile of the S.C. Graduate

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

South Carolina High School Credential thesccredential.org

Transition Alliance of South Carolina transitionalliancesc.org

Hire Me SC hiremesc.org

PROFILE OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GRADUATE

WORLD-CLASS KNOWLEDGE

Rigorous standards in language arts and math for career and college readiness

Multiple languages, science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), arts and social sciences



WORLD-CLASS SKILLS

Creativity and Innovation Critical Thinking and Problem Solving Collaboration and Teamwork Communication,

Information, Media and Technology

Knowing How to Learn

LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

Integrity | Self Direction | Global Perspective | Perseverance | Work Ethic | Interpersonal Skills

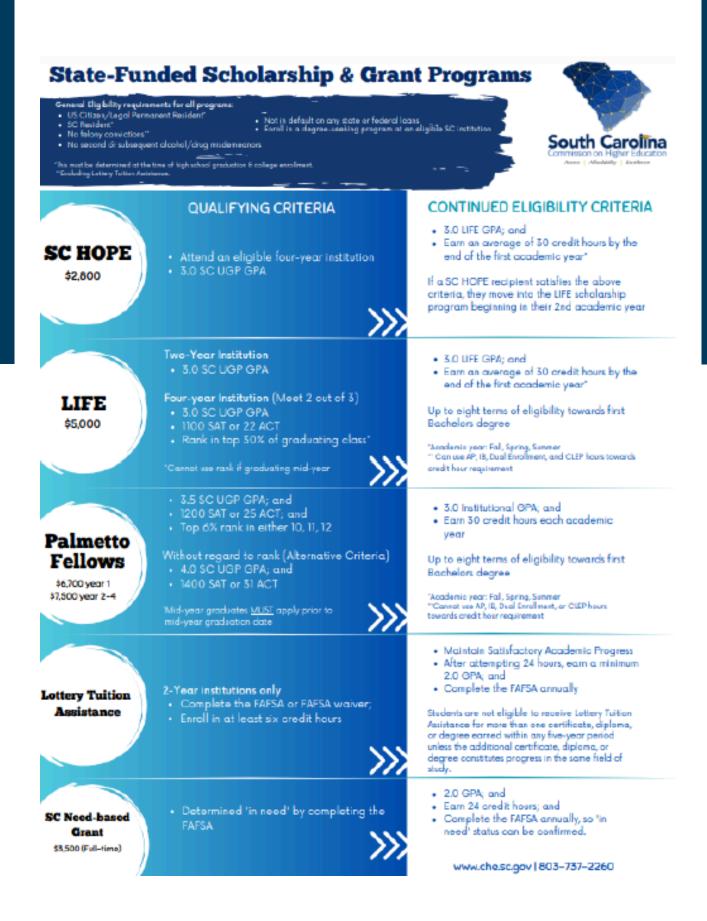
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FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID

The FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and is the only way to apply for federal student aid. The schools you list on your application will use FAFSA information to evaluate your financial need and determine how much federal aid you are eligible to receive. Many states and colleges also use information from your FAFSA to provide their own financial aid.

Each October, the FAFSA is available for the next school year. It is best to fill it out as early as you can because some aid is first come, first serve.

When you complete the FAFSA, you'll need to provide personal and tax information. You may be able to automatically retrieve your tax information from the IRS.

MAKE SURE TO FILL OUT AND SUBMIT THE FAFSA EACH YEAR YOU ARE IN COLLEGE.

After you submit your FAFSA, you'll receive your Student Aid Report (SAR). Your SAR summarizes the information in your FAFSA. Review it and make corrections if needed.

Complete the FAFSA online at fafsa.ed.gov

As the largest provider of financial aid, the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Federal Student Aid provides grants, loans and workstudy funds.

Your FAFSA helps your school determine the types of federal student aid you are eligible to receive. Do not assume you do not qualify - lots of students do.

TYPES OF FEDERAL STUDENT AID

GRANTS

Grants are free money that do not have to be repaid.

LOANS

Student loans are real loans (like a car or home loan) that need to be repaid with interest.

WORK-STUDY

A work-study job gives you the opportunity to earn money to help pay your educational expenses.

AWARD LETTER

Your award letter explains the combination of federal grants, loans and work-study a college is offering you. The offer might also contain state and institutional aid. If you receive award letters from multiple colleges or career schools, you should compare them and decide which school works best.

COLLEGE

Every year, millions of new students attend college or career school for the first time. Your college or career school has a financial aid office to help guide you along the way.

BEYOND EDUCATION

WORKFORCE

When you take the time to plan for your education and let Federal Student Aid help you along the way, you'll be setting the foundation for a bright future and success in the workforce.

REPAYMENT

Once you leave school, you will need to repay your student loans. Contact your loan servicer to discuss your repayment options.

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ASSOCIATE DEGREE DIPLOMA CERTIFICATE



ASSOCIATE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE TRANSFER

Associate of Arts Associate of Science Business Administration (The Citadel) Food Science (Clemson) Healthcare Hospitality and Tourism (USC Beaufort) RN to BSN (USC Upstate) Teacher Education (Claflin, SCSU, USC) – Early Childhood Education – Elementary Education – Mid-Level Education Certificate in Arts Certificate in Science General Studies

BUSINESS

Business Administration - Accounting - Enterprise Management - Office Management Business Administration (Transfer) Hospitality and Tourism (Transfer) Administrative Support Basic Accounting Logistics Small Business

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

Computer Technology – Computer Programming – Network Security and Information Assurance Database Internetworking CISCO Network Engineering MCSE Network Specialist



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CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Criminal Justice Fire Science/Criminal Justice/EMT Forensics Pre-Police Academy Security

EDUCATION

Early Care and Education Teacher Education (Transfer) – Early Childhood Education – Elementary Education – Mid-Level Education Early Childhood Development Early Childhood Development

HEALTH SCIENCE

Healthcare (Transfer) Healthcare Preparation and Clinical Studies EMT/Forensics Medical Assisting/Administrative Support Medical Assisting/Clinical Support Patient Care Technician/Biological Science Physical Therapist Assistant Radiologic Technology Medical Assisting Certified Nursing Assistant Emergency Medical Technician Advanced EMT Patient Care Technician Pre-Physical Therapist Assistant Pre-Radiology General Radiologic Technology Magnetic Resonance Imaging Mammography

NURSING

Nursing Preparation and Clinical Studies Associate Degree Nursing RN to BSN (Transfer) Practical Nursing Certified Nursing Assistant Pre-Nursing/Practical Nursing Pre-Nursing/Registered Nursing

ADVANCED MANUFACTURING

Industrial Electronics Technology Machine Tool Technology Mechatronics Technology Welding/Industrial Maintenance **Basic Electrician** Industrial Electrician Basic Industrial Maintenance Industrial Maintenance-Mechanical and Electrical I, II CNC Programmer Production Machine Operator Quality Control Mechatronics I, II, III **Basic Welding** Intermediate Welding Advanced Welding

ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

Electronics Engineering Technology – Electronic Instrumentation Technology Engineering Design Technology Computer Aided Design I, II Introduction to Engineering

TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS

Automotive Technology Basic Diesel Maintenance Professional Truck Driving Undercar Specialist



DIVISION I ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

To study and compete at a **Division I school**, you must earn 16 NCAA-approved **core-course credits**, earn a corresponding test score* that matches your **core-course GPA** and submit your final transcript with proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

CORE-COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Earn 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in the following areas:



For Division I, 10 of your 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits must be completed before the start of your seventh semester, including seven in English, math or science.

QUALIFIER

As a Division I qualifier, you may practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship during your first year of full-time enrollment at an NCAA Division I school.

- » Earn 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in the right areas.
- Complete 10 of your 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits, including seven in English, math or science, before the start of the seventh semester.
- Complete your 16 NGAA-approved core-course credits in eight academic semesters or four consecutive academic years from the start of ninth grade.
- » Earn a corresponding test score that matches your core-course GPA (minimum 2.3) on the Division I Sliding Scale."
- » Submit your final transcript with proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

ACADEMIC REDSHIRT

As a Division I seademic redshirt, you may practice during your first regular academic term and receive an athletics scholarship during your first year of full-time enrolment but may NOT compete during your first year of enrollment. You must pass either eight quarter or nine semester hours to practice in the next term.

- » Earn 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in the right areas.
- » Earn a corresponding test score that matches your core-course GPA (minimum 2.0) on the Division I sliding scale.*
- » Submit your final transcript with proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

* More information regarding the impact of COVID-19 and test scores can be found at on none.com/COVID19.Spring2023.



TEST SCORES

Every time you register for the SAT or ACT, use code 9999 to send your scores directly to the Eligibility Center from the testing agency. You may take the SAT or ACT an unlimited number of times before you enroll full time in college. If you take either test more than once, the best subscore from each test is used to give you the best possible score.

* More information regarding the impact of COVID-19 and test scores can be jound at on.ncss.com/COVID19_Spring2023.

CORE-COURSE LIST

Find your high school's list of NCAA-approved core courses at eligibilitycenter.org/ courselist. No core-course list means courses taken from that high school will not count for NCAA eligibility. If your high school does not have a list, you risk being ineligible to play in college.

NONTRADITIONAL AND ONLINE COURSES

Nontraditional courses are taught online or through distance learning, hybrid/blended, independent study, individualized instruction, correspondence or similar means.

These types of courses may be acceptable for use in the NCAA initial-eligibility certification process; however, it is important to make sure the nontraditional program has been approved and appears on your school/program's list of NCAA-approved core courses.

BE AHEAD OF THE GAME

- » Plan to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center at eligibilitycenter.org before your freshman year of high school. Visit on.ncaa. com/RegChecklist to help guide you through the registration process.
- » After six semesters of high school, ask your high school counselor from each school you have attended to upload an official transcript to your Eligibility Center account.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- » DII Academic Requirements flyer.
- » DIII Amateurism flyer.
- » International Initial-Eligibility flyer.

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3.525	410	38	2.725	820	60
3.500	430	39	2,700	830	61
3.475	440	40	2,675	840	61
3.450	460	41	2,650	850	62
3.425	470	41	2.625	880	63
3.400	490	42	2.800	860	64
3.375	500	42	2.575	870	65
3.350	520	43	2.550	880	66
3.325	530	44	2.525	890	67
3.300	550	44	2.500	900	68
3.275	560	45	2.475	910	69
3.250	580	46	2,450	920	70
3.225	590	46	2.425	930	70
3.200	600	47	2,400	940	71
3.175	620	47	2.375	950	72
3.150	630	48	2.350	960	73
3.125	650	49	2.325	970	74
3.100	660	49	2.300	980	75
3.075	680	50	2.299	990	76
3.050	690	50	2.275	990	76
3.025	710	51	2.250	1000	77
3.000	720	52	2.225	1010	78
2.975	730	52	2.200	1020	79
2.950	740	53	2175	1030	80
2.925	750	53	2150	1040	81
2.900	750	54	2125	1050	82
2.875	760	55	2100	1060	83
2.850	770	56	2.075	1070	84
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Want more information? Visit

ncaa.org/playcollegesports.

CONTACT THE NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

IS, and Canada (except Quebec): 877-262-1492 Monday-Eriday, 9 a.m. to 5 n.m. Eastern time

MILITARY INFORMATION

Air Force: www.airforce.com 2390 Prince of Orange Street Orangeburg, SC 29115 803-536-1456 Coast Guard (CG)/CG Reserve: www.gocoastguard.com 10136 Two Notch Road Suite 7-B Columbia, SC 803-736-7119 Army: www.goarmy.com Army National Guard: www.nartionalguard.com 2390 Prince of Orange Street Reserve: Army www.goarmyreserve.com Orangeburg, SC 29115 843-295-0377

Air Force Reserve: www.afreserve.com Air National Guard: www.goang.com 1-800-464-8273

Marine Corps: www.marines.com Marine Corps Reserve: www.marforres.marines.mil/ 2390 Prince of Orange Street Orangeburg, SC 29115 803-516-9683 Navy: www.navy.com 2390 Prince of Orange Street Orangeburg, SC 29115 843-356-0495 Navy Reserve: www.navyreserve.com

The ASVAB is a test given by military proctors that serves not only as a military enlistment tool but also a valuable career explorations tool.

Military careers require ASVAB test scores with 31 being the minimum score possible to enlist. For more information please visit: http://official-asvab.com/ or contact your local recruiter.



CHECKLISTS

9th / 10th Grade

CREATE A FOUR-YEAR HIGH SCHOOL PLAN DURING YOUR IGP MEETING.

- Think about what you'd like to accomplish in the next four years.
- Ask your counselor which high school courses are required by colleges, and make sure that you're taking the right classes as early as the ninth grade.
- Get to know the levels and types of courses offered by your school.

START THINKING ABOUT YOUR LIFE AFTER SCHOOL, INCLUDING THE TYPES OF CAREERS THAT MIGHT INTEREST YOU.

- Identify your interests, likes and dislikes, not just in classes but in every area.
- Talk to other people, such as your school counselor, teachers, recent college graduates who are working, professionals in the community, etc., about careers you might find interesting.

MEET WITH YOUR HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR. YOUR COUNSELOR KNOWS HOW TO HELP YOU GET THE MOST OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL.

- Discuss post-high school plans with your counselor.
- Research potential internship and job shadow sites that align with your goals and share the information with your counselor.
- Discuss taking Honors courses, Advanced Placement courses or dual-credit courses. Find out which courses will prepare you for your post-high school plans.

PARTICIPATE IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES. ACADEMICS IS JUST THE STARTING POINT.

- Explore your interest in a sport, school club, music or drama group or community volunteer activity.
- Remember that colleges/employers would rather see real involvement in one activity instead of a loose connection to several.
- If you're interested in playing sports in college, research the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) eligibility requirements. The NCAA requires completion of certain core courses; you can find the specifics at <u>ncaaclearinghouse.net</u>.

PLANNING TO ATTEND A TWO-YEAR OR FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE? IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO PUT MONEY ASIDE FOR COLLEGE. EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS!

• Learning about financial aid early on can also help you down the road.

EXPLORE LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES.

- Look for a job, internship or volunteer position that will help you learn about a field of interest.
- Research Youth Apprenticeship programs and internship opportunities.
- Discuss work-based learning opportunities with your counselor.
- Update your resume or online portfolio with your accomplishments.

GET FAMILIAR WITH ANY ASSESSMENTS YOU MAY NEED FOR YOUR POST-HIGH SCHOOL PLANS.

- Most four-year colleges consider applicants' scores on college admission tests as part of a deciding factor for admission.
- Take the PRE-ACT and/or the PSAT to get an understanding of the testing format before taking entrance tests in 11th grade.
- Download free practice tests for needed assessments.
- Review PSAT scores to see what Advanced Placement courses might be good for you to take.

RESEARCH COLLEGES AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES.

- Attend college and career fairs. Participate in any learning opportunity available to explore career fields.
- Tour college campuses. Take advantage of vacation or travel time to visit colleges. Even if you have no interest in attending the college you are visiting, it will help you learn what to look for in a college.

11TH GRADE

SUMMER

- Get the facts about what college costs. You may be surprised by how affordable higher education can be. Research options at the local two-year or technical college.
- Explore financial aid options. These include grants and scholarships, loans and work-study programs that can help pay for college costs.
- Explore employment opportunities in your local area. Research industry trends.
- Research training programs, apprenticeship programs and certificate opportunities if college is not in your immediate plans.

FALL

- Make sure you and your parent meet with your school counselor. This meeting is especially important this year to learn about the college application process.
- Stay organized! Make weekly or monthly to-do lists to keep on top of the tasks required to get ready for applying to colleges and explore work-based learning or apprenticeship opportunities.
- Get ready for the PSAT/NMSQT in October. This is a preliminary test that helps you practice for the SAT and assess your academic skills. Juniors who score well on the test are also eligible for scholarship opportunities.
- Set goals for the school year. Working toward specific goals helps you stay motivated and focused.

WINTER

- Register and prepare for the ACT and the SAT. Take both tests during the winter of your junior year. Check with your school counselor on the registration process and testing dates or go to <u>collegeboard.org</u>.
- Discuss other testing opportunities with your school counselor, such as NCRC, ACCUPLACER and ASVAB. These standardized tests will give insight into your career-ready skills.

SPRING

Search for colleges that meet your goals. Once you have an idea of the colleges you may be interested in, create a list and research application deadlines, campus tours and programs.

Research scholarships! Search your college websites

- for specific school-based scholarships. Make note of all deadlines!
 - Attend college fairs, financial aid events and career opportunities. These events allow you to meet with college representatives and get answers to questions.

Make summer plans. Summer is a great time to explore interests and learn new skills. Look into summer learning programs or find a job or internship.

Visit your top college choices.

12TH GRADE

SUMMER

Visit colleges. Make plans to check out the campuses of colleges on your list.

- Find out your top colleges' actual cost. Research the potential for financial aid and the true out-of-pocket cost, or net price, of each college.
- Start on your applications. Get the easy stuff out of the way now by filling in as much required information on college applications as possible.
- Ask your parents to gather necessary financial documents. To apply for most financial aid you will need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

FALL

- Meet with your school counselor early in your senior year. Your counselor will work with you on college scholarship and job applications.
- Create a calendar with deadlines and important dates, including application deadlines.
- Apply for scholarships. Find out about scholarship opportunities from your school counselor.
- Ask your counselor, parent and a teacher to review all applications and essays before submitting.
- Work with your parents to complete the FAFSA. Contact the financial aid offices at the colleges to find out what forms you must submit to apply for aid. Make sure you apply for aid by or before any stated deadlines. Funds are limited, so the earlier you apply, the better.

WINTER

- Contact potential employers. Research opportunities for internships and apprenticeship programs.
- Ask for letters of recommendation from teachers, club sponsors, coaches and other adults who can highlight your skills and attest to your character.

SPRING

- Process your college responses. Once you start hearing back from colleges about admission and financial aid, work with your parents on which college to attend. Complete the paperwork to accept a college's offer of admittance. Practice interview skills.
 - Review financial aid offers together. You will need help reading through financial aid award letters and figuring out which package works best. Be sure to pay attention to and meet any deadlines for acceptance.

Finish your senior year strong.



WEB RESOURCES

ACADEMIC COMMON MARKET

che.sc.gov

The Academic Common Market allows for South Carolina residents who are enrolled in specific programs at out-ofstate institutions to be charged only the applicable in-state tuition by the institution in which the student is enrolled.

BIG FUTURE

bigfuture.collegeboard.org

Big Future by The College Board is a college planning tool to generate a list of colleges that match your preferences.

CAREER AISLE

knowitall.org

With Know It All, career exploration resources are provided to assist with career awareness, career exploration and career preparation of students with the objective of facilitating a successful transition into post-secondary opportunities and the 21st century global workplace.

CAREER ONE STOP

careeronestop.org

U.S. Department of Labor sponsored site offers sections where students can explore careers (self-assessments, look at general information, check out employment trends, look at videos, see skills and occupations), look at salary and benefits, review education and training and more!

COLLEGE SCORECARD

collegescorecard.ed.gov

Information provided by the U.S. Department of Education such as average tuition costs, graduation rates, typical total debt and typical monthly loan payments.

ECAMPUSTOURS.COM

ecampustours.com

A revolutionary college planning website featuring 360° x 360° virtual campus tours of over 1,300 college campuses.

FINANCIAL AID

FAFSA <u>fafsa.ed.gov</u> Free Application for Federal Student Aid. APPLYING FOR A PIN <u>in.ed.gov</u> FASTWEB <u>fastweb.com</u> Fastweb members are matched to relevant scholarship opportunities completely free of charge.

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS AT OCTECH

octech.edu/academics/early-college/

Get a smart start on college with Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College's Orangeburg Advanced College and Early College Programs. OCTech offers eligible high school students the opportunity to earn college credit before graduating from high school and possibly graduate high school with an associates degree.

LEXILE / QUANTILE

lexile.com

quantiles.com

Lexile and Quantile measures provide an actionable tool for helping students engage in learning, comprehend their reading materials and succeed in math class.

MAPPING YOUR FUTURE

mappingyourfuture.org

Mapping Your Future is a national collaborative, publicservice, non-profit organization providing career, college, financial aid and financial literacy services for students, families and schools.

MICROBURST LEARNING EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

microburstlearning.com

Explore interactive career profiles that contain important career information to help you make educated decisions about your future.

MYFUTURE.COM

myfuture.com

Myfuture.com helps young adults plan their next steps in life by bringing together the most recently available information about colleges, careers and military service opportunities from the U.S. Departments of Commerce, Defense, Education and Labor.

MY NEXT MOVE

mynextmove.org

An easy-to-use online career search to research over 900 different careers and see important information including skills, tasks, technologies, salaries and employment outlook. Includes the 60-item, web-based O*NET Interest Profiler Short Form, a tool that offers career suggestions based on a person's interests and level of work experience.

NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3

A website specifically dedicated to educating students and parents about new NCAA Division 1 standards for 2016 and beyond.

PACE

pacescholarshipacademy.com

PACE Scholarship Academy provides middle and high school, college, and graduate students with useful information and resources to pursue their higher education goals without the fear of financial barriers.

PETERSON'S GUIDE

petersons.com

Guides you through the college planning process with personalized resources.

PRACTICE TEST RESOURCES

ACT Student Web Page (<u>actstudent.org</u>) CollegeBoard - SAT (<u>collegeboard.com</u>) (<u>4tests.com</u>) (Military.com)

PRINCETON REVIEW

princetonreview.com

Helps students, parents and educators achieve the best results at every stage of their educational careers.

OCCUPATIONAL INFORMATION NETWORK O*NET ONLINE

online.onetcenter.org

The nation's primary source of occupational information; this is an interactive site with occupational search, tools and technology section, skills section and more!

SCHOLARSHIPS.COM

scholarships.com

Scholarships.com is a free college scholarship search platform that matches you to college scholarships you qualify for.

SC CAN - South Carolina Can Go to College

SCCANGO.org

SC CAN GO facilitates three major programs throughout the school year including College Application Month in the fall, College Goal SC to support Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) completion in the winter and spring, and College and Career Decision Day to celebrate our graduating seniors each May.

SC TRAC

sctrac.org

SC TRAC provides students, advisors and administrators with easy access to information they need pertaining to college transfer.

SC Works

scworks.org

The state's SC Works system offers services to help employers screen and match, hire, train and retain workers.

SCIWAY

<u>sciway.net/jobs/</u>

SCIWAY, the South Carolina Information Highway, is the largest directory of South Carolina information on the Internet. It's also fast and easy to use.

USA Jobs

<u>usajobs.gov</u>

USAJOBS connects job seekers with federal employment opportunities across the United States and around the world.

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