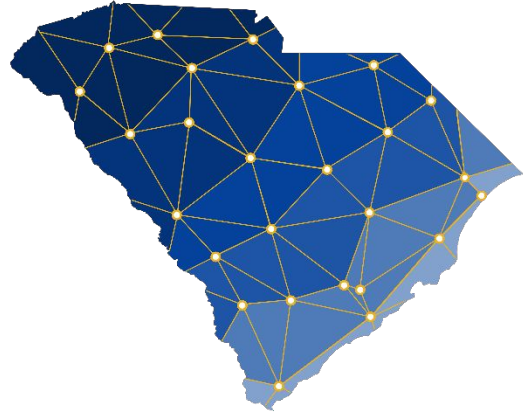




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STATE SCHOLARSHIP & GRANT UPDATES

2025–2026 Palmetto Fellows Application Timeline



UPDATED

Palmetto Application Timeline for the Class of 2026 graduating class.

Early Application Opens

Class of 2026
Email sent to HS
Counselors on July 15.

July 15,
2025

Sept 1,
2025

Early Notifications

Palmetto Fellows
Notification emails start
being sent to applicants as
applications are
processed.

Early – Testing Cutoff

Last test administration
that will be accepted for an
Early Application:
ACT: February 14, 2026
SAT: March 14, 2026

March
2026

May 1,
2026

Early Application Closes

Application must be
submitted online
by student before 11:59pm.
No Late Submissions.

Late Application Opens

For students
graduating in the Class
of 2026.

June 1,
2026

Late – Testing Cutoff

Last test administration that will be
accepted for a 2026 graduate.
SAT: June 6, 2026
ACT: June 13, 2026
Scores must be sent directly to CHE using
these codes: SAT: 4313 or ACT: 6326
Scores must be received by July 15, 2026.

June
2026

Late Application Closes

Application must be
submitted online by
student before 11:59pm.
No Late Submissions.

July 15,
2026

Student Starts Application

Once the student has met the Early Award eligibility criteria:

- email the student the Early Application invite or print and hand this to them.

**This on the HS Counselor Resources webpage and was linked in the July 15, 2025 Application email.*

This is a fillable pdf. We would encourage schools to use a counselor who will be available over the Summer to complete the application request

CLASS OF 2026

PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP

EARLY APPLICATION: DEADLINE TO APPLY - MAY 1, 2026 AT 11:59PM

Submit your application online at apply.che.sc.gov or use the QR code below; select the **Early Application - Fall 2026 Cohort**
Your High School Counselor's Information is:

Name:

Email:



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QUESTIONS, CONTACT CHE:
[SCHOLARSHIPS@CHE.SC.GOV](mailto:scholarships@che.sc.gov)
OR 803-737-2260.

School Counselor Authorization Request

School Counselor Authorization and Parental Consent Requests

 Tips and info

 Katie H.

★ Application invite comes into play – student will enter High School Counselor's Name and email from the invite here.

Choose a request type

School Counselor Authorization

School Counselor Authorization

* Counselor First Name

Chris

* Counselor Last Name

Harris

* Counselor Email

Field is required

Do you waive your right to view information sent on your behalf?

Yes

No

SEND REQUEST

CANCEL





Hello Chris,

Please help Katie Harris provide required information to South Carolina Commission on Higher Education by completing the form below.

* Your First Name

Christopher

* Your Last Name

Harris

* Are you submitting this information for an Early or Late Award applicant?

Early Award

Academic Standing and Test Scores of the Applicant

1. **REQUIRED:** All grade point averages (GPA) must be based on the SC Uniform Grading Policy (SC UGP) and be cumulative. All GPAs must be reported with at least two decimal places and cannot be rounded. Please note that the reported GPAs must match the GPA submitted on the official high school transcript. All transcripts submitted must have a June 15th date calculated or earlier. No exceptions. **All eligible Early applicants must have a junior year transcript submitted on their behalf. Late applicants must have a final senior year transcript submitted.**

* Final 11th Grade GPA

HS Counselor's Secure Authorization Form

Student Notification

- Students will be notified:
 - Approx. 1 month after CHE receives their School supporting documents.
 - Late Award: Late August*
- Dashboard will be updated automatically, and student will receive an email.
 - Emails are sent from Scholarships@che.sc





Most Common Issues from 2024-25 Apps

1. No Parental Consent
2. No Counselor Authorization
3. Missing Transcript and/or Test Score
4. No rank report
5. Uploading entire class of transcripts to one student profile
6. Incorrect Transcript(s)
 - Work-in-Progress Transcript
 - No signature
 - Wrong date calculated
 - Wrong grade in top left-hand corner

Most Common Issues from 2024-25 Apps

If you are a 2026 High School Graduate, please contact your high school counselor to discuss the process for applying for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship.

Contact your HS Counselor for
Application instructions >

THIS IS NOT THE PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION.

Palmetto Fellows Scholarship In-State Transfer or Reapplication Request

To be eligible for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship, students must be determined as recipients during their senior year of high school.

*Students **NOT** using the application website or QR code to apply. This is the Transfer/Reapplication Form for CURRENT College students.



ACT Superscore Update

- In April 2025, online ACT tests were English, Math and reading only. Beginning September 2025, all (online and paper) ACT tests will no longer include the Science section in their calculated superscore.
- **CHE:** For the purposes of meeting the ACT test score requirement, the student must use the highest English, Math, and Reading scores, which may come from different test administrations. A Science score may be included to improve the composite score but is not required. (LIFE and Palmetto Fellows).

ACT Superscore Update

Here's how to find your ACT superscore if you want to do it yourself:

Step 1: Gather all of your ACT score reports.

Step 2: Fill out a table with your test dates and corresponding scores from all your ACT tests so you can easily compare subject scores.

Step 3: Identify your best score in each subject by circling the highest number in each column.

Step 4: Calculate the average based on your last valid test attempt.

If your last valid test attempt was on the:

- **Legacy ACT:** Calculate the average by adding the English, math, reading and science scores together, dividing by four, and rounding to the nearest whole number.
- **Enhanced ACT:** Calculate the average by adding English, math, and reading scores together, dividing by three, and rounding to the nearest whole number.

Legacy: English + Math + Reading + Science = Total / 4 = Superscore Composite

Enhanced: English + Math + Reading = Total / 3 = Superscore Composite

ACT's Rounding Integer:

Legacy Composite = 0.5

Enhanced Composite = 0.6



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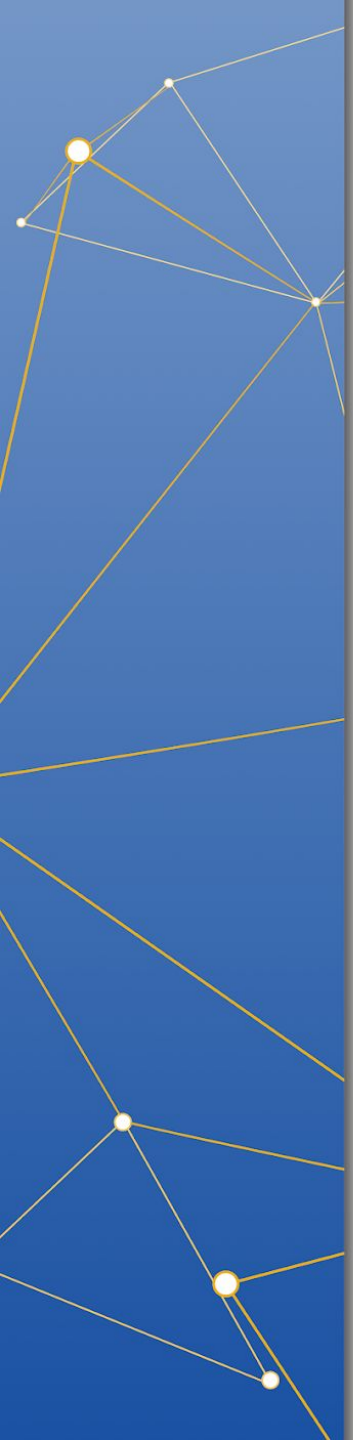
Test Date	English Score	Math Score	Science Score	Reading Score	Total Legacy (Enhanced)	Legacy Composite (Rounded)	Enhanced Composite (Rounded)
September 2025	32	27		33	(92)	----	30.6 (31)
April 2025	22	20	27	22	91 (64)	22.75 (23)	21.3 (21)
February 2025	26	22	30	25	103 (73)	25.75 (26)	24.3 (24)
October 2024	34	30	27	30	121 (94)	30.25 (30)	31.3 (31)
May 2024	25	22	24	33	104 (80)	26	26.6 (27)
April 2024	26	22	25	27	100 (75)	25	25

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Opening Regulations

- Palmetto Fellows
 - Emergency Regulation: ACT score for Class of 2026
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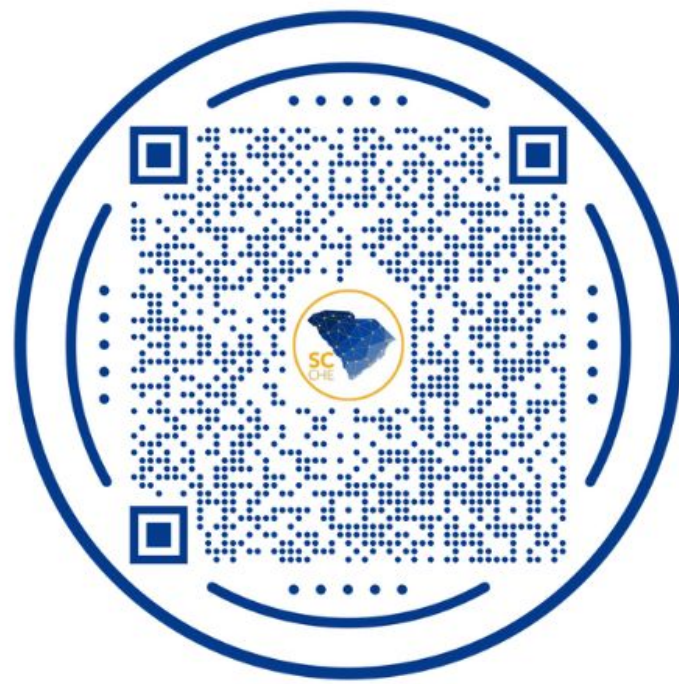
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CHE Scholarships & Grants webpage



Scholarships and Grants for SC Residents

South Carolina provides direct support to students pursuing higher education through a number of need-based and merit-based scholarships and grants, however you must prove residency in the state of South Carolina to apply for state-funded financial aid. For specific information on residency requirements, visit our [SC Residency Information](#) page.

Scholarship and Grant Overview

Qualifying Criteria		Continued Eligibility Criteria	
SC HOPE \$2,000	- Attended an eligible four-year institution 3.0 SC UGP GPA	3.0 LIFE GPA, and - Earn an average of 30 credit hours by the end of the first academic year	<i>SC HOPE recipients who do not meet the above criteria, they move into the LIFE scholarship program beginning in their 2nd academic year.</i>
LIFE \$5,000	- Two-Year Institution: 3.0 SC UGP GPA - Four-year Institution (Meet 2 out of 3): 3.0 SC UGP GPA, 1100 SAT or 22 ACT, Rank in top 10% of graduating class	3.0 LIFE GPA, and - Earn an average of 30 credit hours by the end of the first academic year	Up to eight terms of eligibility towards first Bachelor's degree
Palmetto Fellows \$6,700 year 1 \$3,600 year 2-4	3.5 SC UGP GPA, and 1000 SAT or 25 ACT, and - Top 6% rank in either 10, 11, 12 Without regard to race (Alternative Criteria): 4.0 SC UGP GPA, and 1400 SAT or 31 ACT	3.0 Institutional GPA, and - Earn 30 credit hours each academic year	Up to eight terms of eligibility towards first Bachelor's degree
Lottery Tuition Assistance	2-year institutions only - Complete the FAFSA or FAFSA waiver - Enroll in at least six credit hours	3.0 Institutional GPA, and - Earn 30 credit hours each academic year	Up to eight terms of eligibility towards first Bachelor's degree
SC Need-based Grant \$2,000-3,000/year	Determined in need by completing the FAFSA	3.0 GPA, and - Earn 30 credit hours, and - Complete the FAFSA annually, as a need status can be confirmed	

Detailed Scholarship and Grant Information

- Palmetto Fellows Scholarship
- LIFE Scholarship
- South Carolina HOPE Scholarship (Freshmen)
- South Carolina Need-based Grant
- Lottery Tuition Assistance
- South Carolina National Guard College Assistance Program (SCNG CAP)
- South Carolina Workforce & Industry Needs Scholarship (SC-WINS)
- Free Tuition for Residents Over 60
- Nursing Educator Tuition Reimbursement

Retaining state scholarships and grants:

Find out what you need to know in this video of our latest workshop!



- Palmetto Fellows & LIFE Scholarship Updates:**
- [Associate Degree Programs \(ADP\) Transferable for Three-Year LIFE Scholarship \(PSI\)](#)
 - [2023 State-Funded Scholarships and Grants \(PSI\)](#)
 - [List of Eligible Homeschools](#)
- Additional Financial Aid Resources:**
- [Fast Forward: Upcoming changes to the FAFSA](#)
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Welcome to the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education's resource page for high school counselors! Our goal is to enhance college access by providing resources to support our counselors as they help students on their higher education journey. As a partner for counselors across the state, the CHE Office of Student Affairs is committed to supporting your efforts in shaping the academic and personal growth of students as they pursue their higher education dreams.

- ▼ Memos
- ▼ FAFSA
- ▼ College Access Programs
- ▼ Better FAFSA
- ▼ Guides

Student Affairs Trainings

[CACRAO Workshop 2023](#)

Note: If you are a counselor and would like to suggest additional resources to include on this page, please feel free to [e-mail](#) us!

Fall 2023 Scholarship, Grant, and College Access Presentations

Date	Event	Location
09/08/23	CACRAO Workshops: Midlands	R212
09/21/23	SCISA Workshop	Orangeburg, SC
09/21/23	Department of Education Workshop	Piedmont Technical College
09/26/23	Department of Education Workshop	McClenaghan Adult & Community Education Building
09/29/23	USC Union School Counselor Luncheon	Veteran's Memorial Lodge, Union SC
10/04/23	Department of Education Workshop	Spartanburg Community College

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SC CAN GO: Promoting College Access and a College-Going Culture in South Carolina



South Carolina CAN Go To College (SC CAN GO), facilitated by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education Student Affairs Office, promotes a college-going culture for students in our state, and also raise needed college access awareness. The primary goal of this campaign is to encourage South Carolina students and families to take an active role in pursuing higher education. The campaign also helps students and families overcome perceived barriers to higher education and provides resources to assist school counselors and education professionals to help facilitate a college-going culture for all students.

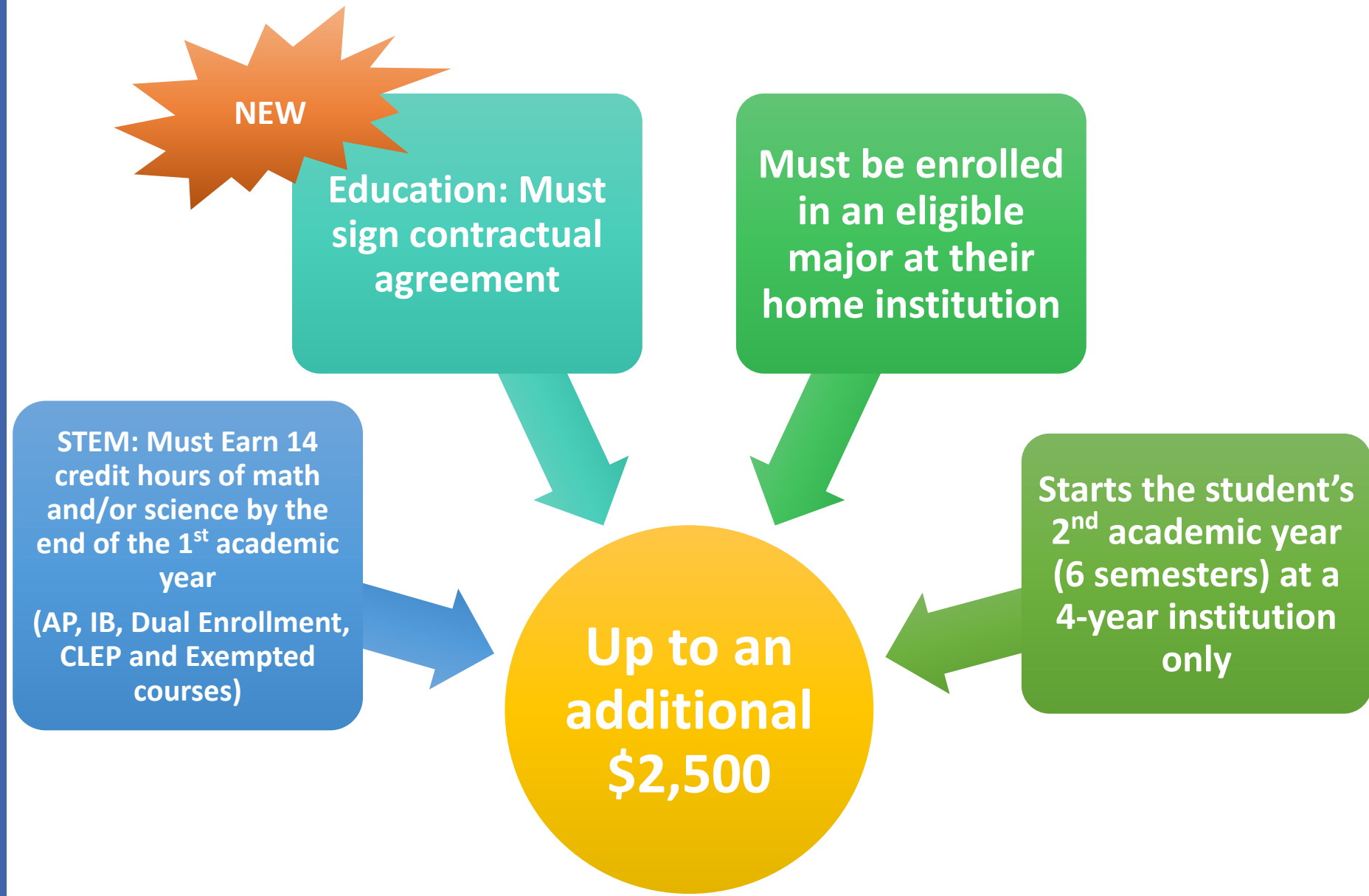
SC CAN GO facilitates three major programs throughout the school year including College Application Month in the fall, College Goal SC to support Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) completion in the winter and spring, and College and Career Decision Day to celebrate our graduating seniors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

- ✓ College Application Month
- ✓ College Goal SC
- ✓ College and Career Decision Day (2025 Date TBA)

New Scholarship Enhancement



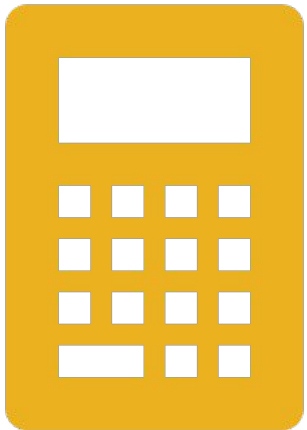
LIFE & PFS Enhancements



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Rank & State Scholarship Eligibility



- For the purposes of the LIFE and Palmetto Fellows Scholarship (PFS) programs two students may not occupy the same rank.
 - **LIFE Scholarship:** Top 30% of the graduating class (NOT rounded up to the next whole number)
 - **PFS:** Top 6% (rounded up to the next whole number)
- In the event of a tie, the high school/home school association is responsible for determining the legitimate rank for each eligible applicant.
 - For the purposes of the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship the student's GPA may need to be truncated past two decimal points in order to determine the true rank for each student.
 - *Inquire about your School District or Board's approved policy*
- Commission staff will NOT be able to participate in a process to determine a student's true rank.

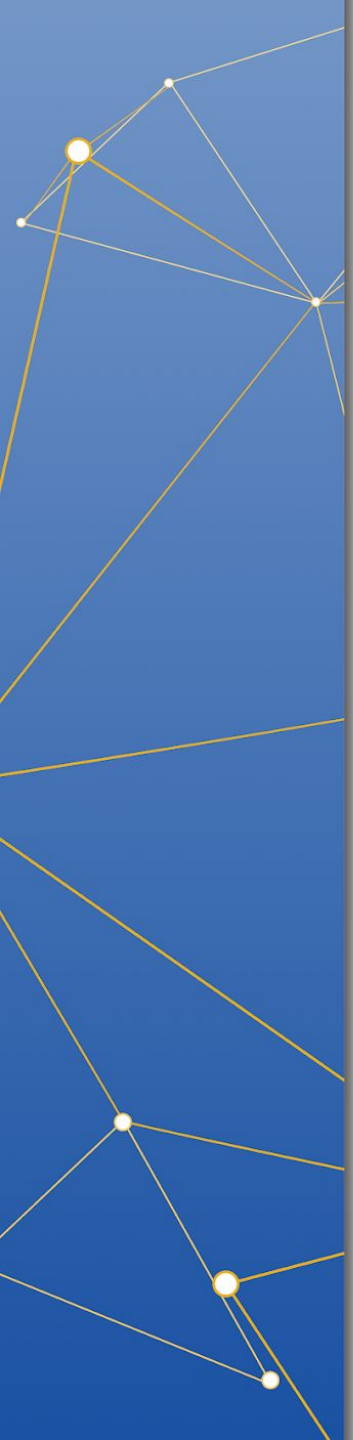
Rank Reports

Per the memo sent to institutions and high schools on June 15, 2023, beginning with the Class of 2024, all ranking schools MUST submit their final 12th grade ranking report to CHE no later than June 30 of each academic year. Must be in pdf format.

Rank reports can be sent to Scholarships@che.sc.gov

Ranking high schools no longer need to send ranking reports to SC Colleges and Universities.

Information on rank report MUST match information on Transcript.



COLLEGE ACCESS UPDATES

College Access Additions



Get to Know Your College Access Team

Kathy Rollins

Duration with CHE: 1 year

Hobbies: Traveling, photography, and cooking

Passions: Ensuring that every student has the opportunity for higher education!

Contact Information: karollins@che.sc.gov | 803-856-0137

Alantis Seckal

Duration with CHE: 5 months

Hobbies: Art, Reading, and Traveling

Passions: Volunteering and advocating for students to obtain higher education

Contact Information: sseckal@che.sc.gov | 803-856-0346



College Access Programs

1. College Application Month

- Events run from September to November
- College reps assist/Fee waivers
- **End of Event reports due 12/31/2025**

2. College Goal SC

- Statewide FAFSA Completion Campaign
- Events run from October to March

3. College Decision Day SC

- South Carolina's College & Career Signing Day Program
- Celebrates high school Seniors and their decision to enter college, workforce or military service!
- We plan to do another rally at the statehouse this Spring.

CHE College Access Program Events and Updates

Our College Goal SC Refresher Trainings provides guidance on hosting a College Goal SC event.

8/26 College Goal SC Refresher Training at 10:30-11:00 AM (Virtual)

8/27 College Goal SC Refresher Training at 1:30-2:00 PM (Virtual)

8/28 College Goal SC Refresher Training at 10:30-11:00 AM (Virtual)

Registration link for College Goal SC Refresher Training: <https://forms.office.com/g/68Wq0uGxWn>

Upcoming:

Our FAFSA Counselor Trainings equip counselors to guide students and their families through the FAFSA completion process.

9/16 FAFSA Counselor Training at 10:00-11:00 AM (Virtual)

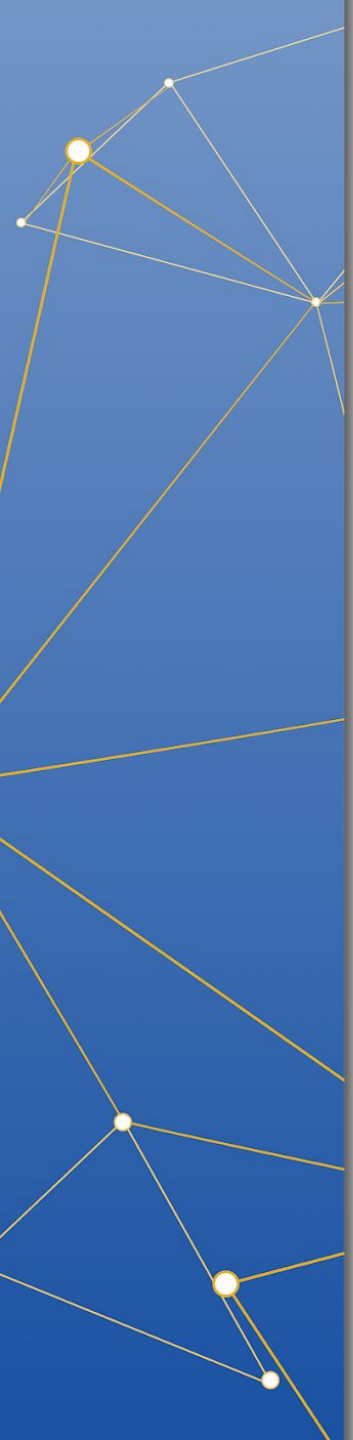
9/18 FAFSA Counselor Training at 1:00-2:00 PM (Virtual)

9/24 FAFSA Counselor Training at 10:00-11:00 AM (Virtual)

10/1 College Goal SC Season Kick Off

Interested in joining our College and Career Decision Day Committee register with the following link

<https://forms.office.com/g/ksAtcg48vS>



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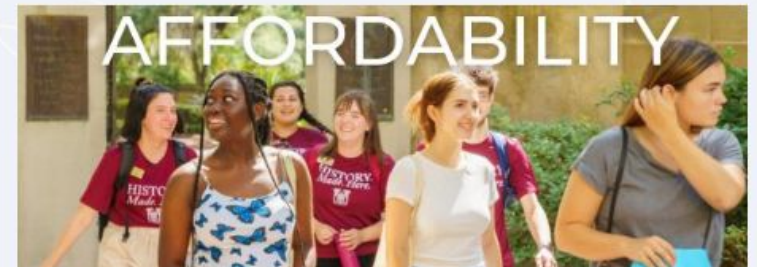
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(Statutory requirements S.C. Code of Laws: 59-103-165 through 59-103-190)

The Commission on Higher Education is directed to work with the state's public institutions of higher education, and private institutions of higher education which wish to participate, to develop information packages for eighth grade students and their parents on:

- The options of post-secondary education available in South Carolina
- The courses required to attend colleges and universities; and
- The financial requirements and assistance available for students pursuing additional education after high school

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Applying for college, selecting the right school, and financing your education can be complex but starting early can help you be more prepared for the process.

South Carolina is home to more than [80 institutions of higher education](#), from large research institutions to smaller technical and private colleges, offering programs and options to suit your post-high school plans.

Grade-by-grade college preparation tips:

- ✓ Middle School
- ✓ 9th Grade
- ✓ 10th Grade
- ✓ 11th Grade
- ✓ 12th Grade



Not sure where you want to go to college?

[View our list of colleges in South Carolina](#) or



You can also [search for a college near you by available programs](#) (external link).

CHE PREPARING FOR COLLEGE PAGE

Prerequisite courses are also a critical part of college preparation. Familiarizing yourself with information below will help you choose the most effective high school curriculum to prepare for college:

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Explore More College and Career Planning Resources

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Additional CHE Resources:

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FAFSA Completion Status Portal

Now Available!

FAFSA Completion Data AAA High School				
Academic Year 2025 - 2026				
Export to Excel Close				
Last Name	First Name	Date of Birth	Zip Code	FAFSA Status
Abel	Mary	01/07/2006	01234	Complete
Clark	Susan	07/14/2006	22345	Complete
Jones	Laura	10/28/2005	12256	Missing Signature
Martin	Doug	03/30/2006	01234	Complete
Washington	James	09/04/2005	12256	Not Found
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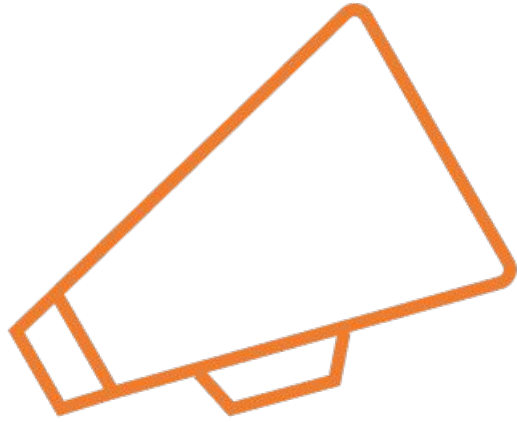
A FAFSA Completion/Matching Portal is in the works through the Tuition Grants Commission's system, "myTG" – with plans to implement with the 2025-2026 FAFSA Cycle for the Class of 2026:

- ❑ The SC Tuition Grants Commission (TGC) receives all FAFSA data for South Carolina residents. Through a partnership with the S.C. Department of Education, the Tuition Grants Commission will have the ability to match all publicly enrolled seniors with corresponding FAFSA Data
- ❑ High Schools/Districts will need to enter sign an MOU with the Tuition Grants Commission to participate; individual users will sign User Agreement/Access forms
- ❑ The Commission on Higher Education (CHE) will assist TGC communicate the availability with the high school counselor community
- ❑ More information forthcoming!



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Grants for SC Residents

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Scholarship and Grant Overview

General Eligibility requirements for all programs:

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

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

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\$2,800

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- 3.0 SC UGP GPA

CONTINUED ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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

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

Fall 2024 Scholarship Updates:

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Scholarship and Grant Overview

General Eligibility requirements for all programs:

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

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