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SC Commission on Higher Education  
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### Session Agenda: SC Commission on Higher Education

- Legislative Updates
- Student Affairs Information
- Transcript Information
- SAT Redesign

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## Legislative Updates

**H.3037** Notwithstanding another provision of law, a veteran of the United States Armed Forces, who has evidenced intent to establish domicile in South Carolina, and their dependents are entitled to receive in-state tuition and fees at state institutions without the requirement of one year of physical presence in this State. For purposes of this subsection, a 'veteran' means an individual who has served on active duty in the United States Armed Forces and who has been honorably discharged from that service.

- Bill would amend provisions for former military who are establishing residency in SC for determination of tuition and fee rates so as to waive the requisite one-year residency period.
- Status reported out of House, awaiting Senate

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### Legislative Updates

- **H 3244** A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-150-365 SO AS TO PROVIDE SOUTH CAROLINA LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS TO COVER THE COST OF ATTENDING A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA FOR STUDENTS WHO DEMONSTRATE LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY, TO PROVIDE CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP, TO PROVIDE THE SCHOLARSHIP IN COMBINATION WITH ALL OTHER GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS MUST NOT EXCEED ACTUAL ATTENDANCE COSTS, TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION MUST PROMULGATE RELATED REGULATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT ALL PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS MUST REPORT THEIR ENROLLMENT AND OTHER RELEVANT DATA AS SOLICITED BY THE COMMISSION WHICH MAY AUDIT THESE INSTITUTIONS TO ENSURE THEIR COMPLIANCE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 59-150-355, RELATING TO EDUCATION LOTTERY APPROPRIATIONS AND USES, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE SOUTH CAROLINA LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS AMONG THOSE RECEIVING LOTTERY APPROPRIATIONS.

**Status:** Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

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## Legislative Updates

### H.3344

- Bill relates to the uniform grading scale for public schools and proposes amendments to the §59-5-68 to require a ten point grading scale

**Status:** *In House Committee – House Education & Public Works.*

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## Legislative Updates

### H.4144

- Adds §59-101-440 to define an exemption of out-of-state tuition and eligibility for state scholarships and grants for a student other than a nonimmigrant alien within the meaning of Section 101(a)(15) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. Section 1101(a)(15)
- **Status:** *In Committee. 3/15 W&M Licenses, Fess, Insurance Tax and Other Charges Subcommittee discussed and adjourned debate. The bill remains in subcommittee.*

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### Legislative Updates

**H. 4459** A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-104-20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, SECTION 59-149-10, RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE INCENTIVES FOR FUTURE EXCELLENCE (LIFE) SCHOLARSHIPS, AND SECTION 59-150-370, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO HOPE SCHOLARSHIPS, ALL SO AS TO INCREASE MAXIMUM AMOUNTS AVAILABLE UNDER THESE SCHOLARSHIPS BY TEN PERCENT.

(PFS: \$7,370; LIFE: \$5,170; SC HOPE: \$2,750)

**Status:** *Referred to Committee on Ways and Means 1/12/16*

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### Legislative Updates

**H. 4514** A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-112-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A DEPENDENT CHILD WHO IS A UNITED STATES CITIZEN MAY NOT BE DENIED CLASSIFICATION AS A DOMICILED RESIDENT WHEN DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR IN-STATE TUITION AND FEE RATES AND STATE-SPONSORED TUITION ASSISTANCE AND SCHOLARSHIPS BASED SOLELY ON HIS STATUS OF HIS PARENT AS A NONRESIDENT ALIEN, TO PROVIDE THE MANNER THROUGH WHICH THE STUDENT MAY ESTABLISH DOMICILE, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY, AND TO PROHIBIT THE REQUIRING OF THE ABSENCE OF INDICIA IN OTHER STATES OR COUNTRIES BEFORE A STUDENT IS ELIGIBLE TO PAY IN-STATE TUITION AND FEE RATES.

***Status:*** *In Committee. House Education and Public Works Higher Education Subcommittee adjourned debate on 1/27/2016 and the bill remains in subcommittee.*



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### Legislative Updates

**H. 4515** TO AMEND SECTION 59-112-50, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO UNDERGRADUATE IN-STATE TUITION FOR PEOPLE ENTITLED TO CERTAIN FEDERAL EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE AS THE CHILDREN OF MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY WHO DIED IN ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE AFTER SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, AND FOR PEOPLE ENTITLED AS THE SPOUSAL OR CHILDREN DEPENDENTS OF VETERANS TO RECEIVE CERTAIN UNUSED FEDERAL EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE TRANSFERRED FROM VETERANS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THEY ARE NOT SUBJECT TO A THREE-YEAR POST-DISCHARGE ENROLLMENT TIME LIMIT.

**Status:** *Referred to the Committee on Education 2/11/16*

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## Legislative Updates

**H. 4521** TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE "TUCKER HIPPS TRANSPARENCY ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-210 SO AS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING SHALL MAINTAIN REPORTS OF INVESTIGATIONS AND RELATED INFORMATION OF MEMBERS OF FRATERNITIES, SORORITIES, AND OTHER SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS, TO SPECIFY INFORMATION THAT MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORTS, TO PROVIDE INSTITUTIONS SHALL MAKE THE REPORTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AND ONLINE, AND SHALL FURNISH REPORTS TO STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS BEFORE THE STUDENTS MAY BEGIN THE FORMAL PROCESS OF JOINING A FRATERNITY OR SORORITY, TO PROVIDE OVERSIGHT AND ENFORCEMENT REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE INITIAL COMPILATION OF THESE REPORTS BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE 2016-2017 ACADEMIC YEAR

**Status:** 3/17/2016 Senate Referred to Committee on Education

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### Legislative Updates

**H. 4795** TO AMEND SECTION 59-104-20, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, SO AS TO PROVIDE STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR THE AWARD MAY ELECT TO DEFER ENROLLMENT IN AN ELIGIBLE FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTION FOR ONE YEAR, UNTIL THE FALL TERM OF THE YEAR FOLLOWING THE YEAR OF GRADUATION, WITHOUT DECLINING THE AWARD; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT, REGARDLESS OF ITS EFFECTIVE DATE, MUST BE CONSTRUED TO APPLY TO STUDENTS WHO GRADUATE IN THE SPRING OF 2016.

**Status:** *Introduced on 2/2/2016 and referred House Education and Public Works*

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### Legislative Updates

**S. 933** TO AMEND SECTION 59-18-310(B)(2) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND ASSESSMENTS, TO PROVIDE A TWO YEAR EXTENSION FOR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA PETITIONS FOR A PERSON WHO IS NO LONGER ENROLLED IN A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL AND WHO PREVIOUSLY FAILED TO RECEIVE A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR WAS DENIED GRADUATION SOLELY FOR FAILING TO MEET EXIT EXAM REQUIREMENTS.

**Status:** *Passed Senate on 2/10/2016 and sent to House*

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### Legislative Updates

- Still included in **H. 3701** (Budget Bill-Part 1B)
  - **11.8– Foster Care Youth**
  - **11.12– College Transition Programs**
  - **11.13– Year-Round Scholarship Disbursements**

*Current as of 2/19/16*

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### Friendly Reminders:

- SECTION 59-150-360 (D) “Tuition Assistance” for purposes of this section means, to the extent funds are appropriated, the amount charged for registering for credit hours of instruction and academic fees, less all federal grants and need-based grants, and does not include other fees, charges, or costs of textbooks.
- If the student is Pell Grant eligible, Pell Grant must be awarded
- No option to “decline” Pell Grant funds for LTAP funds in an effort to “save Pell” for a 4-year institution

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### Friendly Reminder

#### SC Need-based Grants

- Need-Based Grant funds not disbursed must be returned to CHE
- In accordance with 62-470. Policies and Procedures for Awarding Need-based Grants.

I. “Annual allocations of funds to the public institutions will be based on each institution's percentage of the State’s total enrollment of South Carolina resident undergraduate full-time degree-seeking headcount enrollment. The percentage will be based on the previous year’s total as determined by the Commission on Higher Education. Unused funds, which cannot be awarded by an institution, must be returned to the Commission on Higher Education, which may redirect the funds to institutions where unmet need exists.”

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### Friendly Reminder

## Foster Care Youth- SC Need-based Grants

Updated Foster Care Youth Waiver available here:

[http://www.che.sc.gov/CHE\\_Docs/student services/needbased/files/FCY-Waiver-Form-2014.pdf](http://www.che.sc.gov/CHE_Docs/student services/needbased/files/FCY-Waiver-Form-2014.pdf)

- Acceptable verification shall include a letter or other verifiable documentation from DSS. Students only need to provide documentation once per institution.

All invoices for Foster Care Youth are to be sent to:

**SC Commission on Higher Education**

**Attn: Student Affairs**

**1122 Lady Street, Suite 300**

**Columbia, SC 29201**

\*please include student ID# listed on the Foster Care Youth Waiver on the invoice as well as indicate FCY on the invoice

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### Palmetto Fellows Scholarship: 2016 Early Award

- 2,341 Palmetto Fellows Scholarships were awarded for the Early Award period
  - An increase of 140 recipients from the 2015 Early Award
- Notifications were sent via email to recipients **March**
  - Late Award period opened April 11<sup>th</sup> and will close June 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Notifications for Late Awards will begin in August
- Designation Form
  - CHE must have the required form on file in order to provide scholarship funds to an institution
  - Still need \*\* \*\* Designation Forms
  - Deadline is: **AUGUST 31, 2016**

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### Palmetto Fellows Scholarship (PFS) Process

- Students must be a part of either the Early or Late Award application period. This is the sole responsibility of the high school/home school association/out-of-state high school
- MUST be an “F” in the NG system in order to award any PFS funds
- Prior to CHE providing the Early/Late Award recipient list to institutions, a PFS award/conditional award cannot be offered to a student
- Early/Late Award recipients with a status of “E” are NOT eligible for a PFS Award
- Students with an “E” have not satisfied all of the requirements to be considered a “Fellow” and therefore are still not eligible to receive any PFS funds
- If they are NOT on the NG website and/or NOT an “F” a PFS award cannot be provided
- Only CHE can determine someone to be a PFS recipient
- Notification of a student’s PFS status is provided by CHE only, and is made directly to the student

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### Early Graduate

Student graduates mid-year

For scholarship eligibility the student can ONLY use SC UGP GPA

- CANNOT use rank
- SC HOPE/LIFE Scholarship
- Complete Early Graduate application at planned institution of attendance
- Palmetto Fellows Scholarship
- Only ONE opportunity to apply - the Early Award application period of their senior year
- Can receive LIFE Scholarship **only for the 1st semester\***. Will receive the PFS the following terms of remaining eligibility

*\*Student must attend an eligible 4-year institution only for the spring term*

### Graduating Early

Student graduates academic year(s)early

- SC HOPE/LIFE Scholarship
- Eligibility is based on the end of the academic year with their “new” graduating class
- Palmetto Fellows Scholarship
- Can apply during the Early or Late Award application period
- Early Award Application period can only use end of the 10th grade GPA and rank
- Late Award application period can use the end of the 10th or 12th grade rank, must use end of the 12th grade GPA

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## Official Transcripts

- If the official high school transcripts are not in compliance with the established SC DE and CHE requirements, CHE and SC colleges and universities cannot award State scholarships.
- In order to determine eligibility for the State scholarship programs, the financial aid office/institution and/or CHE must have an official transcript on file (electronic or otherwise) that demonstrates the following items\*:
  - 1) **A valid signature** (electronic or otherwise) from the Principal.\*\* In the event that the Principal is not available, the Superintendent signature is acceptable.
  - 2) SC UGP GPA must be demonstrated and rank in class (if applicable)

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### Official Transcripts (Continued)

3) The “date calculated” must be dated no later than **June 15th** (regardless of academic year)

4) For the SC HOPE/LIFE Scholarship and the PFS Late Award the transcript **MUST** demonstrate that it is the final official transcript, as well as reflect a graduation date

\*For SC public high schools: Any questions regarding the setting up of transcripts fields, they need to contact their high school Powerschool Coordinator and/or district Powerschool Coordinator.

\*\*For the SC Public high schools, the transcript **MUST** demonstrate the principal’s signature **ONLY**. Any signature other than that of the principal will render the transcript invalid and therefore not be used for determination of eligibility for any of the state scholarship programs. For private, independent, and home school associations please ensure that the same official signature as determined by their administration is used on all transcripts.

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## State Scholarship Appeals

- The 2016 Appeals Cycle will begin on May 2, 2016, and new applications will be accepted through 5:00 pm on September 23, 2016
- Students are only able to submit an appeal due to their loss of scholarship their first fall term of re-enrollment
- Once the deadline has passed students no longer are eligible to submit an appeal
- Students are encouraged to review the Guidelines for Appeal on the CHE website after May 2nd to determine if their circumstance truly meets the definition of an extraordinary circumstance or a traumatic event

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## State Scholarship Appeals (Continued)

- It is strongly encouraged that institutions notify students of their eligibility status and their ability to attend summer school
- Regulatory required to notify PFS recipients of loss of scholarship: 62-335 (E)
- Appeals Application/Information link:

<http://www.che.sc.gov/Students,FamiliesMilitary/Appeals.aspx>



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## SAT Redesign

- The language shared has been approved by the Access and Equity Committee and the Commission
- Starting with the graduating class of 2018 only new SAT scores will be used
- Super scoring can be done using scores between the old SAT and the new SAT test versions. However, the requisite score on the new SAT will not be available until the concordance table is released in May 2016.

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# CASE STUDIES

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### Palmetto Fellows Scholarship: Case Study

- A PFS recipient earns 12 credit hours and a 4.0 at Commission University as a dually enrolled student. Upon high school graduation the student enrolls full-time at Commission University for the 2014-15 academic year. At **the** end of 2014-15 academic year, the student only earned 24 credit hours and a has a GPA of 2.8 based off of the fall and spring terms. However, their institutional GPA is a 3.1 and they have 36 total hours as a result of the dual enrollment courses.

*Has this student met the PFS continued eligibility requirements?*

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# NO

62-310. Definitions.

B. “Annual credit hour requirement” is defined for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship as a minimum of thirty (30) credit hours taken and earned at the end of each academic year based on the date of initial college enrollment. Credit hours cannot include remedial, continuing education, exempted credit hours (such as AP, CLEP, IB, etc.), credit hours earned before high school graduation (dual enrollment) and credit hours earned the summer term immediately following high school graduation....

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### Palmetto Fellows Scholarship: Case Study

**NO**

62-310. Definitions

I. “Cumulative grade point average (GPA)” is defined as the cumulative institutional GPA used for graduation purposes, which includes dividing the total number of quality points earned in all courses by the total credit hours in all courses attempted at the student’s home institution. The cumulative GPA must be at least a 3.0 at the home institution for graduation purposes at the end of each academic year based on the date of initial college enrollment.

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### Palmetto Fellows Scholarship: Case Study

NO

#### 62-310. Definitions

J. “Date of initial college enrollment” is defined as the first time a student matriculates into a postsecondary degree-granting institution after high school graduation...

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### Palmetto Fellows Scholarship: Case Study

#### 62-335. Duration and Renewal of Awards

(G). In order to retain eligibility for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship after the initial year, the student must meet the following continued eligibility requirements:

- Earn at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA at the home institution for graduation purposes by the end of each academic year;
- Earn a minimum of thirty credit hours for graduation purposes by the end of each academic year. Exempted credit hours (such as AP, CLEP, etc.), credit hours earned before high school graduation, and credit hours earned the summer term immediately following high school graduation cannot be used to meet the annual credit hour requirement;

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### SC Need-Based Grant: Case Study

- After 4 semesters at Capitol City Community College the student earned their Associate's Degree in Marketing at the completion of the fall 2015 term. This student returns for the spring 2016 term and is enrolled as a full-time student in the Associate's Degree for Nursing program. This student only used 4 terms of the maximum 8 terms of SC Need-based Grant eligibility.
- Is this student eligible to receive SC Need-based Grant for their second Associate's Degree?



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### SC Need-Based Grant: Case Study

# NO

62-460. Program Definitions for Administering South Carolina Need-based Grants at Public Institutions.

- B. “Associate degree program” is defined as a two-year technical or occupational program or an associate’s degree program (Associate of Arts or Associate of Science) which leads to the first two years of a baccalaureate degree...”
- E. “Eligible program” is defined as a program of study leading to: 1) the first baccalaureate degree 2) a program of study that is structured so as not to require a baccalaureate degree and leads to a graduate degree; 3) first associate’s degree or two-year program that is acceptable for full credit towards a bachelor’s degree; or 4) one-year program that leads to other recognized credentials (e.g., first diploma or first certificate). Study toward the first diploma or certificate may be followed by study toward the first associate’s degree, which may be followed by transfer to the first baccalaureate degree or a program of study that is structured so as not to require a baccalaureate degree and leads to a graduate degree. Students who have already obtained a baccalaureate degree are not eligible for subsequent grant funds.

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### SC Need-Based Grant: Case Study

# NO

62-490. Institutional Disbursement of Need-based Grants.

A. The participating institution will identify award amounts, which cannot exceed \$1,250 per eligible part-time student and \$2,500 per eligible full-time student per academic year. A maximum of fifty percent of the grant shall be disbursed for up to up to two terms of the academic year. The maximum amount, which may be received by a recipient for eight full-time equivalent semesters, shall be \$10,000 for students seeking their first baccalaureate degree or a program of study that is structured so as not to require a baccalaureate degree and leads to a graduate degree, \$5,000 for students seeking their first associate's degree, and \$2,500 for students seeking their first one-year certificate or diploma. Students who have obtained an associate's degree initially are eligible to apply for a Need-based Grant upon enrollment in their first baccalaureate degree or a program of study that is structured so as not to require a baccalaureate degree. Students who have obtained a recognized educational credential in a one-year program initially are eligible for application for a Need-based Grant upon enrollment in their first associate's degree, first baccalaureate degree, or a program of study that is structured so as not to require a baccalaureate degree and leads to a graduate degree.

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## LIFE Scholarship: Case Study

- Student started at a technical college in Fall 2013 after graduating high school with a 3.0 GPA based on UGP. The student would not be eligible for LIFE if she had attended a 4 year college. However, in her first term (Fall 2013) at the technical college, student enrolled in 11 credits of remedial courses and 3 hours of non-remedial.
- In Spring 2014, she enrolled in 3 credit hours of remedial courses and 12 credit hours of non-remedial coursework still at the technical college. She passed all Spring courses and earned a 2.83 GPA.
- For the 2014-15 year, the student continued at the technical college and enrolls in all regular credit courses. The student earned 33.0 credits during the 2014-15 year and has a LIFE GPA of 3.071.
- *When did the student's terms of eligibility start for LIFE?*
- *What are the student's continued eligibility requirements for 2015-16?*

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Spring 2014; Will need a 3.0 LIFE GPA and 45 credits to be eligible for 2015-16.

- 62-1200.10. Student Eligibility: LIFE Scholarship and LIFE Scholarship Enhancement.
- I. Credit hours earned during the student's first two term(s) of remedial/developmental enrollment will not be used to determine remaining Scholarship eligibility at the completion of remediation unless the student has completed at least twelve credit hours of non-remedial/developmental coursework each term of enrollment. First-time entering freshmen attending an eligible two-year institution or technical college who enroll in fewer than twelve credit hours of non-remedial/developmental, including at least three hours of remedial/developmental courses during the first term(s) will not be eligible for Scholarship funds during this period. The student's initial college enrollment will begin after a maximum of two terms of remediation at an eligible two-year or technical college only. The student will be eligible for the Scholarship for the term following completion of remediation if the student was eligible to receive the LIFE Scholarship upon high school graduation. If the student requires more than one academic year of remedial/developmental coursework, then he/she will not be eligible for the LIFE Scholarship the term after completion of remediation. If the student was not eligible for the Scholarship upon high school graduation, the student must meet the conditions set forth in Section J below in order to gain the LIFE Scholarship

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## “Weird” News: The Case of the Fake Address

CHE was contacted by an investigator regarding a student who was awarded LTAP funds but provided an address on their documentation that did not exist.

- LTAP: 62-900.165. Student Eligibility.

G. “Any false information provided by the student or any attempt to obtain or expend Lottery Tuition Assistance for unlawful purposes or any purpose other than in payment or reimbursement for the cost of tuition at the institution authorized to award the funds will be cause for immediate cancellation of Lottery Tuition Assistance. Any student who has attempted to or obtained Lottery Tuition Assistance through means of a willfully false statement or failure to reveal any material fact, condition, or circumstances affecting eligibility will be subject to applicable civil or criminal penalties, including loss of Lottery Tuition Assistance.”

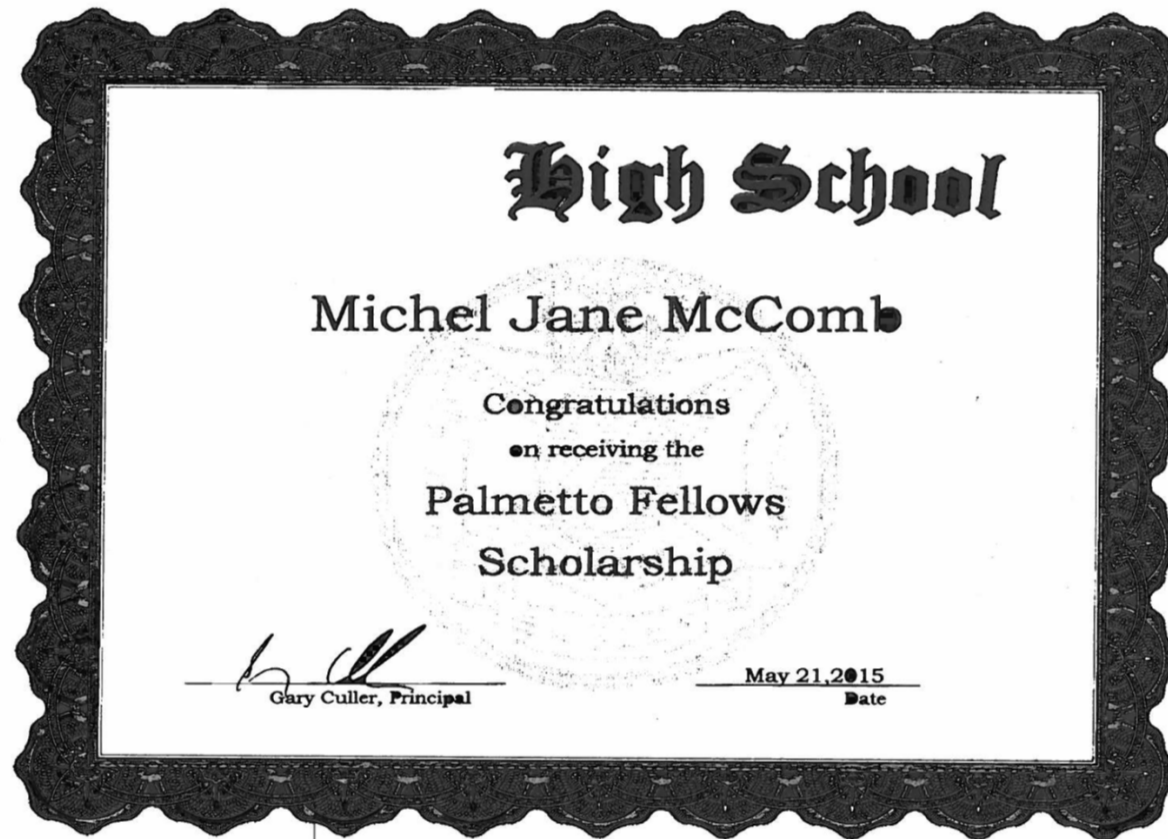
- PFS: 62-315 (G). Initial Eligibility for Palmetto Fellows Scholarship.
- LIFE: 62-1200.60 (Q). Institutional Policies and Procedures for Awarding: LIFE Scholarship and LIFE Scholarship Enhancement.
- SC HOPE: 62-900.125 (D). Institutional Policies and Procedures for Awarding
- SC Need-based: 62-465. Student Eligibility.

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# "Weird" News: The Case of the Nonexistent Award



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## State Scholarships and Grants Audits

- Proviso 3.1 – audit cycle every 3 years (about 18 schools/year)
- Institution Survey and FY15 Audit Reports  
(Have yours been submitted?)
- LIFE, Palmetto Fellows, Need-based Grants, HOPE, LTA, NGCAP
- SC Tuition Grants audit will still be separate
- Tech Board distribution of LTA will still be separate audit

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## State Scholarships/Grants Audits-What to look forward to...

- Begin on-site visits in May/June 2016 for 2015-2016 awards
  - Notified minimum of 2 weeks in advance
- Length of on-site visits will vary
- Testing – Sample 5 to 25 student files for each award type
  - Residency, eligibility, award amounts, refunds, etc.
- General compliance –
  - Order of awards, policies and procedures, financial aid promotional materials, etc.
- CHEMIS reporting – completeness and accuracy
- Proviso 3.6 Maintenance - Critical Care & Replacement



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## College Goal 2016 Updates:

- 46 Sites (An increase of 10 sites over 2015) held a total of 47 (An increase of 8 events over 2015) College Goal SC events in 2016
- 21 SC GEAR UP High Schools
- 4 non GEAR UP High Schools
- 21 Partnering Higher Education Institutions (3 with multiple locations)
- College Goal 2016 received 888 participants
- 888 participants is an 35 participant increase over last year (2015)
- 2 Reports are outstanding
- College Goal 2016 participants received assistance from 337 volunteers
- Volunteers included: Financial Aid and Admissions staff, SC GEAR UP Staff, SC Chamber of Commerce, Upward Bound and TRiO staff, College students
- CHE would like to thank the 21 Partnering Higher Education Institutions for Volunteering their time, resources and expertise to the Families of South Carolina

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### College Goal SC 2016 Higher Education Sites

Aiken Technical College	Tri-County Technical College
Central Carolina Technical College (4 Sites)	Trident Technical College (2 Sites)
Clafin University	University of South Carolina Lancaster
Francis Marion University	Williamsburg Technical College
Horry Georgetown Technical College (2 Sites)	York Technical College
Midlands Technical College- Airport Campus	Bob Jones University
Presbyterian College	Northeastern Technical College
Spartanburg Community College- Cherokee County Campus	University of South Carolina Upstate

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Questions?

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