



2016-2017 SC Need-Based Grant Affidavit

The South Carolina Need-Based Grants Programs is designed to provide additional financial aid assistance to South Carolina's neediest students. The proposed award will assist students who wish to attend public or independent colleges or universities in the State. The Need-Based Grant Program is established under the South Carolina Children's Education Act of 1966. "The need-based grant is dependent upon action by the General Assembly and amounts are contingent upon the availability of funds to be appropriated for the Program."

To be eligible for a need-based grant, the student must:

1. Be a "needy student" following the financial need analysis as established for Title IV Federal Student Aid Programs for determining eligibility for federal student financial aid. The student must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid every year.
2. Be a resident of the State of South Carolina as defined in Chapter 112 of Title 59 of the 1976 Code of Laws governing the determination of residency for tuition and fee purposes and in rules and regulations pertaining thereto as promulgated by the Commission on Higher Education.
3. Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as an undergraduate student in a degree or certificate program authorized by the Commission on Higher Education at an eligible two-year public college in South Carolina (provided that these programs are eligible programs under the enabling legislation). The student must meet the institution's standards for satisfactory academic progress.
4. Be seeking for the first time an associate, baccalaureate, or other recognized credential in a one-year program as authorized by the Commission on Higher Education if those programs are eligible programs under the enabling legislation. Students who have already obtained a baccalaureate degree are not eligible for subsequent grant funds.
5. Be enrolled at the time of the grant disbursement **in at least (6) semester credit hours each semester** and complete 24 semester credit hours if full-time and (12) semester credit hours if part-time in each regular academic year. **A student must have a 2.0 GPA.**

As a Need-based Grant recipient I certify, that I have never been adjudicated delinquent, convicted, or pled guilty or *nolo contendere* to any felonies or any second or subsequent alcohol/drug related offenses under the laws of this or any other state or under the laws of the United States. A student otherwise qualified who has been adjudicated delinquent or has been convicted or pled guilty or *nolo contendere* to a second or subsequent alcohol or drug-related misdemeanor offense nevertheless shall be eligible or continue to be eligible for the scholarship after the expiration of one academic year from the date of the adjudication, conviction, or plea by submitting an affidavit each academic year to the institution. However, a student who has been adjudicated delinquent, convicted, or pled guilty or *nolo contendere* to a second alcohol/drug related misdemeanor offense is ineligible for the next academic year of enrollment at an eligible institution after the date of the adjudication, conviction or plea. If the adjudication, conviction, or plea occurs during the academic year after the student has already submitted a signed affidavit to the institution, the student will be eligible to receive the Scholarship the remainder of the academic year. However, the student will be ineligible for the Scholarship the following entire academic year of enrollment. If a student completes a pretrial intervention program and has their record expunged, the conviction will not affect Scholarship eligibility. If I am adjudicated delinquent or am convicted or pled guilty or *nolo contendere* to any felonies or any alcohol or drug related misdemeanor offenses under the laws of this or any other state, or under the laws of the United States, I agree to notify the Financial Aid Office by the start of the school year.

I hereby give permission for a background check to be conducted to verify the above. I understand additional information may be requested after the background check has been conducted.

I also affirm that I am not in default and do not owe a refund or repayment on any Federal or State financial aid including, state grants/scholarships, Federal Pell Grant, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Perkins Loan and Federal Stafford Loan.

Any false information provided by the student or any attempt to expend any scholarship funds for unlawful purposes or any purpose other than in payment or reimbursement for the cost of attendance at the institution authorized to award the scholarship and/or grant will be cause for immediate cancellation. Any student who has obtained a scholarship 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 retroactive loss of the scholarship and /or grant.

As a Need-based Grant recipient, I certify that I have not received the Grant for more than (8) full-time equivalent terms. If you have questions regarding the number of terms you have been awarded a Need-based Grant contact your financial aid office.

Student's Signature

Date

Print Name

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