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Memorandum

To: High School Counselors, Financial Aid and Admissions Administrators, and Related Parties

From: Dr. Karen Woodfaulk, Director of Student Affairs, S.C. Commission on Higher Education

Date: May 28, 2021

Re: South Carolina Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Eligibility at Two-year Institutions and Technical Colleges for Fall 2021 Term

On May 6, 2021 Governor Henry McMaster signed H. 3017 into law (Act. #36). This Act amends eligibility for Palmetto Fellows Scholarship to include two-year institutions of higher learning and technical colleges whose students may be eligible for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship. This means that for students graduating in the Class of 2021 and beyond who would like to attend a two-year institution or technical college term and that have met the eligibility criteria for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship can be awarded. Please note that for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship, a student may delay initial college enrollment for up to one year after high school graduation.

Students who have qualified for the Palmetto Fellows that wish to attend a two-year institution or technical college as their school of choice will need to submit their online Designation Form for a 'Two-Year Institution'. When the student selects 'Two-Year Institution/Technical College', a message will pop-up that indicates the student is forfeiting their Palmetto Fellows Scholarship. The student should disregard that statement and then type in their school choice. CHE has requested updates to our online form, but the updates may not be processed in time for the Class of 2021. CHE will then notify the student's institution of their completion of their Designation Form.

Within the same legislation, a change was made to the LIFE Scholarship program, as well. Beginning with the Fall 2021 term, students who are enrolled in identified Associates Degree programs that exceed 68 credit hours to completion, at eligible two-year institutions, may receive the LIFE Scholarship for up to six consecutive terms. A listing of eligible Associates Degree Programs that require a minimum of 68 credit hours to completion can be found on the CHE website at the following link:

<https://www.che.sc.gov/Students,FamiliesMilitary/PayingForCollege/FinancialAssistanceAvailable/ScholarshipsGrantsforSCResidents.aspx>.

Students should be aware that the terms of eligibility begin with their initial college enrollment.



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If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Kathryn Harris, Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Program Manager, kharris@che.sc.gov or at (803) 737-2262, or Dr. Gerrick Hampton, Associate Director for Student Affairs and LIFE Scholarship Program Manager, at ghampton@che.sc.gov or (803) 734-4397.

