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Commission on Higher Education  
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Lottery Tuition Assistance

# **New Financial Aid Counselor Workshop**

# History

- The Lottery Tuition Assistance Program (LTAP) was established under the S.C. Education Lottery Act in 2001 and implemented for the first-time during the 2002-03 academic year. The program was created in order to provide financial assistance to students attending an eligible two-year public or independent institution.



# Regulations



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- [LIFE Scholarship Regulations \(PDF\)](#)
- [SC HOPE Scholarship Regulations \(PDF\)](#)
- [SC Need-based Grant Regulations \(PDF\)](#)
- [Lottery Tuition Assistance Program Regulations \(PDF\)](#)
- [Free Tuition for Residents Over 60 \(PDF\)](#)
- [Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Eligibility at Two-Year Institutions and Technical Colleges for Fall 2021 Term \(PDF\)](#)

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- [Policies and Instructions for Applications for Academic Program and Course Eligibility for Scholarship Enhancement \(PDF\)](#)
- [Policy for the Addition and Removal of Programs to the List of Programs Eligible for Scholarship Enhancements \(PDF\)](#)
- [LIFE and Palmetto Fellows Math and Science Scholarship Enhancements](#)
- [Palmetto Fellows Application Timeline \(PDF\)](#)
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### Related Trainings



Sections that pertain to *ALL*  
State Scholarship and Grant  
Programs

# General Definitions

Lottery Tuition Assistance	• 62-900.160. (A) Program Definitions.
Need-based Grants	• 62-460. (A) Program Definitions for Administering South Carolina Need-based Grants at Public Institutions
SC HOPE Scholarship	• 62-900.90. (A) Program Definitions
LIFE Scholarship	• 62-1200.5. (A) Program Definition
Palmetto Fellows Scholarship	• 62-310. (A) Definitions

“Academic year” is defined as the twelve-month period of time during which a full-time student is expected to earn thirty credit hours. The period of time used to measure the academic year consists of the fall, spring and immediately succeeding summer terms.

# Financial Aid Awarding Language

Lottery Tuition Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 62-900.150. Purpose of the Lottery Tuition Assistance Program</li></ul>
Need-based Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 62-455.(B) Allocation of Need-based Grant Funds to Public and Independent Institutions.</li></ul>
SC HOPE Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 62-900.85. Purpose of the SC HOPE Scholarship Program</li></ul>
LIFE Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 62-1200.1.Purpose of the LIFE Scholarship Program.</li></ul>
Palmetto Fellows Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 62-300. (C) Purpose of the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship and Scholarship Enhancement.</li></ul>

Independent and public institutions of higher learning in this, or any other state in the U.S., are prohibited from using State Scholarship and Grants in programs that promote financial aid incentives or packages. Any mention of State Scholarships and Grants in these financial aid packages must indicate the scholarships and grants to be separate from the University that is offering the financial aid package, and reference the State Scholarship and Grant as a separate financial aid award, provided to the student by the State of South Carolina.



# Act 280 - SC Illegal Immigration Reform Act language

All eligible independent and public institutions that participate in the program must verify the lawful presence of any student who receives a State Scholarship or Grant prior to awarding to the student. The trustees of the public and independent institutions in this State shall develop and institute a process by which a State Scholarship or Grant recipient's lawful presence of in the United States is verified with the federal government pursuant to 8 USC Section 1373(c).





# **Act 280 - SC Illegal Immigration Reform Act language**

“Lawful Presence” is defined as individuals who are in the United States legally and documented. Only those students whose lawful presence has been verified with the federal government prior to college enrollment will be considered to receive any State Scholarship or Grant.

# Program Administration

The institution is responsible for determining SC residency and lawful presence of all State Scholarship and Grant recipients. **If it is determined that the institution has failed to verify the lawful presence and SC residency of all State Scholarship and Grant recipient, the institution shall immediately reimburse the funds disbursed in error.**

## **Lottery Tuition Assistance (LTAP)**

62-900.190. (A) Refunds and Repayments.

## **Need-Based Grants**

62-495. (D) Refunds and Repayments.

## **SC HOPE Scholarship**

62-900.140. (D) Suspension or Termination of Institutional Participation

## **LIFE Scholarship**

62-1200.75. (D) Suspension or Termination of Institutional Participation: LIFE Scholarship and LIFE Scholarship Enhancement.

## **Palmetto Fellows Scholarship**

62-365. (C) Refunds and Repayments.

# Program Administration and Audits

Lottery Tuition Assistance	• 62-900.195. (C) Program Administration and Audits.
Need-based Grants	• 62-500. (D) Program Administration and Audits
SC HOPE Scholarship	• 62-900.135. (C) Program Administration and Audits
LIFE Scholarship	• 62-1200.70. (C) Program Administration and Audits: LIFE Scholarship and LIFE Scholarship Enhancement.
Palmetto Fellows Scholarship	• 62-370. (C) Program Administration and Audits

The Chief Executive Officer at each eligible independent and public institution shall identify to the Commission on Higher Education an institutional representative who is responsible for the operation of the Program on the campus and will serve as the contact person for the Program. The institutional representative will act as the student's fiscal agent to receive and deliver funds for use under the Program.

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A. The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education shall be responsible for the oversight of functions (e.g., guidelines, policies, rules, regulations) relative to this Program with the eligible independent and public institutions. The Commission on Higher Education shall be responsible for the allocation of funds, promulgation of guidelines and regulation governing the Program, any audits, or other oversight as may be deemed necessary to monitor the expenditure of funds.

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B. According to the Audit Policies and Procedures for Scholarship and Grant Programs Manual, all eligible independent and public institutions must abide by all Program policies, rules and regulations. Institutions also agree to maintain and provide all pertinent information, records, reports or any information as may be required or requested by the Commission on Higher Education or the General Assembly to ensure proper administration of the Program.

# Student Records

Institutions may retain annual paper or electronic documentation for each award to include at a minimum. These are located in CHE's Audit Policies & Procedures for Scholarship and Grant Program Manual.

- **LTAP:** 62-900.195. (B) Program Administration and Audits.
- **Need-Based Grants:** 62-500. (B) Program Administration and Audits.
- **SC HOPE:** 62-900.135. (B) Program Administration and Audits
- **LIFE:** 62-1200.70. (B) Program Administration and Audits: LIFE Scholarship and LIFE Scholarship Enhancement.
- **Palmetto Fellows:** 62-370. (B) Program Administration and Audits.

- Award notification;
- Enrollment status and degree-seeking status;
- Student's residency status and citizenship status;
- Affidavit/Certification documenting that the student is not in default or does not owe a refund on any state/federal financial aid;
- Affidavit/Certification documenting that the student has never been convicted of any felonies and has not been convicted of any second or subsequent alcohol/ drug related misdemeanor offense within the past academic year;
- Institutional disbursements to student;
- Military orders (if appropriate);
- Verification from Institutional Disability Services Provider of student's disability and approval of reduced course-load requirement (if appropriate);
- Verification of cumulative GPA and annual credit hours for renewal purposes;
- Verification from academic department of enrollment in a declared major in an eligible degree program (Enhancement purposes);
- Verification student met fourteen credit hour requirement at the end of the first year of college enrollment for the 07-08 freshman class and thereafter;

# Military Mobilization

Lottery Tuition Assistance	• 662-900.181.(A) Military Mobilization.
SC HOPE Scholarship	• 62-900.111. (A) Military Mobilization
LIFE Scholarship	• 62-1200.45. (A) Military Mobilization: LIFE Scholarship and LIFE Scholarship Enhancement.
Palmetto Fellows Scholarship	• 62-351. (A) Military Mobilization.

Service members who are enrolled in college and are affected by military mobilizations will not be penalized for the term they are required to withdraw after the full refund period based on the institutional policies and procedures. Institutions are strongly encouraged to provide a full refund of required tuition, fees and other institutional charges or to provide a credit in a comparable amount against future charges for students who are forced to withdraw as a result of military mobilization. Additionally, the term(s) that the service member is mobilized will not count against the maximum terms of eligibility. The service member shall be allowed to receive the unused terms for their Scholarship and Scholarship Enhancement while mobilized during the succeeding summer or at the end of the maximum terms of eligibility based on initial college enrollment (provided the service member meets continued eligibility requirements).

# Suspension or Termination of Institutional Participation

	A.	B.	C.
<p><b>Lottery Tuition Assistance (LTAP)</b> 62-900.200. Suspension or Termination of Institutional Participation.</p>	<p><b>The Commission on Higher Education may review institutional administrative practices to determine compliance</b> with pertinent statutes, guidelines, rules or regulations. <u>If such a review determines that an institution has failed to comply with Program statutes, guidelines, rules or regulations, the Commission on Higher Education may suspend, terminate, or place certain conditions upon the institution's continued participation in the Program and require reimbursement to the Program for any funds lost or improperly awarded.</u></p>	<p>Upon receipt of evidence that an institution has failed to comply, <b>the Commission on Higher Education shall notify the institution in writing of the nature of such allegations and conduct an audit.</b></p>	<p><b>If an audit indicates that a violation(s) may have occurred or are occurring</b> at any eligible independent or public institution, <u>the Commission on Higher Education shall secure immediate reimbursement</u> from the institution in the event that any funds were expended out of compliance with the provisions of the Act, any relevant statutes, guidelines, rules, and regulations.</p>
<p><b>Need-Based Grants</b> 62-505. Suspension or Termination of Institutional Participation.</p>			
<p><b>SC HOPE Scholarship</b> 62-900.140. Suspension or Termination of Institutional Participation</p>			
<p><b>LIFE Scholarship</b> 62-1200.75. Suspension or Termination of Institutional Participation: LIFE Scholarship and LIFE Scholarship Enhancement.</p>			
<p><b>Palmetto Fellows Scholarship</b> 62-375. Suspension or Termination of Institutional Participation.</p>			



# Lottery Tuition Assistance Program (LTAP)



# 62-900.165. A. Student Eligibility

1

Complete FAFSA

OR

FASFA Waiver

# FAFSA Waiver

A college may waive the FAFSA requirement when:

- 1) the student is in high school and is participating in a dual enrollment program;
- 2) the student has already earned a bachelor's degree;
- 3) the student is enrolled in a program that is not eligible for federal funds; or
- 4) the dependent student is not able to obtain his/her parents', guardians' or spouse's tax form.

**Complete a FAFSA Waiver each academic year.**



# 62-900.165. A. Student Eligibility



2

Be a U.S. citizen or a legal permanent resident

# 62-900.165. A. Student Eligibility



3

Qualify for in-state tuition  
and be a resident of SC

## 62-900.165. A. Student Eligibility



4

Be enrolled at least part-time in a diploma, certificate, or associate's program at an eligible institution

# 62-900.165. A. Student Eligibility



5

Be making SAP as provided  
by Title IV Regulations

# 62-900.165. A. Student Eligibility



6

Be enrolled or have completed at the time of funds disbursement a minimum of six credit hours at the home institution



# 62-900.165. A. Student Eligibility



7

Verify not in default and does not owe a refund or repayment on any federal or state financial aid

# 62-900.165. A. Student Eligibility



8

Not be eligible for or a recipient of HOPE, LIFE, or Palmetto fellows during the academic year

# 62-900.165 Student Eligibility

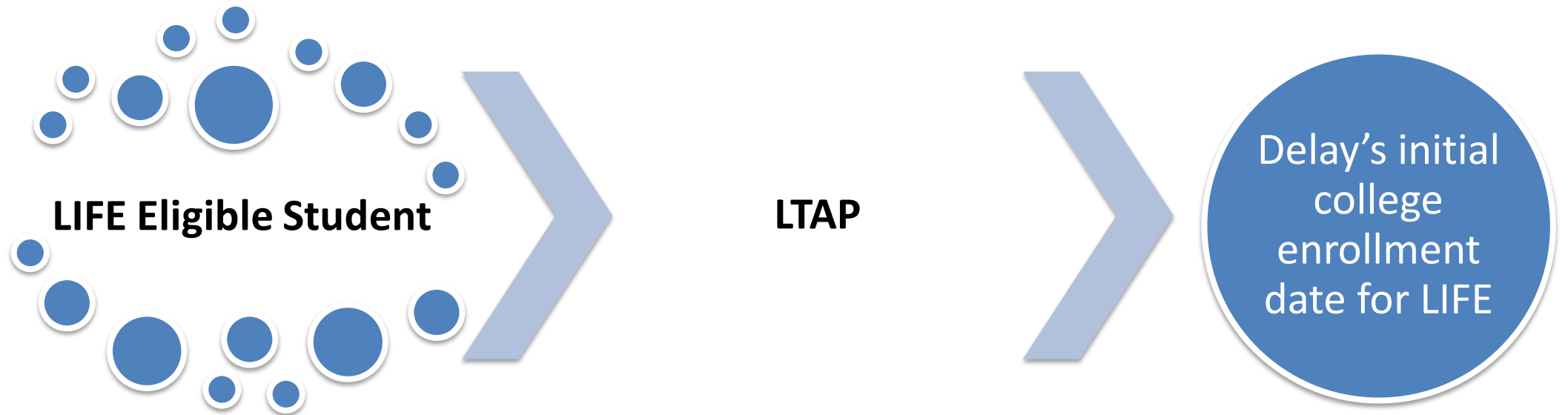
B. Students shall not be eligible to receive Lottery Tuition Assistance for more than one certificate, diploma, or degree earned **within any five-year period** unless the additional certificate, diploma, or degree constitutes progress in the same field of study

# 62-900.165 Student Eligibility

D. Students may not receive Lottery Tuition Assistance at more than one institution during the same semester.

E. Only students who are degree-seeking shall receive Lottery Tuition Assistance at their home institution. **Transient students shall not receive Lottery Tuition Assistance.**

# 62-900.165.F. Student Eligibility

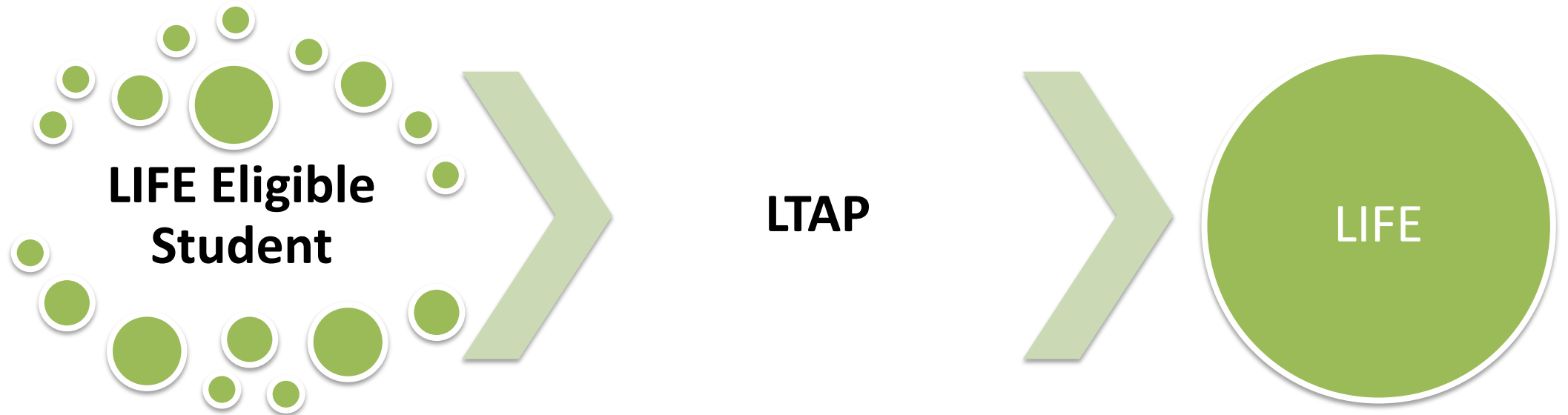


1<sup>st</sup> time entering freshmen who met the requirements of **LIFE**, are enrolled in less than 12 credit hours of non-remedial and taking a minimum of six credit hours of remedial/developmental education coursework during the term

May receive LTAP for first academic year only

Delay's initial college enrollment date for LIFE

# 62-900.165.F. Student Eligibility



First-time freshmen who are eligible for the LIFE Scholarship, and enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours of non-remedial coursework

**May not receive LTAP**

Shall receive the LIFE Scholarship. Once a student is awarded the LIFE Scholarship, they are no longer eligible to receive LTAP during the same academic year.

# 62-900.185 Institutional Disbursement of Funds

A. Actual award amounts are dependent upon the number of eligible students and the amount of funding available each academic year. Lottery Tuition Assistance **may not exceed the cost of in-state tuition** at the State two-year public institutions for the academic year for which the award is made at the designated institution. At independent two-year institutions, the amount cannot exceed the highest in-state tuition rate at a two-year public institution. In calculating the amount awarded in Lottery Tuition Assistance, **all federal grants and Need-based Grants must be awarded first before determining the amount eligible in Lottery Tuition Assistance** to be used for payment towards cost-of-tuition.

# What does this mean?

## 1 Calculation of Need-based Aid

Cost of Attendance

- EFC (expected Family Contribution – FAFSA)

Student's Financial Need

Awarding of Need-based Aid

(Federal Pell Grant, FSEOG, Direct Subsidized Loan, Federal Work-Study, SC Need-based Grant, etc.)

## 3 Calculation of PFS Eligibility

Cost of Attendance

- All Awarded Aid

Student's Eligibility for PFS

## 2 Determination of Non-Need-based Aid

Cost of Attendance

- All Need-based Aid

Student's Eligibility for Non-need-based Aid

- Awarding of all other sources of Aid

(Institutional, Federal, State (SC Tech scholarships, LTAP, LIFE), private scholarships, etc.)

## 4 Calculation of SC WINS Eligibility

Cost of Attendance

- All Awarded Aid

Student's Eligibility for SC WINS

\*SC WINS is last dollar to student's COA, per statute.

If the student does not qualify for SC WINS, you would award PFS last to COA, per regulation.





# 62-900.175 Duration of Award and Continued Eligibility (B-C)

Annually, students should:

**File FAFSA**

(or submit FAFSA Waiver)

Meet all eligibility requirements as stated in the "Student Eligibility"

Must meet **satisfactory academic progress** as established by the institution for the purposes of complying with Title IV regulations

## **59.150.360. Tuition assistance to attend state technical college or public two-year institution; eligibility; county funding for technical colleges**

F. In order for a student to be eligible after attempting twenty-four academic credit hours the student must have earned a grade point average of 2.0 or better on a 4.0 grading scale



# 62-900.180. Students with Disabilities

A. Students that are registered with the Office of Disability/Accessibility services may receive LTAP if approved for a reduced course load of less than six credit hours.

# Questions?



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