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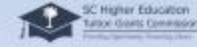
2022-2023 Maximum Grant

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Student Eligibility

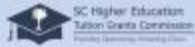
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 - > Must meet all Federal aid eligibility requirements
- > Must be South Carolina residents (Parents of "dependent" students must be permanent South Carolina residents)
 - > Be sure to answer ALL residency questions
- > Grant Awarded for Fall/Spring
 - > Must attend full-time and must attend Fall term. Not attending Fall term forfeits the Tuition Grant for the full year.
 - > Not available for Summer term
- > Tuition Grants limited to a total of 4 years (8 semesters)
- > Eligibility restricted to first four-year degree



Eligible Colleges and Universities

*Effective with the 2022-2023 Award Year

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| Allen University | Erskine College |
| Anderson University | Furman University |
| Benedict College | Limestone University |
| Bob Jones University | Morris College |
| Charleston Southern University | Newberry College |
| Clifton University | North Greenville University |
| Clinton College* | Presbyterian College |
| Coker University | Southern Wesleyan University |
| Columbia International University | Spartanburg Methodist College |
| Columbia College | Voorhees University |
| Converse University | Wofford College |



How to Apply

- > Complete the FAFSA online at fafsa.gov (studentaid.gov)
- > Student and at least one parent must have an assigned PSAID (authentication tool used as electronic signature) - Must use their own individual email addresses to sign up at studentaid.gov
- > Available annually on October 1
 - > Using Prior Year Data: 2021 tax year data for the 2022-2023 FAFSA
- > The FAFSA must be **received** by the federal processor by JUNE 30!
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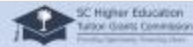
Academic Requirements

- > Incoming Freshman must:
 - > Rank in top 75% of graduating class **OR**
 - > Score 900 on SAT (Math and Evidence-based Reading and Writing Sections only) **OR**
 - > Score 28 on ACT **OR**
 - > Graduate from a SC high school with a final GPA of 2.7 as the SC Uniform Grading Policy
- > Once enrolled, continuing students must continue to meet the college's Federal Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements



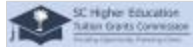
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SCTG Program Flyer

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SC Tuition Grants → Need-based grants awarded to eligible South Carolina residents attending, on a full-time basis, one of the 22 participating independent colleges and universities for a first baccalaureate degree.
Find more information at sctuitiongrants.org/FAQ

← **Application Process**
Must apply annually by submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), available online at fafsa.gov.
SC Tuition Grants Deadline is **JUNE 30**

Academic Requirements → Freshman must: Graduate in top 75% of high school class **OR** Score at least 900 on SAT **OR** Score at least 19 on ACT **OR** Graduate with at least a 2.7 GPA on the SC Uniform Grading Policy.
Upperclassmen must be meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress.
Full eligibility requirements at sctuitiongrants.org/eligibility

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SC Tuition Grants are awarded directly to students to be applied toward Tuition and Fees at the independent college of their choice.
The Tuition Grants Program is made possible through annual appropriations by the South Carolina General Assembly and is administered by the SC Higher Education Tuition Grants Commission.



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FAFSA Simplification Updates

- Goal is to reduce the number of questions on the FAFSA from 108 to about 36
- More data to be transferred directly from the IRS, reducing likelihood of errors and verification
- Removal of the Selective Service and drug conviction eligibility criteria for Federal Aid Programs
 - Questions slated to be removed for the 2023-2024 FAFSA (opening 10/1/22)
 - In 2021-22, Student's answers to these questions did not impact eligibility for Federal Aid (like Pell Grant, SEOG, Federal Student Loans, and Work Study Programs) – Colleges instructed to ignore these questions when packaging Federal Aid



FAFSA Simplification Updates

- Large majority of changes to the FAFSA will not go into effect until the 2024-25 Academic Year (FAFSA opening 10/1/23) – STAY TUNED!
- FUTURE CHANGES:
 - Expected Family Contribution (EFC) will be replaced with a Student Aid Index (SAI)
 - Elimination of Asset Reporting for certain students; Redefined/Simplified Asset Reporting for others
 - New calculations to determine Pell Grant eligibility, with more students qualifying for the Maximum Pell Grant
 - Change in determining which parent(s) must include FAFSA information in the case of divorce or separation



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