

South Carolina Tuition Grants Program

Providing Opportunity. Promoting Choice.





Need-based grant program for students attending eligible independent colleges and universities in the State

South Carolina Tuition Grants

Over \$1.1 billion in Tuition Grants awarded to nearly 500,000 students since the program was created in 1970





Provides South Carolina residents the opportunity to choose the in-state college that best meets their academic needs





Allen University

Anderson University

Benedict College

Bob Jones University

Charleston Southern University

Claflin University

Clinton College

Coker University

Columbia International University

Columbia College

Converse University

Erskine College

Furman University

Limestone University

Morris College

Newberry College

North Greenville University

Presbyterian College

Southern Wesleyan University

Spartanburg Methodist College

Voorhees University

Wofford College







Maximum Grants for the 2023-2024
Academic Year are set at **\$4,800** at all eligible colleges and universities

This is the largest Maximum Grant in the Program's 53-year history!





The Commission estimates it will award roughly \$55 million in 2023-2024 to just over 12,000 eligible students



How to Apply



Complete the **FAFSA** online at <u>studentaid.gov</u> using priorprior year tax data (2022 Tax Year for 2024-2025)

CHANGE FOR 2024-2025: Availability of the FAFSA delayed until December 2023

FAFSA must be **received** by the Federal Processor by JUNE 30





Must file annually by deadline for continued eligibility

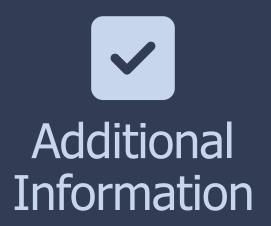




Student Eligibility Requirements

- ➤ Must have financial need as determined by the FAFSA
- ➤ Must enroll full-time (at least 12 credit hours) each semester
- ➤ Must be a legal South Carolina resident (parents of "dependent" students must be permanent South Carolina residents) for at least 1 year
- ➤ Must meet applicable academic requirements:
 - **NEW THIS YEAR** First-time Freshman: Must have obtained a high school diploma or its equivalent (GED or Adult Education Diploma) and be fully admitted as a degree-seeking student based on the college's admissions requirements
 - > Returning college students: Must meet the college's federal Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements





- ➤ 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 terms*
- ➤ Tuition Grants limited to a total of 4 years (8 semesters)
- ➤ Eligibility restricted to first four-year degree





Tentative Eligibility Notices

- ➤ Tentative Eligibility Notifications begin in late Spring
- ➤ Notices are sent to the email listed on the FAFSA
 - ➤ Be sure students use a personal, active email address not a school-specific or district email address
- ➤ Tentative Awards are made to the first eligible private college listed on the FAFSA
- ➤ Grant can be transferred if the student decides to attend another eligible private college
- ➤ Notification will prompt student to create their *my*TG Account



South Carolina Tuition Grants Portal



This fall, our agency will be rolling out "My Tuition Grants," otherwise known as "myTG"

With *my*TG, students will be able to:

- ➤ View their South Carolina Tuition Grants application status & award information
- ➤ View prior SC Tuition Grants payments
- Complete transfer requests between eligible independent colleges
- ➤ Submit appeal documentation securely, if applicable



SCTG Program Flyer

- ➤ Available at sctuitiongrants.org/resources
- ➤ QR Code "Post Card" provided to display in Guidance Office for students to quickly access the online flyer



SOUTH CAROLINA **TUITION GRANTS PROGRAM** HTTPS://SCTUITIONGRANTS.ORG

About

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

Must apply **annually** by submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), available online at studentaid.gov

SC Tuition Grants Deadline is **JUNE 30**

Application Process

Eligibility Requirements

- · Must have financial need as determined by the FAFSA; and,
- · Must enroll full-time (at least 12 hours) each semester; and,
- Must be a South Carolina Resident for at least 1 year; and,
- Must meet the applicable academic requirements:
- Freshmen must have obtained a high school diploma (or equivalent) and be fully admitted as a degree-seeing student
- Upperclassmen must be meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress

Participating Colleges & Universities

Allen University Anderson University Benedict College **Bob Jones University** Charleston Southern University Claflin University Clinton College Coker University

Columbia College Columbia International University Converse University

Erskine College Furman University Limestone University Morris College Newberry College North Greenville University Presbyterian College Southern Wesleyan University Spartanburg Methodist College Voorhees University Wofford College



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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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