

State Awards Certification Form

All South Carolina state aid recipients must complete the following certification annually. Funds covered by this certification include:

SC Palmetto Fellows Scholarship, SC LIFE Scholarship, SC HOPE Scholarship and the SC Need-Based Grant

I hereby certify:

- I have **never** been adjudicated delinquent or been convicted or pled guilty or *nolo contendere* [no contest] to any felonies **and** have **not** been convicted or pled guilty or *nolo contendere* to any second or subsequent alcohol or drug related misdemeanor offenses under the laws of this or any other state or under the laws of the United States since one year prior to the first day of classes for the Fall 2018 Semester. If my status changes after signing this affidavit and before the first day of classes for the Fall 2018 Semester, I understand and agree that I must and will immediately report my adjudication, conviction, or plea to my college financial aid office and that I will lose state scholarship eligibility for 2018-2019.
- I am not in default on a Federal Title IV or State of South Carolina education loan. In addition, I do not owe a refund on a Federal Title IV or State of South Carolina student financial aid program.
- I am a legal resident of South Carolina as defined in the State Statute for Tuition and Fees, Statute 59-112-10.
- I hereby give permission for a background check to be conducted to verify the above. I understand that additional information may be requested after the background check has been conducted.
- I have provided Francis Marion University with current or final academic transcripts from all other institutions attended. I further certify that I will provide an official transcript to Francis Marion University for any collegiate classes attempted in the future while enrolled at Francis Marion University.
- I will use SC state scholarship/grant funds only for educational costs at Francis Marion University.
- I understand that any non-degree credit hours earned while enrolled in an associate's degree or higher will not be used in calculating the "LIFE GPA" or credit hour requirements.

Award	Eligibility Requirements	Renewal Requirements
SC Palmetto Fellows Scholarship	Full-time student, SC resident, 1200 SAT; 27 ACT, 3.5 GPA at end of junior year of HS, top 6% of class at end of sophomore or junior year of HS	Earn at least a cumulative 3.0 FMU GPA by the end of each academic year, earn 30 non-remedial credit hours <u>each</u> academic year
SC Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Enhancement	Receive SC Palmetto Fellows, earn at least 14 hrs of approved math and science courses during FIRST YEAR of college enrollment; be in an approved major	Renew SC Palmetto Fellows Scholarship; remain in an approved math or science major
SC LIFE Scholarship	1st Time Freshmen: Full-time student, SC resident, and 2 out of 3 criteria: 3.0 HS GPA, top 30% of HS graduating class, 1100 SAT or 24 ACT, is not eligible for Palmetto Fellows Continuing Students: If you are transferring or a continuing student you may be eligible to receive LIFE if you meet the renewal criteria at the end of the academic year, is not eligible for Palmetto Fellows	Earn an average of 30 non-remedial credit hours by the end of each academic year (30 earned hours by the end of year 1, 60 EH by the end of year 2, 90 EH by the end of year 3); earn a min 3.0 LIFE GPA based on grades earned at ALL eligible institutions excluding remedial, continuing education and non-degree credit courses by the end of each academic year
SC LIFE Scholarship Enhancement	Receive SC LIFE Scholarship, earn at least 14 hrs of approved math and science courses during FIRST YEAR of college enrollment; be in an approved major	Renew SC LIFE Scholarship; remain in an approved math or science major
SC HOPE Scholarship	First time freshman, Full-time student, SC resident, 3.0 HS GPA, is not eligible for LIFE or Palmetto Fellows	Non-renewable – must meet LIFE requirements for continuing years
SC Need-Based Grant	Undergraduate student seeking first degree; SC resident; be enrolled at least half-time; be a "needy" student as determined by the completion of a FAFSA;	Maintain a 2.0 or greater GPA; complete a minimum of 24 credits in previous academic year or 12 credits if only attended one semester Note: Renewal is not guaranteed. NBG is awarded in Financial Aid file completion date order and is based on funding levels.

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