



South Carolina Need-Based Grants 2008-2009

SIGN AND RETURN IMMEDIATELY. FUNDS ARE LIMITED

The South Carolina Need-Based Grants Program is designed to provide additional financial aid assistance to South Carolina's neediest students. The proposed award will assist students who wish to attend public or independent colleges or universities in the state. The Need-Based Program is established under the South Carolina Children's Education Act of 1996.

"The need-based grant is dependent upon action by the General Assembly and amounts are contingent upon the availability of funds to be appropriated for the program."

To be eligible for a need-based grant, the student must:

1. Be a "needy student" following the financial need analysis as established for Title IV Federal Student Aid Programs for determining eligibility for federal student financial aid. The student must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid every year.
2. Be a resident of the State of South Carolina as defined in Chapter 112 of Title 59 of the 1976 Code of Laws governing the determination of residency for tuition and fee purposes and in rules and regulations pertaining thereto as promulgated by the Commission on Higher Education.
3. Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a part-time or full-time undergraduate student in a baccalaureate program authorized by the Commission on Higher Education at an eligible four-year public college or university in South Carolina (provided that these programs are eligible programs under the enabling legislation). A student enrolled less than part-time (minimum of six semester credit hours during one term) may not receive a need-based grant for the semester in question but is eligible for reapplication for a grant upon return to part-time or full-time status.
4. Be seeking a baccalaureate degree for the first time. Students who have already obtained a baccalaureate degree are not eligible for subsequent grant funds.
5. Be enrolled at the time of the grant disbursement in a minimum of 12 semester credit hours if full-time for the semester or six semester credit hours if part time for the semester. A student must complete a minimum of 24 semester credit hours if enrolled full-time or 12 semester credit hours if enrolled part-time within an academic year (two semesters). Credits earned during additional interim, winterim, maymester, summer or other non-regular terms cannot be used to replace or reduce the minimum semester credit hour requirement during any fall or spring semester.
6. **This affidavit must be signed by the student.** Any false information provided by the student or any attempt to obtain, expend, or attempt to expend any need-based grant for unlawful purposes or any purpose other than in payment or reimbursement of the cost of tuition and fees at the institution authorized to award the grant will be cause of immediate cancellation of the need-based grant. Any student who had obtained a need-based grant through means of a willfully false statement of failure to reveal any material fact, condition, or circumstances affecting eligibility will be subject to applicable civil or criminal penalties, including loss of the need-based grant.

By submitting this affidavit to Coastal Carolina University, I certify that I have not been convicted of any felonies, alcohol, or drug related offenses under the laws of this or any other state or under the laws of the United States.

Signature _____ Social Security Number _____

Print Name Here _____ Date _____