

Criteria for the LIFE Scholarship Program

Criteria for New Freshmen

- 1) Be a South Carolina resident at the time of High School Graduation*
- 2) Be enrolled in a degree-seeking program at an approved South Carolina institution
- 3) Satisfy two (2) of the following three (3) criteria:
 - Earn an SAT I score of 1100+ or ACT of 24+
 - Earn a high school GPA of 3.0+
 - Graduate in top 30% of their class

Any college courses in which you were/are enrolled during your high school career, will be included in your LIFE Scholarship cumulative GPA. The LIFE GPA will be used to determine your eligibility of the LIFE Scholarship (for details on the LIFE GPA, see the section below on continuing student eligibility).

*If you graduated from an out-of-state high school or from a home school as a South Carolina resident, you must be approved by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education before you can receive the LIFE scholarship. Please contact the scholarship office if either situation applies to you.

Criteria for New Transfer or Continuing CCU Students

- 1) Be enrolled in a degree-seeking program at an approved South Carolina institution
- 2) Have earned a minimum of 30 credits hours per academic year
- 3) Have earned a 3.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 grading scale from all eligible institutions in which you have attended. This new required calculation of the LIFE GPA includes college course in which you enrolled during high school as well as grades earned at all eligible institutions. An “eligible institution” shall be defined as a regionally accredited public or independent institution located in-state or out-of-state, or an institution from which transfer credit is accepted.

The LIFE GPA will not include courses classified as remedial/developmental, continuing education courses or non-degree credit courses for an associate degree or higher.

In order to be eligible for the LIFE Scholarship, you:

- Must earn a cumulative 3.0 GPA based upon grades earned at all eligible institutions, including grades earned at your home institution, at other eligible institutions and dually enrolled grades earned during high school. The LIFE GPA will not include courses classified as remedial/developmental, continuing education courses or non-degree credit courses for an associate degree or higher.
- May enroll in courses at any eligible institution during any term (fall, spring, and/or summer) for the purposes of LIFE Scholarship eligibility. These grades will be included in the calculation of your LIFE GPA at the end of each academic year; and
- Must sign an affidavit as directed by Coastal Carolina University to certify that you have submitted previous and current official transcript(s) for all eligible institutions attended. It is your responsibility to request the official transcript be sent to Coastal Carolina University Registrar’s Office by the date indicated on the affidavit.

Please be aware that the thirty (30) credit hour regulation has not changed. You must earn an average of thirty credit hours each academic year consistent with the policies and procedures of Coastal Carolina University.

For any student who would like to calculate his or her GPA according to H. 3906 , please go to webadvisor and get your LIFE GPA and LIFE credit total, then follow the link to the LIFE GPA calculator. Once there you can input this information and make assumptions on classes and grades you may accomplish and recalculate the GPA.

For more in-depth information, please visit the Commission on Higher Education's website at http://www.che.sc.gov/New_Web/ForInstitutions/Scholarship_Guidelns.htm.

Thank you for reviewing this important document regarding the LIFE Scholarship. If you have any questions, please contact me at the Office of Financial Aid at (843) 349-2308.