

### S.C. NEED BASED GRANT ELIGIBILITY

The S.C. Need Based Grant Program (SCNBSG) is a State funded financial aid program that began with the 1996-97 academic year. Funds for this program are appropriated annually by the General Assembly and made available to the College to assist students who have demonstrated financial need. **As a recipient of the S.C. Need Based Grant, you are encouraged to write to your district legislators and to the governor and thank them for enacting and funding this program.**

Amount: Up to \$2500 at four-year schools, per year.

#### General Eligibility Requirements for All Students:

- Legal resident of SC-must have lived in SC at least 12 months after residency.
- Good moral character, no felony or alcohol convictions, no drug related misdemeanor offense, nor criminal record.
- Full time student in both fall and spring seeking 1<sup>st</sup> Baccalaureate degree.
- Make reasonable (satisfactory) academic progress as defined in the Award Terms and Conditions Document.
- File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year so that results arrive at College of Charleston no later than April 1.
- Complete the SCNBSG Certification and Affidavit Form.

#### Continuing Student Eligibility:

- Minimum cumulative GPA 2.0 on 4.0 scale.
- Minimum twelve hours earned in both fall and spring semesters in previous academic year.
- Students who are not eligible going into fall term cannot regain eligibility for disbursement again until the subsequent fall term.

#### Entering Transfer Student Eligibility:

- Abide by General Eligibility Requirements for All Students.
- After the initial year abide by Continuing Student Eligibility also.

Award notification to qualified students: Students who qualify will be notified just as soon as possible. ANY STUDENT WHO BELIEVES (S)HE MEETS THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA, AND HAS NOT HEARD FROM US BY AUGUST 31, SHOULD COME TO THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE AND SEE A FINANCIAL AID COUNSELOR.

Please be aware that the SCNBSG may be awarded for two terms (Fall, Spring and Summer are considered terms) in an academic year. The SCNBSG may not be received more than eight terms/semesters; Summer credits may be used to make up SCNBSG deficiencies; and, if after the SCNBSG is awarded and you then receive another grant or scholarship, your SCNBSG may be reduced or canceled. You will receive a revised award notification should this action be necessary. Please retain this information.

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