Early Graduation Application

For LIFE Scholarship, SC HOPE Scholarship, and Lottery Tuition Assistance (LTAP)

Deadline: March 1

Students who complete all requirements for high school graduation prior to the official graduation date in May/June may be eligible to receive the LIFE Scholarship, SC HOPE, or LTAP for Spring if they meet all initial and general eligibility criteria. For LTAP, this form only applies to the USC Two-year Regional Campuses and Spartanburg Methodist College. Please refer to the Scholarship guidelines posted on the Commission on Higher Education's (CHE) website at www.che.sc.gov.

Early Graduation Documents

In order to be considered for Early Graduation, the following **must** be submitted to the financial aid office at the higher education institution by the deadline date:

1. Original and completed Early Graduation Application signed by student (Part I);
2. Institution Section (Part II) completed by a financial aid representative at the institution;
3. Original principal letter (on school letterhead) indicating student **has completed** all high school requirements by the established December/January deadline;
4. Original high school transcript(s) must be in an officially sealed envelope. Transcript must include all grades through December/January and include a cumulative GPA based on the SC Uniform Grading Policy;
5. All documents must be received by the institution's financial aid office no later than 5:00 pm on **March 1**.
6. **Incomplete documents and files by the deadline date will not be considered**.

IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT ALL DOCUMENTS ARE RECIEVED BY MARCH 1. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS BY THE DEADLINE DATE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

PART I - Student Section (*Must be completed by student.*)

Name _____ Social Security Number _____ _____ _____

Address_____ City _____ State _____Zip _____

Telephone Number (_____) _____ Email _____

High School(s) _____

I will be enrolling at _____ as a full-time degree-seeking student during the
(Institution)

Spring _____ term. For the LIFE/HOPE Scholarships, I understand that this term will count against my terms of eligibility.
(Year)

I understand that I am responsible for ensuring that all required documentation is submitted to the institution's financial aid office by the established deadline for a complete application and that all submitted information is true and accurate. I understand that institution staff is **not** responsible for ensuring that my Early Graduation Application is complete for review and that institution staff will not contact me, my parents/guardians or the institution concerning documentation that is missing and/or incorrect in my application. I also understand that final decisions regarding my application will be based only on the documentation/information received by the deadline.

_____ _____

Student Signature (required) Date

I agree that any information regarding my application may be shared with my parents or legal guardians. If this is not signed, then the application will only be discussed with the student.

_____ _____

Student Signature (optional) Date

PART II – Institution Section (*Students are required to have a financial aid representative at the institution complete this section.*)

I hereby certify that the above student is enrolled as a full-time degree-seeking student who meets **all** the eligibility requirements to receive _____ as stipulated by the guidelines governing the program.
(LIFE, LTAP or HOPE)

_____ (_____)_____ _____

College/University Telephone Number Email Address

_____ _____ _____

Institutional Representative Title Date

All documents must be submitted to the institution's financial aid office by the established deadline date.