

South Carolina Tuition Grants Program

Providing Opportunity. Promoting Choice.





Grant program based on financial need for students attending eligible independent colleges and universities in the State

South Carolina

Tuition Grants

Nearly \$1.35 billion in Tuition Grants awarded to over 520,000 students since the program was created in 1970





Provides South Carolina residents the opportunity to choose the in-state college that best meets their academic needs



Participating Colleges and Universities

Allen University

Anderson University

Benedict College

Bob Jones University

Charleston Southern University

Claflin University

Clinton College

Coker University

Columbia International University

Columbia College

Converse University

Erskine College

Furman University

Morris College

Newberry College

North Greenville University

Presbyterian College

Southern Wesleyan University

Spartanburg Methodist College

Voorhees University

Wofford College







Maximum Grants for the 2025-2026 Academic Year are set at **\$5,000** at all eligible colleges and universities

This is the largest maximum grant in the Program's 55-year history





The Commission estimates it will award roughly \$62 million to nearly 13,000 eligible students this upcoming year



How to Apply



Complete the **FAFSA** online at <u>studentaid.gov</u> using prior-prior year tax data (2024 Tax Year for 2026-2027)

The FAFSA generally becomes available on October 1.

FAFSA must be **received** by the FAFSA Processing System by **AUGUST 1**





Must file annually by deadline for continued eligibility





Student Eligibility Requirements

- ➤ Must have financial need as determined by the FAFSA
- ➤ Must enroll full-time (at least 12 credit hours) each semester
- ➤ Must be a legal South Carolina resident (parents of "dependent" students must be permanent South Carolina residents) for at least 1 year
- ➤ Must meet applicable academic requirements:
 - First-time Freshman: Must have obtained a high school diploma or its equivalent (GED or Adult Education Diploma) and be fully admitted as a degree-seeking student based on the college's requirements for admission
 - > Returning college students: Must meet the college's federal Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements





- ➤ Grant Awarded for Fall/Spring
 - Must attend full-time and must attend Fall term; Not attending Fall term forfeits the Tuition Grant for the full year
 - ➤ *Not available for Summer terms*
- ➤ Tuition Grants limited to a total of 4 years (8 semesters)
- ➤ Eligibility restricted to first four-year degree





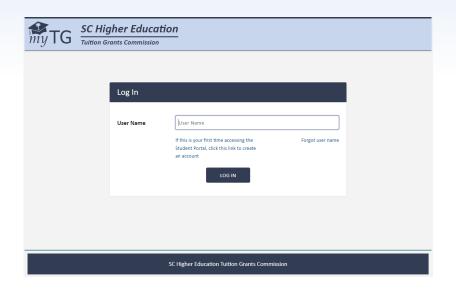
Tentative Eligibility Notices

- ➤ Tentative Eligibility Notifications begin in late Spring
- ➤ Notices are sent to the email listed on the FAFSA
 - ➤ Be sure students use a personal, active email address not a school-specific or district email address
- ➤ Tentative Awards are made to the first eligible private college listed on the FAFSA
- ➤ Grant can be transferred if the student decides to attend another eligible private college
- ➤ Notification will prompt student to create their *my*TG Account



South Carolina Tuition Grants Student Portal





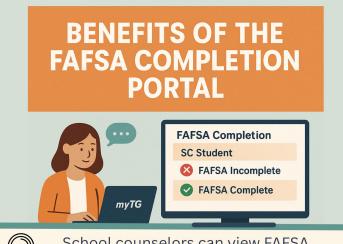
With a *my*TG Student Portal Account, students can:

- View their South Carolina Tuition Grants application status & award information
- ➤ View prior South Carolina Tuition Grants payments
- Complete transfer requests between eligible independent colleges
- >Submit appeal documentation securely, if applicable





FAFSA Completion Status Information Portal



School counselors can view FAFSA completion data for their senior class

2% higher FAFSA completion rates at participating schools

Provided at no cost to K-12 schools

Ready to get started? Email info@sctuitiongrants.org







A FAFSA Completion Information Status Portal through the Tuition Grants Commission's system, "myTG," was implemented in January 2025 with the high school class of 2025

The SC Tuition Grants Commission (TGC) receives all FAFSA data for South Carolina residents. Through a partnership with the S.C. Department of Education, the Tuition Grants Commission will have the ability to match all publicly enrolled seniors with corresponding FAFSA Data

High Schools/Districts can enter a data sharing agreement with the Tuition Grants Commission to participate; individual users will sign User Agreement/Access forms





SCTG Program Flyer

- ➤ Available at sctuitiongrants.org/resources
- >We can send QR "post cards" which allow students quick access to the Program Flyer







SOUTH CAROLINA **TUITION GRANTS PROGRAM**

About

Need-based grants awarded to eligible South Carolina residents attending, on a full-time basis, one of the 21 participating independent colleges and universities for a first baccalaureate degree.

Find more information at sctuitiongrants.org/FAQ

Must apply annually by submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), available online at studentaid.gov

SC Tuition Grants Deadline is AUGUST 1

Application Process

Eligibility Requirements

- . Must have financial need as determined by the FAFSA; and,
- . Must enroll full-time (at least 12 hours) each semester; and,
- . Must be a South Carolina Resident for at least 1 year; and,
- · Must meet the applicable academic requirements:
- Freshmen must have obtained a high school diploma (or equivalent) and be fully admitted as a degree-seeing student Upperclassmen must meet Satisfactory Academic Progress

Participating Colleges & Universities

Benedict College Bob Jones University Claflin University

Coker University Columbia International University

Converse University

Newberry College Wofford College



SC Tuition Grants are awarded to eligible students to be applied toward their Tuition and Fees at the independent college of their choice.

The Tuition Grants Program is made possible through annual appropriations by the South Carolina General Assembly and is administered by the SC Higher Education Tuition Grants Commission.



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