



SOUTH CAROLINA NEED-BASED GRANT

2009-2010

Affidavit and Certification

State law requires that a student receiving the South Carolina Need Based Grant be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident that meets the definition of an eligible non-citizen under State Residency statute. A signed affidavit by the student is required by the institution for student eligibility. Any false information provided by the student or any attempt to obtain or expend any Need based Grant for unlawful purposes, or any purpose, other than in payment or reimbursement for the cost of tuition and fees and other educational costs, at the institution authorized to award the Need Based Grant, will be cause for immediate cancellation of the Need Based Grant. 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.

The Need-based Grant shall be awarded annually for no more than a total of eight full time equivalent semesters of part time or full time study. Award decisions are made annually and are not automatically guaranteed.

Check all that apply: Initial award Renewal Transfer student from _____
South Carolina School's Name

REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS

_____ I hereby certify that I:

- Am a legal Resident of South Carolina
- Have completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- Am of good moral character
- Never been adjudicated delinquent, convicted, or plead guilty or *nolo contendere* to any felonies or any second or subsequent alcohol/drug related offenses under the laws of this state or any other state or under the laws of the United States
- Do not owe a refund or repayment on a State Grant, a Federal Pell Grant, or a Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant
- Am not in default on any State or Federal Loan
- Am enrolled part time or full time as a degree seeking student in an eligible program of study
- Do not have an Associate or Bachelor's Degree
- Will use the South Carolina Need Based Grant funds for appropriate educational purposes

For continued eligibility students must reapply each academic year and certify:

- I am maintaining a GPA of 2.0 or above
- I am making Satisfactory Academic Progress
- I do not have an Associate or Bachelor Degree
- I earned at least 24 credit hours as a full time student at the end of the regular academic year or
- I earned at least 12 credit hours as a part time student at the end of the regular academic year or
- I earned 18 credit hours as a part time student for one semester and full time student the other semester at the end of the regular academic year

"Academic year" is defined as the fall, spring and summer semesters. A part-time student would be expected to earn a minimum of six credit hours for each semester the student is enrolled for a minimum of twelve credit hours or a full-time student would be expected to earn a minimum of twelve credit hours for each semester to earn a minimum of twenty four credit hours.

_____ I decline the South Carolina Need Based Grant.

PRINT NAME _____ SSN _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____