

# FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The financial aid programs of the University of South Carolina Salkehatchie make it possible for many students to attend the University who could not do so if left entirely to their own resources. Scholarships, grants, loans, and part-time employment are available to qualified undergraduate students.

Eligibility for most types of aid except academic scholarships depends on the applicant's financial circumstances. The University uses the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine the amount of assistance each applicant is eligible to receive. We recommend that you complete the FAFSA (p. 1) via the Web; however, paper applications may still be obtained from most high-school guidance offices or any financial aid office.

## General Guidelines for Financial Aid

1. The student should have applied and been accepted for admission to USC Salkehatchie as a regular student working toward a degree.
2. The student must have a high-school diploma or a General Education Development (GED) certificate.
3. Each applicant should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) indicating the University of South Carolina Salkehatchie as the school of attendance (Title IV code: 003426).
4. A Student Aid Report (SAR) will be sent from the U.S. Department of Education to the student.
5. If corrections are necessary, the corrections should be made online (<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa/>).
6. Information concerning federal financial aid programs, such as Federal Work-Study (FWS), Federal Perkins Loans, Federal Direct Loans (DL), and Federal Direct Plus Loans, may be obtained from the financial aid office.
7. The student must be making satisfactory academic progress toward completing a degree or certificate program.
8. The student must sign an educational purpose/certification statement on refunds and defaults as part of the FAFSA.
9. Awards of financial assistance are made in the spring prior to the beginning of the fall semester. An award notification will be sent by email to the student once the file is complete.
10. In order to be considered for most types of federal financial assistance, a student must be enrolled at least half time (6 semester hours); the Federal Pell Grant program is an exception to this requirement.
11. Awards will be based only on a student's enrollment status during the official registration period.
12. The financial aid office staff is available for counseling with students and parents concerning any financial aid program.

## Satisfactory Academic Progress

All students receiving federal financial aid must adhere to the University's policy on satisfactory progress. The intent of this policy is to ensure that students who are receiving federal and/or state financial aid for their education are making measurable progress toward completion of a degree in a reasonable period of time.

Undergraduate students are considered to be making satisfactory progress if they:

1. are admitted and enrolled as degree-seeking students;
2. meet the University standards for continued enrollment;
3. complete requirements for a degree within a reasonable length of time as specified below:
  - a. The total number of semesters of full-time enrollment (12 or more semester hours attempted) at any post-secondary institution does not exceed 180 hours for a four-year degree or 90 hours for a two-year degree.
  - b. The total number of semesters of part-time enrollment (less than 12 semester hours attempted) does not exceed the equivalent of 180 hours for a four-year degree or 90 hours for a two-year degree.
4. earn no fewer than 67% of all coursework if enrolled as a full time student. The academic year for Satisfactory Academic Progress is comprised of the fall, spring, and summer terms.
5. maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.00 on all coursework.

## Explanation

Under these standards, students will be ineligible to receive federal financial aid funds if any of the following occurs:

1. The total number of semesters of enrollment as a full-time student (12 or more semester hours attempted) exceeds 180 hours for a four-year degree or 90 hours for a two-year degree. These limits include all work done at any post-secondary institution, whether or not financial aid was received.
2. The total number of earned hours falls below the prescribed number based upon enrollment in undergraduate or graduate study.
3. Complete requirements for a degree or certificate within a reasonable length of time as specified below:
  - a. The total number of semesters of full-time enrollment (12 or more semester hours attempted) at any postsecondary institution does not exceed 180 hours for a four-year degree or 90 hours for a two-year degree or certificate.
  - b. The total number of semesters of part-time enrollment (less than 12 semester hours attempted) does not exceed 180 hours for a four-year degree or 90 hours for a two-year degree or certificate.
4. The cumulative GPA falls below 2.00.

In other words, students who accumulate a yearly or cumulative GPD that subjects them to suspension, who have been enrolled for more than the equivalent of 10 full-time semesters for a four-year degree program, who do not maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.00 after attempting 48 credit hours, or who do not earn the minimum number of semester hours required will become ineligible to receive federal financial aid funds. This determination applies without regard to any financial aid award letter that may have been sent or received prior to the time the determination is made.

## Financial Aid Programs Covered by These Standards

- Federal Pell Grant
- Federal Work-Study
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants
- Federal Perkins Loan
- William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program:

- Direct Subsidized Loan
- Direct Unsubsidized Loan
- Federal PLUS
- South Carolina LIFE Scholarship
- South Carolina Lottery Tuition Assistance Program
- South Carolina Need-Based Grant
- Other federal or state programs as required
- Some select private loans (as determined by the lender)

## Appeals

Students who are ruled ineligible for financial aid may appeal this determination under specifically prescribed conditions. Deadlines for receipt of appeals are 20 days prior to the end of the semester for which aid is requested. Information concerning the appeal process is available in the financial aid office.

## Reinstatement

Students shall be reinstated for financial aid eligibility at such time as they successfully complete sufficient hours and have a sufficient grade point average to meet the minimum requirements for eligibility as set forth in this policy.

## Academic Forgiveness

The Satisfactory Academic Progress policy standards will not automatically apply to any hours forgiven under the University of South Carolina Academic Forgiveness Program. However, if you have been granted academic forgiveness under this policy you must contact the Financial Aid Office for further assessment.

## Grants

### Federal Pell Grant

The Federal Pell Grant is the largest federally funded student financial aid grant program. It serves as the foundation upon which all other undergraduate aid is awarded. Typically, it is available only to undergraduate students who have not earned a baccalaureate degree. Federal Pell Grant eligibility is determined according to federal law and is based on the financial information you and your family provided on your FAFSA.

You are notified of your possible eligibility to receive a Federal Pell Grant via the Student Aid Report (SAR). The financial aid office will receive this information directly from the federal processor and determine the amount of your Federal Pell Grant. You should carefully review the information on your SAR and, if it is correct, keep it for your records. If you discover mistakes, follow the instructions and submit corrections as soon as possible.

If you or your family experiences a major change in your financial situation after your Pell Grant eligibility has been determined, you should notify the financial aid office immediately. A counselor will be able to determine if you qualify for an adjustment of your Pell Grant award and/or other financial aid.

### Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)

The FSEOG is a grant that does not need to be repaid. The financial aid office awards USC's limited allocation of FSEOG funds. Recipients must be undergraduates who have not already earned a baccalaureate degree and who demonstrate exceptional financial need. FSEOG recipients must

be eligible to receive a Pell Grant and have the lowest EFC's from among those students being considered for an award.

## South Carolina Educational Resources State Need-Based Grant Program (SNBG)

The South Carolina Need-Based Grant is a state-funded grant for undergraduates attending public and independent colleges and universities within South Carolina. Recipients may not have already earned a baccalaureate degree. To be considered, you must be a South Carolina resident, be admitted or currently enrolled with a minimum GPA of 2.00, complete the FAFSA, demonstrate financial need, be of good moral character, and have no felony and/or alcohol or drug convictions for a period of one year. Additionally, to renew a state grant award, you must maintain an annual 2.00 GPA and complete 24 semester hours during the fall and spring semesters if enrolled full time or an equivalent number of hours based on enrollment if less than full time. Awards are made for the entire academic year (fall and spring semesters) only. The State Need-Based Grant does not need to be repaid.

## South Carolina Legislative Incentives for Future Excellence Scholarship

The South Carolina Legislative Incentives for Future Excellence Scholarship (LIFE) was established by the General Assembly during the 1998 legislative session. To be eligible for a LIFE Scholarship, you must have graduated from a high school located in South Carolina on or after May 1995 and be a full-time, undergraduate, degree-seeking student. You must be a South Carolina resident for in-state tuition purposes at the time of enrollment and have no felony, alcohol, or drug convictions. If, however, you have been judged delinquent or have been convicted or pled guilty or nolo contendere to an alcohol or drug misdemeanor, you are ineligible for one calendar year from the date of the conviction. You must also be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident under state laws. You may not be in default or owe a refund on any federal or state financial aid program.

If you are a first-time entering freshman, you must have graduated from high school with a minimum 3.00 cumulative grade point average (GPA) on a 4.00 scale.

For initial LIFE Scholarship eligibility, if a currently enrolled student, you must have earned a cumulative 3.00 USC GPA at the end of the academic year. You must also have earned a minimum of 30 credit hours, or the annual equivalent at all institutions attended, for the previous academic year if completing your first year; 60 credit hours must have been earned if completing your second year; and, 90 credit hours must have been earned if completing your third year. Students at USC Regional Campuses are only eligible to receive the LIFE Scholarship for four consecutive semesters.

You may receive the LIFE scholarship for not more than eight semesters for a four-year degree or 10 semesters for a five-year degree. Funds from this program may not be used for remedial courses or continuing education classes. If you are receiving South Carolina's Palmetto Fellows Scholarship, you are not eligible for a LIFE Scholarship.

To retain the LIFE Scholarship you must earn an average of 30 credit hours for each academic year and earn a 3.00 cumulative USC GPA by the end of the academic year. The financial aid office, using data from the admissions and records offices, is responsible for awarding LIFE Scholarships.

Please note that the LIFE Scholarship statutes and regulations are subject to change by the South Carolina Legislature.

## South Carolina Lottery Tuition Assistance Program

During the 2002 legislative session, the South Carolina General Assembly established the Lottery Tuition Assistance Program. Its purpose is to provide resources that supplement, not supplant, existing resources for educational purposes to South Carolina's students. The program assists students who wish to attend two-year public or independent college in the state. In calculating the amount awarded, any and all federal grants and need-based grants must first be awarded before determining the amount a student is eligible to receive. A student may receive up to the cost of tuition minus Pell, SEOG, and SNBG. The college at which the student is enrolled will notify each student of the exact award amount.

In order to qualify for lottery tuition assistance, a student must meet the following requirements:

- file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and complete the process to determine eligibility for federal student aid each academic year
- be a legal resident of South Carolina as defined in applicable state statutes governing the determination of residency for tuition and fee purposes
- be enrolled at the time of the grant disbursement in a minimum of 6 credit hours for the term and be making satisfactory academic progress toward an associate's degree
- verify that the student does not owe a refund or repayment on a state grant, Federal Pell Grant, or Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) and is not in default on a loan under the Federal Perkins Loan or Federal Direct Loan programs
- must not be eligible for or a recipient of the LIFE scholarship.

To retain program funds, a student must have a 2.00 GPA by the end of the academic year.

In addition, students shall not be eligible to receive lottery tuition assistance for more than one certificate, diploma, or degree earned within any five-year period.

The financial aid office administers the South Carolina Lottery Tuition Assistance Program, and the exact award amount is dependent upon the number of eligible recipients and the amount of funding each academic year. Please note that program statutes and regulations are subject to change by the S.C. Legislature.

## Loans

### The Federal Direct Stafford Loan Program (subsidized and unsubsidized)

The Federal Direct Stafford Loan Program provides low-interest, long-term loans to eligible students through the U.S. Department of Education.

Subsidized Stafford Loans are awarded based on financial need. The federal government pays the interest on these loans while the student is enrolled in school at least half-time (6 semester hours), during the grace period and during deferment periods.

Unsubsidized Stafford Loans are not based on financial need. Interest begins accruing after the first disbursement. Students have the option of paying the interest monthly or quarterly while in school and during

the grace period, or can have the interest capitalized and added to the principal amount of the loan upon entering repayment.

### Maximum Loan Amounts

Classification	Loan Amount
Freshmen	\$5500 for dependent students (maximum \$3500 subsidized)
	\$9500 for independent students (maximum \$3500 subsidized)
Sophomore	\$6500 for dependent students (maximum \$4500 subsidized)
	\$10,500 for independent students (maximum \$4500 subsidized)
Junior and Beyond	\$7500 for dependent students (maximum \$5500 subsidized)
	\$12,500 for independent students (maximum \$5500 subsidized)

### Aggregate Loan Limits

Classification	Loan Amount
Undergraduate	\$31,000 for dependent students (maximum \$23,000 subsidized)
	\$57,500 for independent students (maximum \$23,000 subsidized)
Graduate	\$138,500 (maximum \$65,500 subsidized)

The graduate limit includes Stafford Loans received for undergraduate study.

### Federal Direct Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS)

Federal Direct Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS) provides long-term loans to parents for their dependents through the U.S. Department of Education. Loan amounts under this program are limited to the student's cost of education minus other financial aid awards. Parents may be denied a PLUS loan due to adverse credit history. If the PLUS Loan is denied, the student is eligible for an additional Unsubsidized Loan.

The repayment period for each Direct PLUS Loan begins on the date the final loan disbursement is made. There is no grace period for Direct PLUS Loans. Parents have the option of postponing payments until six months after the student ceases to be enrolled at least half time. Parents must contact the Direct Loan Servicing Center to request a postponement of payments. Interest will accrue during the postponement period. The loans have a fixed rate of 7.9%. PLUS Loan funds will be disbursed in two equal payments, one at the beginning of each semester (Fall — August, Spring — January). One semester loans are disbursed at the beginning of the semester for the full loan amount.

### South Carolina Teacher Loan Program

This program is available only to residents of South Carolina who are attending college for the purpose of becoming certified teachers employed in the state's school system in areas of critical need as defined by the State Board of Education. For loan recipients who become certified and teach in an area of critical need, the loan shall be cancelled at the rate of 20 percent for each full year of teaching, up to 100 percent. Loan recipients who do not become certified and/or do not teach in an area of critical need shall be responsible for repaying the entire amount of loan

funds borrowed plus interest. Contact the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships for application information and deadlines.

## Federal Perkins Loan

The Perkins Loan Program is a low-interest (5 percent), long-term educational loan program available to both undergraduate and graduate students demonstrating exceptional financial need. This is a loan and must be repaid. Undergraduates may borrow up to \$4,000 for each year of study and up to \$20,000 to complete an undergraduate degree. Interest is not charged and repayment does not begin until nine months after your enrollment drops below half-time status. If you receive your first Perkins Loan on or after October 1, 1992, your minimum payment will be \$40 per month. In all cases, repayment may extend up to 10 years depending upon the total amount borrowed. If you have outstanding National Direct Student Loan (NDSL) balances and you are receiving a Federal Perkins Loan now, you must review your NDSL Promissory Note to determine the terms and conditions that apply to your loan. Under certain conditions of reenrollment, employment, or extenuating circumstances, payments may be deferred or cancelled. Further information concerning repayment is available in the Office of Financial Services, 516-518 South Main Street.

## Work Opportunities

### Federal Work-Study Program

The Federal Work-Study Program provides part-time employment for needy students to meet their educational expenses. To be eligible for employment under this federal program, a student must be enrolled in the University or fully accepted for admission and demonstrate financial need.

Students who are enrolled at least half-time work an average of 12 to 20 hours per week. During vacation periods it is sometimes possible to work up to 40 hours per week. Pay rates vary with the job assignment.

## Refunds and Financial Aid

The official University policy and procedure concerning refunding of University tuition and fees which result from withdrawal or reduction in hours is contained in the "Fees and Refunds (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/salkehatchie/fees-refunds/>)" section of this bulletin. Students who withdraw or reduce hours may be eligible to receive a refund as provided by the official University policy; however, recipients of financial aid generally do not receive the refund.

When students who are recipients of federal financial aid withdraw from all classes, they are only entitled to retain a percentage of the federal financial aid received that is proportional to the time they remained enrolled. If, for example, a student withdraws after completing 30 percent of the semester or summer term, they can only retain 30 percent of the federal financial aid they received. The balance, 70 percent, must be returned to the financial aid programs. The Office of the Bursar performs this calculation and students are notified by mail of the outcome.

When funds are applied back to the federal financial aid programs, loan funds are always returned first, thereby reducing the student's repayment obligation. If funds remain after repaying federal loans, they are then repaid to the Federal Pell Grant and the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) programs. After all federal funds are repaid, state-sponsored grant programs then receive any remaining payments.

## Veterans Benefits

The following policies and procedures are of primary concern to veterans, servicepersons, members of guard and selected reserves, and other eligible persons who receive VA educational benefits while enrolled at the University.

*Please note:* Academic standards of progress and attendance are covered under school standards of progress as specified by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education, License Division, and are required by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

In accordance with Title 38 US Code 3679 subsection (e), this school adopts the following additional provisions for any students using U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) Post 9/11 G.I. Bill® (Ch. 33) or Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Ch. 31) benefits, while payment to the institution is pending from the VA. This school will not:

- Prevent the student's enrollment;
- Assess a late penalty fee to;
- Require student secure alternative or additional funding;
- Deny their access to any resources (access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities) available to other students who have satisfied their tuition and fee bills to the institution.

However, to qualify for this provision, such students may be required to:

- Provide Chapter 33 Certificate of Eligibility (or its equivalent) or for Chapter 31, VA VR&E's contract with the school on VA Form 28-1905 by the first day of class.

Note: Chapter 33 students can register at the VA Regional Office to use E-Benefits to get the equivalent of a Chapter 33 Certificate of Eligibility. Chapter 31 student cannot get a completed VA Form 28-1905 (or any equivalent) before the VA VR&E case-manager issues it to the school.

- Provide written request to be certified;
- Provide additional information needed to properly certify the enrollment as described in other institutional policies

Disapproval of courses

(a)(1) Except as provided by paragraph (2), any course approved for the purposes of this chapter which fails to meet any of the requirements of this chapter shall be immediately disapproved by the Secretary or the appropriate State approving agency. An educational institution which has its courses disapproved by the Secretary or a State approving agency will be notified of such disapproval by a certified or registered letter of notification and a return receipt secured.

(2) In the case of a course of education that would be subject to disapproval under paragraph (1) solely for the reason that the Secretary of Education withdraws the recognition of the accrediting agency that accredited the course, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, and notwithstanding the withdrawal, may continue to treat the course as an approved course of education under this chapter for a period not to exceed 18 months from the date of the withdrawal of recognition of the accrediting agency, unless the Secretary of Veterans Affairs or the appropriate State approving agency determines that there is evidence to support the disapproval of the course under this chapter. The Secretary shall provide to any veteran enrolled in such a course of education notice of the status of the course of education.



(b) Each State approving agency shall notify the Secretary of each course which it has disapproved under this section. The Secretary shall notify the State approving agency of the Secretary's disapproval of any educational institution under chapter 31 of this title.

(c)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter and subject to paragraphs (3) through (6), the Secretary shall disapprove a course of education provided by a public institution of higher learning if the institution charges tuition and fees for that course for covered individuals who are pursuing the course with educational assistance under chapter 30, 31, or 33 of this title while living in the State in which the institution is located at a rate that is higher than the rate the institution charges for tuition and fees for that course for residents of the State in which the institution is located, regardless of the covered individual's State of residence.

(2) For purposes of this subsection, a covered individual is any individual as follows:

(A) A veteran who was discharged or released from a period of not fewer than 90 days of service in the active military, naval, or air service less than three years before the date of enrollment in the course concerned.

(B) An individual who is entitled to assistance under

(i) section 3311(b)(9) of this title; or

(ii) section 3319 of this title by virtue of the individual's relationship to

(I) a veteran described in subparagraph (A); or

(II) a member of the uniformed services described in section 3319(b) of this title who is serving on active duty.

(C) An individual who is entitled to rehabilitation under section 3102(a) of this title.

(3) If after enrollment in a course of education that is subject to disapproval under paragraph (1) by reason of paragraph (2)(A), (2)(8), or (2)(C) a covered individual pursues one or more courses of education at the same public institution of higher learning while remaining continuously enrolled (other than during regularly scheduled breaks between courses, semesters or terms) at that institution of higher learning, any course so pursued by the covered individual at that institution of higher learning while so continuously enrolled shall also be subject to disapproval under paragraph (1).

(4) It shall not be grounds to disapprove a course of education under paragraph (1) if a public institution of higher learning requires a covered individual pursuing a course of education at the institution to demonstrate an intent, by means other than satisfying a physical presence requirement, to establish residency in the State in which the institution is located, or to satisfy other requirements not relating to the establishment of residency, in order to be charged tuition and fees for that course at a rate that is equal to or less than the rate the institution charges for tuition and fees for that course for residents of the State.

(5) The Secretary may waive such requirements of paragraph (1) as the Secretary considers appropriate.

(6) Disapproval under paragraph (1) shall apply only with respect to educational assistance under chapters 30, 31, and 33 of this title.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the Secretary or the applicable State approving agency shall disapprove a course of education described in paragraph (14) or (15) of section 3676(c) of this title unless the educational institution providing the course of education-

(1) publicly discloses any conditions or additional requirements, including training, experience, or examinations, required to obtain the license, certification, or approval for which the course of education is designed to provide preparation; and

(2) makes each disclosure required by paragraph (1) in a manner that the Secretary considers prominent (as specified by the Secretary in regulations prescribed for purposes of this subsection).

[e](1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, beginning on August 1, 2019, a State approving agency, or the Secretary when acting in the role of the State approving agency, shall disapprove a course of education provided by an educational institution that has in effect a policy that is inconsistent with any of the following:

(A) A policy that permits any covered individual to attend or participate in the course of education during the period beginning on the date on which the individual provides to the educational institution a certificate of eligibility for entitlement to educational assistance under chapter 31 or 33 of this title and ending on the earlier of the following dates:

(i) The date on which the Secretary provides payment for such course of education to such institution.

(ii) The date that is 90 days after the date on which the educational institution certifies for tuition and fees following receipt from the student such certificate of eligibility.

(B) A policy that ensures that the educational institution will not impose any penalty, including the assessment of late fees, the denial of access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities, or the requirement that a covered individual borrow additional funds, on any covered individual because of the individual's inability to meet his or her financial obligations to the institution due to the delayed disbursement of a payment to be provided by the Secretary under chapter 31 or 33 of this title.

(2) For purposes of this subsection, a covered individual is any individual who is entitled to educational assistance under chapter 31 or 33 of this title.

(3) The Secretary may waive such requirements of paragraph (1) as the Secretary considers appropriate.

(4) It shall not be inconsistent with a policy described in paragraph (1) for an educational institution to require a covered individual to take the following additional actions:

(A) Submit a certificate of eligibility for entitlement to educational assistance not later than the first day of a course of education for which the individual has indicated the individual wishes to use the individual's entitlement to educational assistance.

(B) Submit a written request to use such entitlement

(C) Provide additional information necessary to the proper certification of enrollment by the educational institution

Rule of Construction

Pub. L. 115-407, title I, §103(c), Dec. 31, 2018, 132 Stat. 5370, provided that: "In a case in which an individual is unable to meet a financial obligation to an educational institution due to the delayed disbursement of a payment to be provided by the Secretary under chapter 31 or 33 of such title [title 38] and the amount of such disbursement is less than anticipated, nothing in section 3679(e) of such title, as added by subsection (a), shall be construed to prohibit an educational institution from requiring additional payment or imposing a fee for the amount that is the difference between the amount of the financial obligation and the amount of the disbursement."

## Enrollment Certification

Certification by the University VA certifying official in the Office of Financial Aid, Scholarships, and Veterans Affairs is required for eligible students who wish to receive VA educational benefit checks. Students must initiate their own requests for enrollment certification. The certifying official will complete certifications and forward other forms to the VA only for those students who have made such requests and have completed the necessary paperwork.

Normally, the VA requires that eligible students must have completed full University admissions requirements and matriculation into degree-seeking status before they may receive VA educational benefits. However, those students admitted as "Provisional," "Military Special," or "Transient," or students enrolling for prerequisite courses required for admission into a professional degree program or school may request VA certification if they provide appropriate documentation. Any VA students in these categories should contact the VA certifying official for details. In these and all other admissions categories, only the federal VA has the final authority to award or to deny military educational benefits.

Undergraduate veterans or servicepersons should contact the Office of Admissions for consideration of receiving college credit for military schools.

Students can best ensure receipt of benefits by informing the school VA office of their intent to register for classes and by supplying the number of credit hours for which they will enroll each session. Eligible VA students may request certification on a semester basis and should recertify for each new semester at least 45 days prior to the first day of class of their next semester.

Normally, VA payments are authorized only for those courses which are required by the academic department for the student's current degree program. All students receiving educational benefit checks from the VA are responsible for notifying the VA certifying official of any changes in their degree programs and/or course loads during a semester, to include drop/add, withdrawal, changing from credit to audit status, invoking the Pass-Fail option in a course, or enrolling in any distance education course, independent study, internship, or practicum.

Appropriate forms and benefits-related information are available at the Office of Financial Aid, Scholarships, and Veterans Affairs. Each student request will be handled individually according to their VA benefit program and enrollment status at the University.

## Academic Scholarships

The following scholarships are available to students at USC Salkehatchie:

**Achroma STEM Scholarship.** A scholarship awarded to a student majoring in a STEM field.

**The Doctors Riddick Ackerman Scholarship.** A scholarship awarded to a student who is a resident of Colleton County and is a nursing major.

**Allendale Academy Scholarship.** A scholarship awarded to a former Allendale Academy student or his or her heirs with a second priority to a resident of Allendale County. Awarded on the basis of academic achievement.

**David and Brenda Barnes Endowed Scholarship.** Awarded to a student with financial need. Awarded to a student who is a resident of one of the five counties in Salkehatchie's service area with preference to Allendale County or Hampton County.

**Murray Bishop Memorial Scholarship.** A scholarship awarded to a student who is a resident of Colleton County. Sponsored by the Walterboro Civitan Club.

**Reid and Louise Boylston Endowed Scholarship.** A scholarship awarded to a student from one of the five counties in the Salkehatchie service area.

**Clarence and Virginia Brabham Memorial Endowed Scholarship.** A scholarship awarded to a Bamberg County resident who has financial need and academic promise.

**Representative James B. and Mrs. Barbara T. Brandt Scholarship.** A scholarship awarded based on academic achievement and financial need.

**David and Maggie Cannon Scholarship.** A scholarship awarded for academic achievement to a student from Barnwell County.

**Barbara B. and Carl A. Clayton Scholarship.** A scholarship awarded to a student from the five-county Salkehatchie service area.

**William and Mary Clayton Endowed Scholarship.** A scholarship awarded to a student attending USC Salkehatchie.

**Colleton County Rice Festival Scholarship.** A scholarship awarded to a student who is a resident of Colleton County.

**J. Paul Detrick Scholarship.** A scholarship awarded for academic achievement and financial need to a resident of Hampton or Allendale counties.

**Vivia Peeples Eden Scholarship.** A scholarship awarded on the basis of academic achievement to a student from one of the five counties served by USC Salkehatchie.

**Harry Lee Foy Sr. Memorial Scholarship.** A scholarship awarded to a student at USC Salkehatchie with preference to a resident of Barnwell, Hampton or Bamberg counties followed by a resident of Allendale or Colleton counties.

**James D. Gruber Nursing Scholarship.** A scholarship awarded to an Upper Division Nursing student who is a resident of Colleton County.

**Dr. William O. Lamprecht Jr. Memorial Scholarship.** A scholarship awarded to a student who is a science major.

**Arthur H. and Marie J. Mitchell Endowed Scholarship.** A scholarship awarded to a student in the five county service area.

**Dick and Rose Ann Mixson Endowed Scholarship.** A scholarship awarded to a resident of the five county service area but with a preference for Brunson first and then Hampton County.

**The Killion-Waller Scholarship.** A scholarship awarded to a Colleton County resident who will attend the USC Salkehatchie regional campus at Walterboro based on academic achievement.

**"Luke" Laffitte Endowed Scholarship.** A scholarship awarded to a resident of Allendale or Hampton County and resident must attend the Allendale campus.

**Leadership Colleton Class of 2008 Scholarship.** A scholarship awarded to a student who is a resident of Colleton County.

**The Margaret W. Lewis Endowed Scholarship.** Awarded to a resident of Fairfax, Sycamore or Ulmer, SC who is majoring in education or is a student worker in the west campus library.

**Miles and Ann Loadholt Endowed Scholarship.** Two or more scholarships awarded based on academic achievement with preference given to a student of Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Colleton, or Hampton counties.

**Manuel's Grocery and Barber Shop Scholarship.** A scholarship awarded on the basis of academic merit and financial need to a resident of Allendale County.

**Bob and Ginger McCully Endowed Scholarship.** A scholarship awarded to a student who has financial need and who has demonstrated academic promise, with preference given to a Bamberg County resident.

**The Cynthia and Ross McMillan Endowed Scholarship.** A scholarship awarded to a resident of Allendale County.

**Zita Mellon Scholarship.** A scholarship awarded on the basis of academic achievement to an Allendale County resident with preference to an art or history major.

**Randolph "Buster" Murdaugh Scholarship.** A scholarship awarded to a resident of the South Carolina 14th Judicial District who is a worthy full-time student in need of financial assistance and has demonstrated academic excellence. Recipient must be a freshman. Student may receive the scholarship for the second year provided he or she maintains a 2.50 GPA. Scholarship will rotate between the USC regional campuses at Beaufort and Salkehatchie.

**John and Julia Myers Scholarship.** A scholarship awarded to a resident of Allendale County majoring in education.

**John and Gale Peek Scholarship.** A scholarship with no geographic restrictions but preference is given to a criminal justice major or a student considering a law enforcement field.

**Martha and Holbrook Platts Scholarship.** A scholarship awarded to a resident of Hampton County.

**Butch Phillips Memorial Scholarship.** A scholarship awarded for academic achievement to a graduate of Allendale-Fairfax High School.

**President's Commencement Scholarship.** A \$5000 scholarship awarded annually in honor of the commencement speaker.

**Audrey F. Thomas and Peggy A. Morris Endowed Scholarship.** A scholarship awarded to a student majoring in Nursing.

**Billy Wade Memorial Scholarship.** A scholarship awarded to a resident of the five county service area with preference given to resident of Allendale and Barnwell Counties.

**Witsell R. Robertson and Josephine L. Robertson Endowed Scholarship.** A scholarship awarded to a resident of Colleton County.

**Salkehatchie Faculty-Staff Scholarship.** One or more scholarships awarded on the basis of academic achievement.

**Neil Sanders Scholarship.** A scholarship to be awarded on the basis of academic achievement.

**Joe Siren Endowed Scholarship.** A scholarship awarded to a student in the five county service area with a preference for students who attended Allendale Fairfax High School or Barnwell High School.

**D.L. Scurry Foundation Scholarship.** Two or more scholarships awarded at the request of the foundation based on academic achievement and financial need.

**Tharin Endowment Fund Scholarship.** A scholarship awarded to a Salkehatchie student with a preference given to non-traditional students.

**USC Salkehatchie International Student Scholarship.** Two scholarships awarded to an international student attending USC Salkehatchie.

**Walterboro Civitan Club Scholarship.** A scholarship awarded on the basis of academic achievement to a resident of Colleton County.

**Walterboro Rotary Club Scholarship.** A scholarship awarded to a resident of Colleton County.

**Baker T. Warren Scholarship.** A scholarship awarded to a resident of Allendale County. Sponsored by the Adult Sunday School Class of Allendale Presbyterian Church.

**Western Carolina Higher Education Commission Scholarship.** Awarded to a student with financial need.

**Alvin P. Weissenstein Memorial Scholarship.** A scholarship for a disabled student from Colleton County. Sponsored by the Walterboro Civitan Club.

**Henry A. White Education Scholarship.** A scholarship awarded to a student majoring in education and residing in one of the five counties served by USC Salkehatchie with first preference given to Allendale County.

**John Winthrop Archaeological Research Endowment Fund.** A scholarship awarded by the History Committee.