

# FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The financial aid programs of the University of South Carolina Sumter 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 (<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa/>) 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 Sumter 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 Sumter 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 on the 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 William D. Ford Direct Loans (DL), and Federal Grants, 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.

## Financial Aid and the Extended Graduate Campus Program

Financial aid for graduate students who are admitted and registered through The Graduate School on the University's Columbia campus will have their financial aid administered by the Columbia campus financial aid office regardless of the student's campus location. As such, graduate students in this category should list the University of South Carolina Columbia as their school of choice on the Free Application for Federal

Student Aid form. All financial aid related correspondence should be directed to the Columbia campus financial aid office.

## 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
- William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program:
  - Direct Subsidized Loan
  - Direct Unsubsidized Loan
  - Federal PLUS
- 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 Stafford 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.

## 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/sumter/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).

### 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 University of South Carolina Sumter offers scholarships to academically qualified students in numerous fields of study. Scholarships are available to full-time and part-time students. These scholarships are provided by individuals, organizations, clubs, and businesses in Sumter and surrounding areas. Interested students should complete the USC Sumter scholarship application, which is available in the Office of Financial Aid, Scholarships, and Veterans Affairs and online ([http://www.uscsumter.edu/students/financial\\_aid/scholarships.shtml/](http://www.uscsumter.edu/students/financial_aid/scholarships.shtml/)). The following scholarships are offered on an annual basis. Several are for a specific area of study or category of student.

**Access & Equity Scholarship.** Grant determines restrictions. Please contact the Office of Financial Aid, Scholarships, and Veterans Affairs for more information.

**Porter H. Adams Jr. Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a student in any discipline who is a U.S. citizen, with preference given to S.C. residents.

**Swamp Fox Chapter, Air Force Association/Boeing Aerospace Scholarship.** Must be awarded to an active-duty member or veteran of the U.S. Air Force or to a legal dependent of such a person.

**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. Scholarship.** Must be awarded to an African-American student majoring in education with a GPA of 2.50 or higher, preferably female; if no eligible applicant, then awarded to any African-American applicant.

**Father William Atkinson Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a student majoring in social work, psychology, physical/occupational therapy, art therapy, or education.

**BD Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a student enrolled in the 2+2 Engineering Program.

**Henry D. Barnett Memorial Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a Sumter County resident who has dyslexia or a sight or learning disability; if no eligible applicant, then awarded to a Sumter County resident.

**Dr. Michael S. Becker Memorial Endowed Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a student majoring in Business Administration with preference to a first-generation college student.

**Jane McKenzie Beebe Scholarship.** The scholarship will be awarded to a student majoring in education or pre-education who exhibits academic merit. If no such student meets these criteria, the award may be presented to any worthy student.

**Bishoff Scholarship.** First preference to a student who intends to major in either Biology or Nursing.

**Louise L. and John M. Brabham Sr. Scholarship.** The scholarship will be awarded to any student who is a Sumter County resident and who exhibits academic merit attending the University of South Carolina Sumter.

**Ethel Burnett Memorial Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a student who is majoring in education and is a resident of Sumter County.

**Ethel Burnett Memorial Scholarship, Pilot Club of Sumter.** Must be awarded to a student who is majoring in education or an allied health field, is a resident of Sumter County, maintains a GPA of at least 2.50, and demonstrates financial need.

**Frank and Eleida Nexsen Burrows Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a student majoring in nursing.

**Carolina Coca-Cola Bottling Company Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a student majoring in education.

**Brian K. Costello Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a student who conveys a career interest in either medicine or physical therapy and intends to pursue a related preparatory education path. The student must maintain a 3.75 GPA. If no such student can be identified, then awarded to a student of high academic achievement pursuing a Science, Technology, Engineering or Math (STEM) education path.

**Robert C. Costello and Elizabeth D. Costello Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a student whose intended major is chemistry, biochemistry or mathematics and who either has recently demonstrated academic excellence or who is a non-traditional student who shows a strong promise of academic excellence.

**E. Lee Craig Education Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a student majoring in English Education or a student majoring in education or pre-education who exhibits academic merit. If no such student meets these criteria, the award may be presented to any worthy student.

**Alivia Burrows Davids Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a nontraditional student majoring in secondary education in mathematics; if no eligible applicant, then awarded to a secondary education major, or a mathematics or physical education major.

**William and Martha Dubose Scholarship.** First preference is given to a student majoring in English or journalism.

**David L. Evans and S. Anne Walker Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a student majoring in education. If no eligible student meets the criteria, the award may be presented to any eligible student.

**Farmers Telephone Cooperative (FTC) Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a student living in the FTC service area of Clarendon, lower Florence, Lee, Sumter, and Williamsburg counties whose parents or guardians are members of the Farmers Telephone Cooperative.

**Edward H. and Eola G. Fienning Memorial Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a Sumter County resident who has submitted an application for financial assistance.

**Christopher Laird Floyd Scholarship.** Must be awarded to one or more eligible underrepresented students to support education diversity consistent with its mission and admissions policy. If no such student meets the criteria, the award may be presented to any eligible student.

**Laurens W. Floyd Jr. and Charlene D. Floyd Clemson at Sumter Scholarship.** First preference to a student who indicates that he/she plans to transfer to Clemson University.

**Helen O. Freeman Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a Business Administration Major who is a first-generation college student. If no applicant is available, then award to a student majoring in Business Administration.

**Anne Bailey Geddings Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a first generation college student.

**Dr. Lea B. Givens Memorial Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a graduate of Sumter High School, Sumter, SC who is majoring in biology. If no such student meets the criteria, the award may be presented to any eligible student.

**Clifton C. Goodwin Jr. Memorial Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a Sumter County resident who has submitted an application for financial assistance.

**Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Graham Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a student majoring in nursing, preferably to a student pursuing a bachelor's degree.

**Dr. Jean-Luc E. Grosso Memorial Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a student who has declared Business as their major.

**Janette Barnes Guiler Memorial Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a student majoring in nursing.

**Karen Sonya Harris-Sweetman and Mark D. Sweetman Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a student majoring in education.

**Ervin H. "Bud" Hickman, Jr. Memorial Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a student who demonstrated financial need with preference to a resident of Sumter County.

**J.B. and Elizabeth Hilton Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a resident of Sumter County, SC, who is majoring in education.

**Joyce Holloman Hodge and Family Scholarship.** Must be awarded to one or more students who are first generation students.

**Laura W. and Oliver F. Hutchens Memorial Scholarship.** Awarded to students attending USC Sumter who have demonstrated both academic proficiency and a need for financial assistance.

**Fred A. "Larry" Lawrence Memorial Scholarship.** First preference is given to a part-time student.

**Ralph G. MacDonald Chemistry Scholarship.** The scholarship will be awarded to a student majoring in chemistry. If there is no eligible student applicant, then the award will go to any student enrolled in chemistry classes.

**Dr. Dinford G. Maness Memorial Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a student majoring in a program under the Division of Arts and Letters. If none available, then to any eligible student.

**Coach Melvin L. McCormick and Janice B. McCormick Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a student from Thomas Sumter Academy in Dalzell, SC. If no such student meets this criteria, the award may be presented to any eligible student.

**Ross S. McKenzie Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a student who desires a liberal arts education balanced with courses in science and business.

**Ezra Pierson McLeod Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a Sumter County, SC resident. If there is no eligible applicant, then award to any deserving student.

**Mental Health Association of Sumter County Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a Sumter County resident who is planning to pursue a career in a mental health field (through psychology, social work, counseling, nursing, or another related field) and who is planning to return to work in Sumter County for at least one year following graduation.

**Mid-Carolina Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa International Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a graduate from a public high school in Clarendon, Kershaw, Lee, Sumter or Williamsburg County who plans to major in education.

**I. Harby Moses Scholarship.** The scholarship will be awarded to a graduate of Wilson High School. If there is no eligible applicant, it may be awarded to any student attending the University of South Carolina Sumter.

**Andrew W. Muller Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a graduate of Sumter School District Two.

**E. Whilden Nettles Jr. Memorial Scholarship.** Must be a Sumter County Resident.

**Dorothy K. Olsen Memorial Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a Sumter County resident.

**Pauline Osborne Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a student who must demonstrate financial need by completing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

**Hubert Graham Osteen Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a graduate of a Clarendon, Lee, or Sumter county high school majoring in journalism or to a student majoring in English, history, or computer science.

**Mary N. and Douglas R. Plowden Clemson at Sumter Heritage Scholarship.** The scholarship will be awarded to a worthy student who intends to transfer to Clemson University. If no student meets this criteria, the award may be presented to any worthy student.

**Ditty Poston Alumni Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a student who is the first in his/her family to attend college or is a non-traditional student and demonstrates significant financial need. Other factors include volunteer work, contributions made by the candidate to the Sumter community and other attributes (e.g., motivation, perseverance, resilience, work ethic). If no such student can be found, then award to any deserving student.

**William J. and Julia Reynolds Memorial Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a student seeking a nursing degree.

**Rotary Club of Sumter Scholarship.** All course work must be taken at USC Sumter or Shaw AFB.

**Rotary Club of Sumter Sunrise Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a student who is very active in the community, with an emphasis on volunteering; otherwise, to any eligible applicant.

**Madge G. and Raymon Schwartz Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a Sumter County resident.

**Joe Singleton Company, Inc., Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a freshman who is a Sumter County resident.

**Sonntag Family Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a student who is the first in his/her family to attend college or is a non-traditional student (age 25+); must demonstrate significant financial need; and does not qualify for merit-based aid but demonstrates attributes (e.g., motivation, perseverance, resilience, work ethic) that will allow him/her to be successful at USC Sumter. If no such student can be found, it may be awarded to any deserving student.

**A.T. and Jessie T. Sublette Memorial Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a student majoring in nursing, premedicine, or other health-related fields.

**Joseph Shepard and Janet Brunson Sublette Scholarship.** Awarded to a student who intends to pursue a Bachelor's degree in either engineering or business and finance, demonstrating significant financial need and academic merit, but who does not qualify for high achieving merit-based aid.

**Sumter County Gamecock Club.** Must be a Sumter County resident and participate on USC Sumter athletic team(s).

**Sumter County Unit of the South Carolina Education Association Retired Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a rising senior whose career goal is to teach.

**Sumter County Fair Association Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a Sumter County resident and dependent of a member of the American Legion or a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces.

**Sumter Lions Club Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a student who is sight or hearing impaired or to a student majoring in special education for the sight or hearing impaired; if no eligible applicant, then awarded to any student.

**Sumter Utilities and USC Sumter Shaw AFB Scholarship.** Awarded to students at Shaw AFB who are enrolled at USC Sumter and Palmetto College. It covers active military, reservists, veterans, national guard and their families.

**C. Talmadge Tobias, Jr. and Linda H. Tobias Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a student majoring in Business Administration with preference to a first-generation college student.

**USC Sumter Commencement Speaker Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a USC Sumter student; if recipient changes campuses after receipt, they become ineligible; amount is in-state, full-time tuition at USC Sumter.

**USC Sumter Division of Business Administration and Economics Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a student majoring in business who exhibits academic merit.

**USC Sumter Emerging Scholars Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a student demonstrating sufficient academic qualifications and pursuing a major in any area offered at USC Sumter with the exception of Business.

**USC Sumter Partnership Part-Time Scholarship.** Must be awarded to students enrolled in at least six credit hours and no more than 11 credit hours.

**Hendrikus E.M.J.L. van Bulck Endowed Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a Business Administration Major who is a first-generation college student. If no such student is available, then award to a student majoring in Business Administration.

**Verizon Foundation Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a minority student.

**Naomi Warner Business Scholarship.** Must be awarded to an eligible student who is majoring in business.

**Williams-Brice-Edwards Scholarship.** Must be awarded to a Sumter County resident.

The following scholarships do not specify area of study or category of student:

American Legion Post 15 Memorial Scholarship  
 Jack C. Anderson, Jr. Dean's Endowed Scholarship  
 Arthur S. Bahnmuller Scholarship  
 Julie Abney Bailey Endowed Scholarship  
 Bank of America NA Scholarship  
 BB&T Scholarship  
 John M. Brabham Sr. Memorial/Black River Electric Cooperative Scholarship  
 G. Werber Bryan Scholarship  
 Roger Dale Bullard Memorial Scholarship  
 Albert L. and Nina O. Carpenter Scholarship  
 C. Leslie Carpenter Dean's Scholarship  
 Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Covington Scholarship  
 Judith L. Croskey Scholarship  
 Dr. John J. Duffy Memorial Scholarship  
 Duke Energy Progress Scholarship  
 Mr. and Mrs. Curt Edens, Jr. Scholarship  
 ESE Marketing Scholarship  
 Danny R. Geddings Memorial Scholarship  
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gupton Scholarship  
 Carol Hallgren Scholarship  
 O.D. Harvin Scholarship  
 Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Hatfield Memorial Scholarship  
 Kiwanis Club of Sumter Scholarship

Linda Ann Epperhart Lawrence Memorial Scholarship  
 Dan and Dotty Lyles Scholarship  
 Sara Davis McLendon Memorial Scholarship  
 NBSC-Lucile McKiever Memorial Scholarship  
 Major General Thomas R. Olsen, Ret USAF Memorial Scholarship  
 Rotary Club of Sumter Palmetto Scholarship  
 SAFE Federal Credit Union Bicentennial Scholarship  
 Rosa W. Schwartz Scholarship  
 D.L. Scurry Foundation Scholarship  
 Mr. and Mrs. R. Glen Sharp Scholarship  
 Sumter Industrial Association Scholarship  
 Sumter Optimist Don Stein Memorial Friend of Youth Scholarship  
 USC Sumter Alumni Association "Big Wednesday" Scholarship  
 USC Sumter Alumni Association Scholarship  
 USC Sumter SGA Teacher of the Year Scholarship  
 Wells Fargo/USC Sumter Scholarship  
 Samuel M. Willis Founding Director's Scholarship  
 Wilson MacEwen and Co. Scholarship  
 Dr. Robert C. and Harriette Heath Wimberly Scholarship