



## How to Apply as a Freshman

A freshman is a student who has never attended a regionally accredited college or university. Applicants who attended a postsecondary institution while still in high school are classified as freshmen, but must submit official transcripts of their college work (regardless of whether credit was or will be received).

- ✓ Complete the online application: <http://usclanaster.sc.edu/admissions/bannerappl.htm>
- ✓ Requirements for admission:
  - Official high school transcript (mail to: **USC Lancaster Admissions, PO Box 889, Lancaster, SC 29721**)
    - If your high school provides electronic copies of transcripts, please make sure they are signed before being sent.
  - Official SAT or ACT test scores sent directly from the testing agency (CollegeBoard.org or ACTstudent.org) to USC Lancaster
    - Official test scores are only required if you are under the age of 21
  - \$40 application fee or SAT/ACT fee waiver (please check with your high school guidance counselor if you are unsure of your eligibility for a fee waiver)
- ✓ Requirements for enrollment:
  - Immunization form and acceptable proof of immunization
  - Citizenship verification form and acceptable proof of citizenship
  - Proof of name change (if your name has changed at any time since birth and that name is listed on any transcripts, test scores, immunization records or citizenship documents)
- ✓ Admission
  - Once we have received your application, application fee, official transcripts and official test scores (if needed), we will review and process your application for admission. You will be notified by mail usually within 7-10 business days after all required documents have been received.
- ✓ Claiming Your Account
  - Once your application has been processed and you have received an offer of admission from USC Lancaster, you will receive a letter with your VIP ID and a temporary password. This letter will provide you with instructions that you will need to follow in order to finish setting up your account.
- ✓ Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
  - If you plan on receiving financial aid other than the LIFE scholarship, you will need to complete a FAFSA for USC Lancaster's campus, or add USCL to one you have previously submitted.

- Please contact our Financial Aid office at (803) 313-7068 or [usclfa@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:usclfa@mailbox.sc.edu) if you have any questions about how to complete and submit the online form.
- ✓ Scholarships
  - USC Lancaster offers over 130 academic scholarships and we highly recommend that students submit a scholarship application, which can be found at <http://usclancaster.sc.edu/finaid/scholshp.htm>. Applications must be submitted before the specified deadlines in order to be considered.
- ✓ Orientation
  - Freshmen are strongly encouraged to attend one of our orientation sessions prior to their first semester at USCL.
  - During orientation, you will have the opportunity to learn more about the campus, connect with other students, meet with an academic advisor, register for classes and much more. For more information, please visit <http://usclancaster.sc.edu/orientation/index.html>.