

Lottery Tuition Assistance Program

USC Lancaster

The financial aid office on each two-year college campus administers the Lottery Tuition Assistance Program.

Award Amount:

A student may receive up to the cost of tuition. In calculating the amount awarded in Lottery Tuition Assistance, any Federal Grants and Need-based Grants must be awarded first before determining the amount eligible in Lottery Tuition Assistance to be used for payment towards cost-of-tuition. **The college at which the student is enrolled will notify each student of the exact award amount based upon the number of eligible recipients and available funding each academic year. For Spring 2009, eligible full-time students received up to \$900, and eligible part-time students received up to \$75 per credit hour.***

Purpose:

Provide tuition assistance to South Carolina residents attending a two-year public or independent institution of higher learning.

General Eligibility Requirements:

In order to qualify for Lottery Tuition Assistance, a student must meet **ALL** of the following minimum requirements before being awarded:

- File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form and complete the process to determine eligibility for federal student aid each academic year;
- Be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident (green card);
- 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 as a degree-seeking student in a minimum of six credit hours for the term and be making satisfactory academic progress;
- Cannot owe a refund or repayment on a State Grant, Pell Grant or a Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant and not be in default on a loan under the Federal Perkins Loan or Federal Stafford Loan program;
- Cannot be eligible to receive Lottery Tuition Assistance for more than one certificate, diploma, or degree earned within any five-year period unless the additional certificate, diploma, or degree constitutes progress in the same field of study. A certificate or diploma earned that relates to the associate's degree constitutes the same field of study; and
- Cannot be a recipient of the HOPE, LIFE or Palmetto Fellows Scholarships

*This is amount is subject to change