

All South Carolina state aid recipients must complete the following certification annually. Funds covered by this certification include:
SC Palmetto Fellows Scholarship, SC LIFE Scholarship, SC HOPE Scholarship and the SC Need-Based Grant

Student Name _____	Student ID _____
Best Phone # _____	Major _____
High School Graduation Date: State _____ Year _____ OR GED: State _____ Year _____	

I hereby certify:

- I have **never** been adjudicated delinquent or been convicted or pled guilty or *nolo contendere* [no contest] to any felonies **and** have **not** been convicted or pled guilty or *nolo contendere* to any second or subsequent alcohol or drug related misdemeanor offenses under the laws of this or any other state or under the laws of the United States since one year prior to the first day of classes for the Fall 2024 Semester. If my status changes after signing this affidavit and before the first day of classes for the Fall 2024 Semester, I understand and agree that I must and will immediately report my adjudication, conviction, or plea to my college financial aid office and that I will lose state scholarship eligibility for 2024-2025.
- I am not in default on a Federal Title IV or State of South Carolina education loan. In addition, I do not owe a refund on a Federal Title IV or State of South Carolina student financial aid program.
- I am a legal resident of South Carolina as defined in the State Statute for Tuition and Fees, Statute 59-112-10.
- I hereby give permission for a background check to be conducted to verify the above. I understand that additional information may be requested after the background check has been conducted.
- I have provided Coastal Carolina University with current or final academic transcripts from all other institutions attended. I further certify that I will provide an official transcript to Coastal Carolina University for any collegiate classes attempted in the future while enrolled at Coastal Carolina University.
- I will use SC state scholarship/grant funds only for educational costs at Coastal Carolina University.
- I understand that any non-degree credit hours earned while enrolled in an associate’s degree or higher will not be used in calculating the “Life GPA” or credit hour requirements.

Award	Eligibility Requirements	Renewal Requirements
SC Palmetto Fellows Scholarship	Full-time student, SC resident, 1200 SAT; 25 ACT, 3.5 GPA at end of junior year of HS, top 6% of class at end of sophomore, junior or senior year of HS or 1400 SAT; 31 ACT, 4.0 GPA.	Earn at least a cumulative 3.0 CCU GPA by the end of each academic year, earn 30 non-remedial credit hours each academic year
SC Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Enhancement	Receive SC Palmetto Fellows, earn at least 14 hrs of approved math and science courses during FIRST YEAR of college enrollment; be in an approved major	Renew SC Palmetto Fellows Scholarship; remain in an approved math or science major
SC LIFE Scholarship	1 st Time Freshmen: Full-time student, SC resident, and 2 out of 3 criteria: 3.0 HS GPA, top 30% of HS graduating class, 1100 SAT or 22 ACT Continuing Students: If you are transferring or a continuing student you may be eligible to receive LIFE if you meet the renewal criteria at the end of the academic year	Earn an average of 30 non-remedial credit hours by the end of each academic year (rising sophomore – 30 hrs, rising junior – 60 hrs, rising senior – 90 hrs); earn a min 3.0 LIFE GPA based on grades earned at ALL eligible institutions excluding remedial, continuing education and non-degree credit courses by the end of each academic year
SC LIFE Scholarship Enhancement	Receive SC LIFE Scholarship, earn at least 14 hrs of approved math and science courses during FIRST YEAR of college enrollment; be in an approved major	Renew SC LIFE Scholarship; remain in an approved math or science major
SC HOPE Scholarship	First time freshman, Full-time student, SC resident, 3.0 HS GPA, is not eligible for LIFE	Non-renewable – must meet LIFE requirements for continuing years
SC Need-Based Grant	Undergraduate student seeking first degree; be enrolled at least half-time; be a “needy” student as determined by the completion of a FAFSA;	Maintain a 2.0 or greater GPA; complete a minimum of 24 credits in previous academic year (if full award was received) or 12 credits if half award was received

By my signature below I understand and affirm the above certification and that I am of good moral character. I understand that any false information I provide or any attempt to expend any scholarship or grant funds for unlawful purposes or any purpose other than in payment or reimbursement for the cost of attendance at the institution authorized to award the scholarship or grant will be cause for immediate cancellation. I understand that if I obtain the above funds through means of a willfully false statement or failure to reveal any material fact, condition or circumstances affecting eligibility will be subject to applicable civil or criminal penalties, including retroactive loss of these state funds.

I must **DECLINE** my state awards as I do **NOT** meet **ALL** of the above requirements for the awards I have been offered.

Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____