

2015-2016 STATE CERTIFICATION FORM

Palmetto Fellows Scholarship
LIFE Scholarship
HOPE Scholarship
South Carolina Tuition Grant

If you receive one or more of the above awards, you are required to complete, sign, and return this form to:

Southern Wesleyan University
Financial Aid Office
907 Wesleyan Drive
Central, SC 29630

Your name (please print): _____ SWU ID# _____

I am a (please circle one): Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

I, _____ (Student's Printed Name), certify that I have **never** been adjudicated delinquent or been convicted or pled guilty or nolo contendere 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 2015 semester. If my status changes after signing this affidavit and before the first day of classes for the fall 2015 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 eligibility for a 2015-2016 state grant/scholarship. I affirm that I am a legal resident of South Carolina as defined in the State statute for Tuition and Fees, (59-112-10).

I also affirm that I am presently not in default on any Federal or State student loans, nor do I owe any refunds to any Federal or State financial aid programs.

Please check all that apply to you - the student:

I certify that **I DO** meet the above requirements for State scholarships and grants.

Signed

Date

Student's Social Security Number (last 4 digits)

** If you are unable to certify and sign that you meet the aforementioned requirements, please contact the financial aid office. **

Important: The renewal requirements for all of the South Carolina aid programs are listed on the reverse side of this form.

Palmetto Fellows Scholarship

Initial Eligibility:

Incoming freshmen must have a minimum **3.5 GPA** on a **4.0 UGS**, **SAT minimum score of 1200** (critical reading and math) or a minimum equivalent **ACT composite score of 27**, and be in the **top 6% of their class**. Recommendations for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarships are made to the Commission on Higher Education by high school Guidance Counselors.

Renewal Eligibility:

Students receiving the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship must maintain a **minimum institutional grade point average of 3.0 GPA** and earn a **minimum of 30 credit hours** per academic year (fall, spring and summer).

LIFE Scholarship

Initial Eligibility:

Incoming freshmen must meet two (2) out of the following three (3) criteria: **3.0 GPA on a 4.0 UGS and/or SAT minimum score of 1100** (critical reading and math) or a minimum equivalent **ACT composite score of 24 and/or top 30% of graduating class**.

Renewal Eligibility:

Students receiving LIFE must earn a **minimum LIFE cumulative grade point average of 3.0** and must successfully **complete an average of 30 credit hours** per academic year (fall, spring and summer). If LIFE eligibility is lost, it may be regained by meeting eligibility requirements in the **next** award year. The "LIFE GPA" is based upon the grades earned at all eligible higher education institutions.

HOPE Scholarship

Initial Eligibility:

Incoming freshmen that do not meet criteria for the Palmetto Fellow or LIFE Scholarships may be eligible for the HOPE Scholarship if the student has graduated from high school with a **minimum 3.0 GPA**. The HOPE Scholarship is **non-renewable**. A student may qualify for the LIFE Scholarship his/her sophomore year by meeting LIFE renewal requirements (see above).

All Palmetto Fellows, LIFE, and HOPE recipients must be a South Carolina resident and have graduated from a SC high school.

South Carolina Tuition Grant

Initial Eligibility:

To be considered, students must complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by **June 30th** and be a SC resident. Eligible students must have a **2.0 GPA on a 4.0 UGS**, or a minimum **SAT score of 900** (critical reading and math), or a minimum equivalent **ACT composite score of 19**, or must be in the **top 75% of their high school graduating class**.

Renewal Eligibility:

Students must complete the FAFSA by **June 30th** each year and be a SC resident. A student must **complete 24 credit hours** per academic year to qualify for renewal and meet federal satisfactory academic progress standards.