SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

Grants and Scholarships
DO NOT have to be repaid
Most loans must be repaid, under most circumstances. Education loans usually have low interest rates, and most do not have to be repaid until the student leaves college.

Fellowships are funds granted for advanced study. In many cases, Fellows share similar professional interests.

Student employment is a job that the college coordinates or assigns for the student to offset the cost of attending school.

WHAT SHOULD I KNOW?

To see if you meet initial and continued eligibility for the Palmetto Fellows, Life Scholarship, and Hope Scholarship, please check out the online brochures:


FEDERAL SOURCES FOR FINANCIAL AID

Federal Pell Grant – Up to $6,495 of direct aid for students in 2021-2022, depending on program funding, financial need, and cost of attendance

Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) - Grants of $100 - $4,000 for students with exceptional financial need

TEACH Grant – Up to $4,000 per year for students who are completing or plan to complete coursework needed to begin a career in teaching

Federal Stafford Loan – Available to students who are enrolled in college at least half-time. Upon meeting specific criteria, including teaching for five consecutive, complete school years in a low income school, recipients may be eligible to forgive up to $17,500.
While there are many obstacles that deter students from going to college, finances by no means should be the deciding factor.”
- Bobby Scott

**Private College Information**

The South Carolina Tuition Grants Program provides undergraduate grant assistance to eligible SC residents who attend SC independent, non-profit (private) colleges on a full-time basis.

**Think creatively...**

- Consider community agencies, civic groups, corporations, cultural organizations, foundations, fraternal groups, religious organizations, and the military for additional financial aid.
- Ask your guidance counselor and check the guidance office’s bulletin boards and/or electronic newsletters **OFTEN** for local financial opportunities.
- Check the college/university financial aid website for aid for incoming freshmen.

**SC Higher Education Tuition Grants Commission**

www.sctuitiongrants.com

**FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID**

Federal law requires the U.S. Department of Education to provide students with the opportunity to apply for federal aid without paying a fee. To be considered for student aid, the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** form must be completed and submitted. Forms are available in high school guidance offices and online at www.fafsa.ed.gov, or by calling toll-free at 1-800-433-3243.

**To apply for FAFSA, you will need the following:**

- an application or a computer access for e-filing
- social security number
- the most recent student and parent income tax information
- all W-2 statements of earnings
- current bank statements
- a FSA ID to sign electronically

**Students may not complete the FAFSA application before October 1st or after June 30th of the year in which they will receive the aid. NO EXCEPTIONS.** After applying, you will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) noting eligibility for aid.

**US Department of Education Federal Student Aid**

https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/eligibility/requirements
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**The SC Teachers Loan Program**

Encourages South Carolina residents to enter the teaching profession. These loans are forgiven by teaching in a SC public school in a critical subject and/or critical geographic area.

**What are the critical subject and geographical areas?**

Critical subject and geographical areas vary. Please visit the website provided, below, for the current listings.

**How can I calculate the percentage of the loan forgiven?**

The loan is forgiven at the rate of 20% or $3,000, whichever is greater, for each full year of teaching in a SC public school in a critical subject or geographic area. If you teach in a public SC school in both critical subject and critical geographic area, your loan will be forgiven at the rate of 33 1/3% or $5,000, whichever is greater, for each year of full-time teaching.

**Do you qualify?**

You must:
- rank in the top 40% of your high school graduating class
- be a SC resident
- be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States
- have a SAT/ACT score equal to or greater than the SC average for the year of graduation from high school. Currently, the average scores are: SAT (two parts) 1021; ACT 18

**To renew the loan:**
- students must re-apply each year.
- undergraduates must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.
- after the freshman year, a student must take and pass the Praxis Core exam. Students with a SAT score of 1100 or greater are exempt from the Praxis requirement.

**Critical Geographical and Subject Areas:**

[https://scstudentloan.org/school-loans/sc-teacher-loan-programs-forgiveness](https://scstudentloan.org/school-loans/sc-teacher-loan-programs-forgiveness)

**SC Teachers Loan Information:**

[www.scteacherloan.org](http://www.scteacherloan.org)

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**Find out more >>**

For information on the Praxis, visit the ETS website at [www.ets.org/praxis](http://www.ets.org/praxis) or call 609-771-7395
FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUTURE TEACHERS

TEACHER CADET NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP
One TCNHS Scholarship, in the amount of $1,000 is awarded annually. Those eligible for the lottery-styled drawing include a senior member of the TCNHS who is in good standing and has maintained a 3.5 GPA, has completed the TCNHS Service Learning Project, and has paid his/her TCNHS dues.

CALL ME MISTER PARTNERING SCHOOLS
Aiken Technical College, Anderson University, Benedict College, Claflin University, Clemson University, Coastal Carolina University, College of Charleston, Greenville Technical College, Horry Georgetown Technical College, Lander University, Limestone College, Midlands Technical College, Morris College, Newberry College, Piedmont Technical College, South Carolina State University, Southern Wesleyan University, Spartanburg Community College, Tri-County Technical College, Trident Technical College, University of South Carolina Aiken, University of South Carolina Beaufort, University of South Carolina Upstate, and Winthrop University

TEACH GRANT
The Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education grant program provides grants of up to $4,000 per year to students who intend to teach in a private or public elementary or secondary school that serves students from low-income families. As a recipient of a TEACH Grant, you must teach in a high need field for at least four academic years within eight calendar years of completing the program of study for which you received a TEACH Grant. If you fail to complete this service obligation, all amounts of TEACH Grants that you received will be converted to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan.

CALL ME MISTER
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Find out more
For more information about the TEACH Grant, visit the Federal Student Aid Website: https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships/teach.

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For more information about Call Me Mister, call 800.640.2657, e-mail MISTER@clemson.edu, or visit https://www.clemson.edu/education/programs/programs/call-me-mister.html.
MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUTURE TEACHERS

Ken Bower
Teacher Cadet Scholarship

Who Can Apply
High school seniors who participated in the Teacher Cadet Program and plan to attend a South Carolina college or university to become a teacher are encouraged to apply.

Application Window
The Ken Bower application window opens February 1, 2022. The application must be completed and received no later than 11:59 p.m. on March 31, 2022.

Announcement
The selected scholarship recipients will be announced next spring by letter. Recipients will also be posted online at www.teachercadets.com.

Disbursement of Funds
The scholarship funds will be disbursed directly to the college/university by August 2022.

Recipients of the Ken Bower Scholarship will receive a one time award of $1,000. Awards are determined based on the merits of scholarship, school and community involvement, teacher recommendations, and a written essay. The Ken Bower scholarship is not “needs-based” and does not rely on the Teacher Cadet’s family financial information. Teaching Fellows may also be recipients of the Ken Bower Scholarship.

Teaching Fellows Scholarship

Who Can Apply
Applicants must be a high school senior or junior graduating early, a United States citizen or permanent resident or alien legally authorized to be in the United States, and a legal resident of South Carolina.

Application Window
The Teaching Fellows application window opens October 1, 2021. The application and supporting documents must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. on December 31, 2021.

Announcement
Award notifications will be made in early spring 2022.

Awards
Teaching Fellows receive up to $24,000 in fellowship funds (up to $6,000 a year for four years) while they complete a degree leading to initial teacher certification. The fellowship provides up to $5,700 for tuition and board and $300 for specific enrichment programs administered by CERRA. All Teaching Fellows awards are contingent upon funding from the SC General Assembly. A Fellow agrees to teach in a South Carolina public school one year for every year he or she receives the Fellowship.

For more information or to apply for the Ken Bower Scholarship, visit https://www.teachercadets.com/ken-bower-scholarship.html.

For general information or to apply for Teaching Fellows, visit https://www.cerra.org/teaching-fellows-faq.html.
| ACT Fee Waivers (need-based) | www.act.org 319-337-1270 |
| Call Me MISTER           | www.clemson.edu/education/programs/programs/call-me-mister.html |
| CERRA                    | www.cerra.org |
| College Board            | www.collegeboard.com |
| FAFSA                    | www.fafsa.ed.gov/ 1-800-433-3243 |
| Federal Information      | https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/eligibility/requirements |
| Gates Millennium         | www.gmsp.org |
| SC Scholarships & Colleges | www.che.sc.gov/Students,Families,Military.aspx |
| NABSE                    | www.nabse.org |
| Private Sector Scholarships | www.fastweb.com |
| SAT                      | www.collegeboard.com 1-866-756-7436 |
| SAT Fee Waivers (need-based) | www.scstudentloan.org or 1-800-347-2752 |
| SC Student Loan Corporation | https://www.cerra.org/teaching-fellows.html |
| SC Teaching Fellows      | https://scstudentloan.org/school-loans/sc-teacher-loan-programs-forgiveness |
| SC Teachers Loan         | https://www2.ed.gov/finaid/landing.jhtml?src=rt |
| SC Tuition Grants        | http://www.finaid.org/ |