Office of Student Financial Aid

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SC Commission on Higher Education Merit Scholarship Certification Form

All South Carolina state aid recipients must complete the following affidavit annually to receive state funds:

SC Palmetto Fellows Scholarship
SC Palmetto Fellows Enhancement
SC HOPE Scholarship
SC LIFE Scholarship
SC LIFE Enhancement
SC Education Enhancement

I have never been adjudicated delinquent or been convicted or pled guilty or nolo contender [no contest] to any felonies and have not been convicted or pled guilty or nolo contender to any second or subsequent alcohol or drug related misdemeanor offenses under the Laws of this or any state or under the laws of the United States since one year prior to the first day of classes for the Fall 2025 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 2026-2027.

- 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 Statue for Tuition and Fees, Stature 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 certify that I have provided an official transcript of all classes attempted and completed at a college or university within the state of South Carolina to the Office of the Register at Claflin University. I further certify that I will provide an official transcript to the Claflin University Registrar for any collegiate classes being attempted now or in the future while enrolled at Claflin University.

Scholarship	Eligibility Requirements	Renewal Requirements
SC Palmetto Fellows	Full-time student, SC resident, 1200 SAT, 27 ACT, 3.5 GPA at end of junior year of HS, top 5% of class at end of sophomore or junior year of HS	Earn at least a cumulative 3.0 GPA at Claflin by the end of each academic year, earn 30 non-remedial credit hours each academic year
SC Palmetto Fellow Enhancement	Receive SC Palmetto Fellows, earn at least 14 hours of eligible math and science courses (at least 6 hours in math, at least 6 hours in science with at least one lab) during FIRST Year of college enrollment	Renew SC LIFE Scholarship SC Palmetto Fellows Scholarship
SC LIFE Scholarship	Full-time student, SC resident, and 2 out of 3 criteria: 3.0 GPA, top 30% of HS graduating class, 1100 SAT or 24 ACT	Earn an average of 30 non – remedial credit hours by the end of each academic year (rising sophomore 30 hrs. rising junior 60 hours., rising senior 90 hrs., earn a min 3.0 LIFE GPA based on grades earned as ALL eligible SC instruction excluding remedial Continuing ED, out- of – state and non-degree credit courses by the end of each academic year. Life is only for 8 consecutive years
SC LIFE Enhancement	Receive SC LIFE Scholarship, earn at least 14 hours of eligible math and science courses (at least 6 hours in math, at least 6 hours in science, with at least one lab) during FIRST Year of college enrollment	Renew SC LIFE Scholarship
SC Education Enhancement	Receive Palmetto Fellows/SC LIFE Scholarship, pursing a major an eligible education, science education, or mathematics education program	Renew Palmeeto Fellows/SC LIFE Scholarship
SC Hope Scholarship	First time freshman, Full- time student, SC resident, 3.0 GPA, is not eligible for life	Nonrenewable must meet LIFE requirements for continuing years

Print Name: _____ **Claflin ID:** _____

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____