

# LIFE Scholarship

# What is the LIFE Scholarship?

The South Carolina General Assembly established the LIFE Scholarship Program in order to increase the access to higher education, improve the employability of South Carolina's students so as to attract business to the State, provide incentives for students to be better prepared for college and to encourage students to graduate from college on time.

South Carolina residents attending technical colleges who qualify for the LIFE Scholarship are eligible to receive up to \$5,000 per year.

There is a \$300 book allowance (\$150 per semester) which is part of the annual award.

# Eligibility for a Two-year College

Students must

- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Be a South Carolina resident for tuition purposes at the time of high school graduation and at the time of college enrollment
- Earn a cumulative 3.00 GPA based on the S.C. Uniform Grading Scale (UGS)

# Eligibility for a Two-year College

- Be admitted, enrolled full-time (12+ credit hours) and classified as a degree-seeking student
- Certify that he/she has never been adjudicated delinquent, convicted or pled guilty or *nolo contendere* to a felony or any second or subsequent alcohol/drug related offenses
- Certify that he/she is not in default on a student loan and does not owe a refund or repayment on any federal or state financial aid

# Earning Eligibility

- Students who were not initially eligible upon high school graduation may earn eligibility if they...
  - Meet all other eligibility requirements
  - Earn at least a 3.00 LIFE GPA by the end of their first academic year
  - Earn a minimum 30 credit hours if they initially enrolled in the Fall or 15 credit hours if they initially enrolled in the Spring by the end of their first academic year
- Students who earn a GED or graduate from a home school association not approved by the state may be able to earn eligibility for LIFE.

# Documents Required

- Final, official high school transcript
- Official transcripts from all colleges previously attended
- LIFE Scholarship information is available in Webadvisor. ([www.yorktech.edu](http://www.yorktech.edu)→Web Advisor→Students→Student Forms→Financial Aid→LIFE Scholarship Request eForm). This process will allow you to sign the required certification.
- Please contact the Academic Records Office if you have questions about how a transcript is deemed official

# Remediation

- Students must be enrolled in 12 hours of non-remedial coursework each semester to receive the LIFE Scholarship
- Remedial courses include ENG 031, ENG 100, MAT 031, MAT 032, RDG 031 and RDG 100. All other credit courses are considered non-remedial.
- If a student does not have 12 hours of non-remedial coursework and he/she was eligible for the LIFE Scholarship upon high school graduation, he/she will receive the scholarship upon completion of remediation.
- Credit hours and grades earned during a remedial semester are not figured into the LIFE credit hours and LIFE GPA when determining continued eligibility.



# Terms of Eligibility

- Students enrolled in a certificate or diploma program have two semesters of eligibility for the LIFE Scholarship.
- Students enrolled in an Associate's Degree program have up to four semesters of eligibility for the LIFE Scholarship.
- A student's eligibility "time clock" starts when they first enroll in college following high school graduation. The clock continues regardless of whether a student enrolls in subsequent semesters.
- Summer semesters do not count against the terms of eligibility.

# LIFE GPA

- LIFE GPA is the cumulative grade point average that includes credit hours and grades earned at all colleges on a 4.0 scale.
- LIFE GPA does not include credit hours or grades from remedial courses or any classes taken during a remedial semester

# Continued Eligibility

- Students who have earned the following by the end of summer semester may be eligible to receive the Scholarship as a continuing student:
  - A minimum of 30 credit hours (or 15 credit hours for students who begin midyear)
  - A LIFE GPA of 3.00 or higher
- Students must continue to meet all requirements of initial eligibility

# Limitations

- A student may not receive LIFE in the same academic year as Palmetto Fellows, HOPE or Lottery Tuition Assistance
- LIFE Scholarship does not pay for any classes taken during a summer semester
- Students who qualify under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) must meet all eligibility requirements except for the full-time enrollment requirement

# LIFE Enhancement

- The LIFE Scholarship Enhancement is an additional \$2,500 per year available to students at a four-year institution in their second, third or fourth years of enrollment provided they declare a major in an eligible science or mathematics program

# LIFE Enhancement

- To qualify students must complete at least 14 credit hours in mathematics and life and physical science courses during the first year of enrollment
- If you plan to transfer to a four-year institution and have questions about the LIFE Enhancement, please contact the Financial Aid Office at the four-year institution you plan to attend.

# Remember...

- It is your responsibility to check before and after each semester to ensure that LIFE requirements are satisfied
- If you have questions about the LIFE Scholarship, it is your responsibility to contact a Financial Aid Counselor to ask questions.

For questions, please contact:  
York Technical College  
Enrollment Services  
(803) 327-8008