2015-2016 STATE CERTIFICATION FORM

South Carolina Tuition Grant
L.I.F.E. Scholarship
HOPE Scholarship
Palmetto Fellows Scholarship

If you receive one or more of the above grant/scholarships, you are REQUIRED BY LAW to complete, sign, and return this form to:

Anderson University
Financial Aid Planning Office
316 Boulevard
Anderson, SC 29621

Funds for the above grant/scholarships will not be disbursed until this form is received.

Your name (please print): __________________________________ 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/scholarships.

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 NOT meet the above requirements. Please cancel all state scholarships/grants OR

○ I certify that I DO meet the above requirements for State scholarships and grants, AND

○ I certify that I am a United States citizen or eligible non-citizen in accordance with Title IV requirements, AND

○ I certify that I am a South Carolina resident.

____________________________________________ ______________________
Signed Date

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Student’s Social Security Number

Conviction 1:___________________________ Date__________________ Jurisdiction_____________________

Conviction 2:___________________________ Date__________________ Jurisdiction_____________________

Important: The renewal requirements for all of the South Carolina grants/scholarships are listed on the reverse side of this form.)
L.I.F.E. Scholarship

Initial Enrollment:
Incoming freshmen must meet South Carolina residency requirements, meet two (2) out of the following three (3) academic criteria, and be enrolled full time in degree seeking coursework: 3.0 SC UGPA, SAT test score of 1100 or better (or equivalent ACT score of 24), or top 30% of graduating class.

***Continuing Students***:
Students receiving L.I.F.E. must maintain a minimum cumulative LIFE grade point average of 3.0 and must successfully complete an average of 30 credit hours per academic year (fall, spring and summer) and remain enrolled full time in degree seeking coursework. If L.I.F.E. eligibility is lost, it may be regained by meeting eligibility requirements in the next award year. The “L.I.F.E. GPA” is based upon the grades earned at all institutions.

HOPE Scholarship

Initial Enrollment:
Incoming freshmen that do not meet criteria for the LIFE Scholarship may be eligible for the HOPE Scholarship if the student has graduated from high school with a 3.0 GPA or higher and will be enrolled full time in degree seeking coursework. The HOPE Scholarship is a one-year, freshmen only scholarship. A student may qualify for the LIFE Scholarship his/her sophomore year if he/she completes 30 credit hours and has a LIFE 3.0 GPA and remains enrolled full time in degree seeking coursework. The HOPE Scholarship is non-renewable.

Palmetto Fellows Scholarship

Initial Enrollment:
Incoming freshmen must have a 3.5 SC UGPA, SAT scores of 1200 or better (or equivalent ACT score of 27), and be in the top 6% of their graduating class and be enrolled full time in degree seeking coursework. Recommendations for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarships are made to the Commission on Higher Education by high school Guidance Counselors. Eligibility is determined by the SC Commission on Higher Education.

***Continuing Students***:
Students receiving the SC Palmetto Fellows Scholarship, must maintain a minimum AU cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, and earn a minimum of 30 credit hours per academic year (fall, spring, and summer) as well as remain enrolled full time in degree seeking coursework.

All L.I.F.E, HOPE, and Palmetto Fellow Recipients:
All students must be a South Carolina resident and meet all state residency requirements.

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Initial Enrollment:
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 scale, or an SAT score of 900, or an ACT score of 19, or must be in the top 75% of their high school graduating class and meet the need requirements based on your FAFSA information. Students must be enrolled full time in degree seeking coursework.

***Continuing Students***:
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 make satisfactory academic progress as well as remain enrolled full time in degree seeking coursework.