

**Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships  
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**S.C. LIFE / HOPE SCHOLARSHIP AFFIDAVIT AND CERTIFICATION 2010-2011**

The South Carolina General Assembly imposed certain requirements on students awarded the Legislative Incentive for Future Excellence (LIFE) and HOPE Scholarships. The student must complete this document and submit it to our office before any funds will be made available for the payment of tuition, fees, or other educational expenses. Please complete and submit this form to the address above as soon as possible. Students who lose their LIFE Scholarship eligibility may appeal if they had extenuating circumstances to the South Carolina Commission of Higher Education. Appeal information and forms may be obtained from the Commission. The deadline for the appeal is set yearly and is found on the CHE website. ***Full and updated regulations*** may be found at: <http://www.che.sc.gov>

*Please print.*

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Graduation: State \_\_\_\_\_, Year \_\_\_\_\_ or GED: State \_\_\_\_\_, Year \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Date of College Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that I:

- Have never been adjudicated delinquent and have not been convicted or pled guilty or nolo contendere to any felonies and/or any second or subsequent alcohol or drug related misdemeanor offense under the laws of this or any other state or under the laws of the United State. If I am adjudicated delinquent or am convicted or plead guilty or nolo contendere to any felonies or a second or subsequent alcohol or drug related misdemeanor offenses under laws of this or any other state, I agree to notify the Financial Aid Office.
- Am not in default nor owe a refund on Federal Title IV or State of South Carolina Educational loan.
- Am a SC resident and a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident who meets the definition of an eligible non-citizen under State residency status; and was a SC resident at the time of high school graduation or GED completion.
- Will use the funds for tuition, fees and other educational costs at USC Upstate;
- Understand I must enroll for at least 12 USC Upstate credit hours each semester this scholarship is received;
- Understand I **must complete an average of 30 credit hours** each academic year and maintain a LIFE grade point average of **3.0** or better in order to qualify for or renew the award in a subsequent year.
- Understand I may not receive funds for more than eight semesters cumulatively from all schools attended under the Life Scholarship, and that time runs out 4 years from when I first began my college career (LIFE Scholarship only – the HOPE Scholarship is for one year only).
- Understand that summer grades affect my eligibility for LIFE, unless I am a new freshman.
- Understand that if I am ***transferring into USC Upstate***, that the LIFE GPA will include all grades and credit hours earned at any eligible institutions (in-state and out-of-state), including courses that do not transfer based on USC Upstate's policy and college courses taken while in high school. Also the LIFE GPA **must not include** continuing education courses, non-degree credit courses for an associate's degree or higher and remedial/developmental courses.

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By my signature below I understand and affirm the above certification and that I am of good moral character. I understand that any false information I provide or any attempt to expend any scholarship funds for unlawful purposes or any purpose other than in payment or reimbursement for the cost of attendance at the institution authorized to award the scholarship and/or grant will be cause for immediate cancellation. I understand that if I obtain the LIFE / HOPE Scholarship through means of a willfully false statement or failure to reveal any material fact, condition or circumstances affecting eligibility will be subject to applicable civil or criminal penalties, including retroactive loss of the LIFE / HOPE Scholarship. I understand that acceptance of the LIFE/HOPE award is contingent upon verification of SC and U.S. residency. I hereby give permission for a background check to be conducted to verify the above. I understand additional information may be requested after the background check has been conducted. I further confirm that I am responsible for reviewing the CHE website should any changes occur for these programs.

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Student's signature

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Date

**\*\*\* If you drop below fulltime enrollment (12 hours) during the 100% refund period, you will not be eligible for the LIFE / HOPE Scholarships and will have to repay the entire scholarship amount.**

**Please complete and return to the financial aid office.**