



Financial Aid

Purpose and Eligibility

USC Upstate offers a full range of financial assistance programs designed to assist students and their families with the cost of education. These programs provide financial aid resources in the form of grants, scholarships, loans and employment opportunities. These resources are awarded to students based on financial need, academic promise, leadership potential, special talents, or a combination of these criteria. Descriptions of these programs and their requirements may be found in the following pages of this catalog. In 2011-2012, more than \$65-million in financial aid was awarded to USC Upstate students.

Eligibility for assistance based on financial need is determined by completing a federally approved needs analysis form, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students may complete the FAFSA electronically at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The Title IV school code for USC Upstate is 006951. The FAFSA calculates an expected family contribution or EFC. The difference between the FAFSA EFC and the cost of education is the student's financial need. USC Upstate seeks to identify and provide funds to meet the financial needs of its students, to the extent resources are available. It is intended that no student be denied an education because of financial need.

Financial assistance programs have individual requirements in addition to a demonstration of financial need through completion of the FAFSA. These requirements generally include, but are not limited to, enrolled in good standing in a program of study leading to a degree or teaching certificate, enrollment in a minimum number of hours each semester, and maintenance of satisfactory academic progress. Students receiving state, federal or institutional financial aid must be enrolled in 12 or more USC Upstate hours to be considered full-time for financial aid purposes.

Satisfactory Academic Progress

Institutions participating in Title IV federal financial aid programs are required by the U.S. Department of Education to establish institutional policies that define satisfactory academic progress. All students who receive federal, state or institutional financial assistance at USC Upstate are expected to maintain satisfactory progress toward completion of their programs of study in a reasonable period of time.

Financial assistance programs covered by this policy include all federal financial aid programs (Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, TEACH Grant, Federal Subsidized and Unsubsidized Direct Loans, Federal Perkins Loans, Federal Supplemental Loans for Nursing Students, Federal Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students, and Federal Work-Study), Private Loans, South Carolina Teacher Loans, State Need Based Grant and institutional financial assistance programs (athletic grants, academic scholarships, stipends, minority incentive grants, and student employment).

The USC Upstate Financial Aid Committee has approved the following policy. Students are considered to be making satisfactory academic progress if they :

1. Are admitted and enrolled as a degree seeking or teacher certification student.
2. Maintain a cumulative USC system GPA of 2.0.
3. Complete requirements for a degree or certificate within a reasonable length of time as specified below: The total number of hours attempted at any post-secondary institution does not exceed 180 hours.
4. Earn at least 67% of all total attempted hours (including hours from all USC campuses and all other previous colleges).

Certification Students

Students seeking a teacher certification with an undergraduate degree are required to appeal. The student must explain why a career change is required, be accepted by the school or division to which the student is applying, and have an anticipated graduation date determined by the faculty advisor. If the student's plan is deemed reasonable and all documentation is provided, an extension of eligibility will be granted for a maximum of four full-time equivalency semesters or anticipated graduation date.

Transfer Students

Transfer students receiving unqualified admission to the University will be considered to be making satisfactory academic progress for financial aid at the time of enrollment unless the total number of hours attempted at all post-secondary institutions exceeds the equivalent of 180 hours.

Transfer students gaining admission through the Admissions and Petitions Committee must attain a minimum 2.0 grade point ratio on the first twelve hours attempted to maintain further financial aid eligibility. Eligibility for financial assistance is limited to a total of the equivalent of 180 hours of enrollment at all post-secondary institutions attended.

Academic Suspension

Students serving suspensions will not be eligible for financial aid during periods of open enrollment. Students not making satisfactory academic progress are not eligible for financial aid.

Appeal Process

If a student's ability to meet these standards was affected by extenuating circumstances, he or she may appeal this determination. Information concerning the appeals process is available in the USC Upstate Financial Aid Office. Students not meeting these standards at the end of spring term may attend summer school to meet satisfactory academic progress requirements. Incomplete appeals will be returned upon receipt. The committee's decision is final and cannot be further challenged.

Grants

Federal Pell Grants are designed to be the foundation of financial aid. Their purpose is to ensure that all eligible students use these funds to continue their education after high school. The amount of a Federal Pell Grant award depends on a student's financial need, the cost of the student's education, and the amount of time the student is enrolled during the school year.

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG) are awarded to a very limited number of students with the greatest financial need. The grants are restricted due to the shortage of appropriated federal funds, with preference to Federal Pell Grant recipients.

TEACH Grant Program. Through the College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007, Congress created the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program that provides grants of up to \$4,000 per year to students who intend to teach in a public or private elementary or secondary school that serves students from low-income families. Students are required to sign an agreement to serve. Please go to the USC Upstate Web site for additional information. Funding for the TEACH Grant Program will end after the 2011-2012 academic year.

Loans

Campus-based Loans

Federal Perkins Loans permit students to borrow money from the federal government through the University based on need as calculated from the FAFSA. Repayment and interest begin nine months after graduation, leaving school, or dropping below half-time enrollment. The interest rate is five percent per year, and repayment may be extended over a period of 10 years.

Federal Direct Loan Program

Federal Subsidized Direct Loan Program is a need-based program that allows students to borrow for educational expenses. The federal government pays the interest on these loans as long as students are enrolled on at least a half-time basis. Loan eligibility is based on financial need, class standing, and anticipated graduation date. Freshman students may borrow up to \$5,500 annually (\$3,500 subsidized, \$2,000 unsubsidized). Students with sophomore class standing may borrow up to \$6,500 annually (\$4,500 subsidized, \$2,000 unsubsidized) and those classified as juniors and seniors may borrow up to \$7,500 annually (\$5,500 subsidized, \$2,000 unsubsidized).

Unsubsidized Federal Direct Loan Program is available for students who do not qualify, in whole or in part, for the Federal Subsidized Direct Loan. The terms for

this loan are the same as those described for the Federal Subsidized Direct Loan Program with the following exceptions.

- The annual loan limits for dependent, undergraduate students are the same as those for the Subsidized Direct Loan. The annual loan limits for independent, undergraduate students are as follows (subsidized and unsubsidized): \$9,500 for students who have not completed the first 30 hours of an undergraduate degree, \$10,500 for students with sophomore class standing, and those students classified as juniors and seniors may borrow up to \$12,500 annually.

Federal Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students (PLUS) allow parents to borrow up to the cost of education less other aid received each year without regard to income. A credit check is required of all parent borrowers. Repayment of principal and interest begins within 60 days after the final loan disbursement. The interest rate will be determined by the U.S. Secretary of Education according to the formula prescribed by Congress.

Alternate Sources of Assistance

American Opportunity (Hope) and Lifetime Learning Education Credits were created to assist families to offset tuition costs. Families who benefit are middle and lower middle-income families who do not receive enough gift aid to cover tuition payments. The American Opportunity tax credit is valued at \$2500 per eligible student and available only for the first 4 years of undergraduate study. The Lifetime Learning Credit is valued up to \$2000 per tax return and available for all years of postsecondary education, and for courses to acquire or improve job skills. To be eligible, a taxpayer must file a tax return and claim the student as an exemption. Additionally, married filers must file jointly. These credits phase out on modified adjusted gross income. Tax filers should consult their tax advisor for details.

The **Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997** provides other educationally related federal incentives including tax-free Educational IRAs, penalty-free withdrawing from IRAs and 401(k)s, and excludable contributions to prepaid tuition plans. Families are strongly advised to consult their tax advisor about these options.

State Financial Aid Programs

Legislative Incentives for Future Excellence (LIFE) Scholarships* is a renewable \$5,000 scholarship for residents of South Carolina who are enrolled full time and seeking a first baccalaureate degree. Students must meet state residency requirements upon initial college enrollment. There is no scholarship application for the

LIFE scholarship. The award is granted by the Office of Financial Aid based on data provided by the Office of Admissions and the Office of the Registrar. Students must meet two of the following three criteria to qualify:

- earn a 3.0 GPA on a uniform grading scale
- score a minimum of 1100 SAT or 24 ACT
- rank in the top 30 percent of their graduating class

To retain the scholarship, recipients must have completed:

- first year students complete at least 30 hours and earn a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA
- second year students complete at least 60 hours and earn a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA
- third year students complete at least 90 hours and earn a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA

NOTE: remedial work is not counted in the hours earned or the GPA.

Additionally, students must sign an affidavit certifying that they have not been adjudicated delinquent, convicted or pled guilty or nolo contendere to any felonies, or to any alcohol or drug-related offenses. Recipients must certify they are not default in any federal or stated educational loans and they do not owe an overpayment on any federal or state grants.

Certain majors may qualify up to \$7500. Go to the financial aid page of the USC Upstate Web site for more information.

For complete information, you may access the Commission on Higher Education at www.che.sc.gov.

S.C. Hope Scholarship* offers a nonrenewable \$2,800 scholarship for entering freshman that achieve academically, but are not eligible to received the LIFE Scholarship. Residency requirements and other restrictions are similar to the LIFE Scholarship, except eligibility is based solely on the grade point average. Entering freshmen must have:

- earned a 3.0 GPA on a uniform grading scale upon high school graduation.

Recipients who complete a minimum of 30 hours their freshman year and earn a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA may be eligible for the LIFE Scholarship the following year.

Palmetto Fellows and LIFE recipients are not eligible for the HOPE scholarship.

Palmetto Fellows Scholarship* offers up to \$6,700 in renewable scholarship assistance to outstanding freshman who are residents of South Carolina. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- earn a 3.5 GPA on a uniform grading scale
- score a minimum of 1200 SAT or 27 ACT
- rank in the top 6 percent of their junior class OR
- earn a 4.0 GPA on a uniform grading scale
- score a minimum of 1400 SAT or 32 ACT

Students should contact their high school guidance

counselor for application procedures. Recipients must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours each academic year and must earn a minimum 3.0 GPA for renewal of this award.

Recipients must certify that they have not been adjudicated delinquent, convicted or pled guilty or nolo contendere to any felonies, or to any alcohol or drug-related offenses.

NOTE: remedial work is not counted in the hours earned or the GPA.

Certain majors may qualify up to \$10,000. Go to the financial aid page of the USC Upstate website for more information.

For complete information, you may access the Commission on Higher Education at www.che.sc.gov.

South Carolina Income Tax Credit for College Tuition allows South Carolina residents to claim a refundable tax credit of up to \$850 per student. Students must complete 15 credit hours each semester and may not receive the LIFE, Palmetto Fellow or any other state scholarship. The credit is available to offset out-of-pocket tuition payments only. Instructions are included in the S.C. income tax return.

Future Scholar 529 College Savings Plan allows families to save for college through a state-sponsored plan created under Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code. These plans offer special tax benefits and have no income or age restrictions. Accounts can be used at almost any accredited school to pay for tuition, room, board, books and computers. For more information, call 1-888-244-5674 or visit www.futurescholar.com.

South Carolina Tuition Prepayment Program allows families to purchase an advance payment contract for tuition at a guaranteed level that can be used at public and accredited private colleges and universities. The program allows for federal tax deferral on contributions in accordance with IRS rulings. For more information, call 1-888-7SC-GRAD or visit www.scgrad.org.

S.C. State Need Based Grant* is designed for South Carolina residents who are enrolled full time seeking their first baccalaureate degree and have demonstrated financial need. Students must complete the FAFSA annually to apply. Priority is given to those students whose files are complete by the March 1 priority deadline. Students must certify that they have not been adjudicated delinquent, convicted or pled guilty or nolo contendere to any felonies or to any alcohol or drug-related offenses. Continuing students must complete a minimum of 24 credit hours per academic year, and earn a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA. Students may not receive the grant for more than eight semesters. For complete information, you may access the Commission on Higher Education at www.che.sc.gov.

S. C. Teacher Loan Program was established to provide loan assistance to qualified students in education. This may be cancelled at a rate of 20 percent or \$3,000 whichever is greater for each full year of teaching in either an eligible critical subject area or a critical geographic area in South Carolina. Teaching in both types of critical areas increases the cancellation benefit to 33 percent or \$5,000. Available only to South Carolina residents. Freshmen and sophomores may borrow \$5,000 per year. Students who qualify as "career changers" may borrow up to \$15,000 per year. Applicants should submit the S.C. Teachers Loan Application by April 1. Funds are limited with renewal applicants given priority. Additional information, including academic criteria and critical areas/critical subjects, is available from the S.C. Student Loan Corporation Web site at www.scstudentloan.org.

Teaching Fellows Program—In 1999, the S.C. General Assembly, recognizing the shortage of teachers in our state, funded the Teaching Fellows Program for South Carolina. The mission of the South Carolina Teaching Fellows Program is to recruit talented high school seniors into the teaching profession and to help them develop leadership qualities. Each year, the program provides Fellowships for up to 200 high school seniors who have exhibited high academic achievement, a history of service to the school and community, and a desire to teach South Carolina's children.

The scholarship provides up to \$5,700 for tuition and board and \$300 for summer enrichment programs (contingent on funding from the S.C. General Assembly) administered by the Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, and Advancement (CERRA). A Fellow agrees to teach in South Carolina one year for every year he/she received the Fellowship.

Applications are available from high school guidance counselors, teachers, and counselors, and may be downloaded from the CERRA website at www.cerra.org.

**Changes may occur for these programs. Access the Commission on Higher Education website at www.che.sc.gov for the latest information available. Awards are contingent upon fund availability to be appropriated by the South Carolina legislature.*

Work Opportunities

Job opportunities are available to USC Upstate students through a variety of programs: Federal Work-Study, Community Services Program, Job Location and Development Program, and the Student Assistant Program. The primary purpose of these programs is to provide a financial resource to students for educational expenses; however, these jobs may also provide valuable work experience. USC Upstate students work in a variety of jobs on and off campus. The pay scale is determined

by the specific job description and the skills or experience of the student being hired. Students employed on campus are generally limited to working no more than 20 hours each week during periods of regular enrollment. To view job opportunities, go to www.myspartanjob.com.

Other Aid

VETERANS' AND DEPENDENTS' BENEFITS. Educational benefits are available to qualified veterans and children of deceased and disabled veterans. Inquiries should be made to the veterans' affairs office in the student's home county seat and the USC Upstate Office of Records, Registration and Veterans Affairs.

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION. This award is to conserve the working usefulness of persons with impairments who have reasonable expectations of becoming employed. Students who might qualify for vocational rehabilitation assistance should contact the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation in their home county seats.

ATTENTION: All award notifications are sent electronically and may be viewed through VIP.

Out-of-State Fee Waivers

Students who are not residents of South Carolina and who receive USC Upstate Athletic or Foundation Scholarships, or USC Upstate Undergraduate Assistantships valued at \$250 or more each semester may qualify for a waiver for out-of-state fees. The following conditions must be met to qualify for the fee waiver.

The award must be made in writing to the student before the end of late registration for each semester and prior to the student paying his tuition.

Notification of the award must be forwarded to the financial aid office prior to the end of late registration for each semester. Scholarships or undergraduate assistantships that are awarded after the end of late registration for each semester will not result in a refund of out-of-state fees.

Undergraduate Assistantships

Undergraduate assistantships are designed to attract students in areas such as publications, music, drama, debate and selected leadership positions. Eligible students may receive financial assistance ranging from \$250 to the cost of tuition and books each semester based upon the activity, level of responsibility, and expected workload. Each recipient is required to sign a contract, which de-

scribes the position and its responsibilities. Assistantships are available for participation in the Gordon-Colloms Gospel Choir, University Singers, Shoestring Players (theater group), The Carolinian (newspaper), Debate Team, Writer's Inc. (literary magazine), USC Upstate Dance Team, Campus Activities Board and Student Government Association. Many of these assistantships require prior involvement in the activity or organizations. Please contact the Division of Student Affairs at 864-503-5106 for additional information.

Scholarships

USC Upstate strongly supports the recognition of students who possess the potential to return the benefits of a quality university education to our society. Scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated academic ability, career plans, educational goals and community service.

USC Upstate Scholars Program

The USC Upstate Scholars Program for new and continuing students assists academically talented individuals in their pursuit of higher education. The prestigious awards are given to students who have shown their potential through academic merit. USC Upstate and the Upstate region will benefit from the leadership and academic excellence these scholars bring to campus. Scholarships will be awarded to eligible students; however, the number of awards available will be determined by the University. Early application for admission to USC Upstate is encouraged for students to be considered for new student scholarships. Contact the Office of Admissions for more information.

CHANCELLOR SCHOLARSHIPS are awards of \$7,500 (for boarding students) and \$3,500 (for commuting students) given annually to entering freshmen who meet the following criteria: present a minimum SAT score of 1300 or ACT score of 29, rank in the top 10% of their high school class and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.75.

VALEDICTORIAN SCHOLARSHIPS are awards of \$7,500 (for boarding students) and \$3,500 (for commuting students) given annually to entering freshmen who are ranked first in their class at time of admission to the University or upon high school graduation. In addition, Valedictorian Scholars must present a minimum SAT score of 1000 or ACT score of 23.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS are \$2,500 scholarships that are awarded annually to entering freshmen who meet the following criteria: high school graduate, present a minimum SAT score of 1200 or ACT score of 27, rank in the top 20% of their high school class with a minimum GPA of 3.50.

METROPOLITAN SCHOLARSHIPS are \$1,500 scholarships that are awarded annually to entering freshmen who meet the following criteria: present a minimum SAT score of 1100 or ACT score of 24, rank in the top 30% of their high school class and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25.

TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIPS are \$2,000 scholarships that are awarded annually to entering transfer students (coming from two-year or technical colleges) who have earned 60 semester hours of transferable credit from a two-year or technical college OR an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree from an accredited college. Candidates must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.50. This scholarship is available to the recipient for two academic years (four semesters—fall and spring, not summer).

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS are annual awards through the National Merit Scholarship Program. The competition for these awards begins when the students take the PSAT/NMSQT in their junior year of high school. Students eligible to continue in the National Merit competition are contacted by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. At USC Upstate, Merit Scholarships are \$500 annually and are renewable for four years of undergraduate study if the student maintains at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA. Students receiving other general USC Upstate scholarships may also receive a Merit Scholarship; the total general USC Upstate scholarship package for such students, however, may not exceed the resident, on-campus, cost-of-attendance figure. To be eligible, students must be accepted by USC Upstate, be designated a National Merit finalist, and have listed USC Upstate as their first choice on the National Merit application.

RENEWAL POLICY: Chancellor, Valedictorian, Metropolitan and University scholarships are renewable for seven additional consecutive semesters providing the student maintains a cumulative USC Upstate GPA of 3.0 and earns a minimum 24 USC Upstate semester hours during the fall and spring semesters. Transfer scholarships are renewable for three additional consecutive semesters providing the student maintains a cumulative USC Upstate GPA of 3.0 and earns a minimum of 24 USC Upstate semester hours during the fall and spring semesters.

USC Upstate Foundation Scholarships

Every year the USC Upstate Foundation scholarship application is available on the USC Upstate Financial Aid website from November 1-February 1 at <http://www.uscupstate.edu/foundationsscholarships>. Students are selected for the individual scholarships by meeting the specific criteria established by the donor of the fund with final selection being made by the designated discipline. Students will be notified of awards on or before July 1 for the following academic year by the office of Financial Aid.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES:

CONTEC CHEMISTRY SCHOLARSHIP will be awarded to a student who is a declared Chemistry major with a minimum GPA of 3.2. The student must have completed organic (through CHM 332L) and quantitative analysis by the disbursement date of the scholarship. This scholarship will be funded in Fall 2013 with a \$1000 annual award.

CURTIS R. HARLEY ART GALLERY SCHOLARSHIP provides support to a full-time art major, currently enrolled in art courses, graduate of a public Spartanburg County secondary school, and has at least 30 credit hours with a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA. This scholarship awards \$1000 per year.

FEATHERSTON FAMILY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP was established to provide financial assistance to a part-time or full-time student. The award is given to a student, who most closely meets the criteria of an arts and science major that is not eligible for any state merit based scholarship.

JOHN EDMUNDS SCHOLARSHIP honors Dr. John B. Edmunds, Jr. This annual award will be given to a student junior or higher standing, minimum 3.5 GPA, resident of the Upstate of South Carolina, declared major in Social and Behavioral Sciences, and plans to pursue graduate studies in a SSPH discipline (includes law and medicine). A 1,500 word essay is required.

JOSEPH L. BALINTFY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP IN MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE is awarded to a full-time student with junior standing. The student must be a declared major in an academic program specifically housed in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science. The student must have at least a 3.0 GPA on coursework completed at USC Upstate. The donor requests that preference be given to an immigrant or first generation United States citizen. The applicant must submit a personal statement regarding this qualification. The scholarship recipient may receive the scholarship in both the junior and senior years of study if the 3.0 GPA is maintained in the mathematics or computer science major. This scholarship was established in memory of Lilly Lancaster Kohler's husband, Joseph L. Balintfy, a Hungarian immigrant.

MATHEMATICS SCHOLARSHIP FUND is awarded to an incoming freshman interested in pursuing a degree in mathematics. Recipient must have at least a 3.5 cumulative high school grade point average and SAT score of at least 1100. The scholarship is awarded to full-time students and may be renewable for up to seven semesters provided the student continues to major in mathematics, maintains a cumulative overall GPA of 3.0, and a cumulative GPA of 3.0 in mathematics courses.

NANCY P. MOORE SCHOLARSHIP was established to honor Dr. Nancy Moore for her commitment and teaching at USC Upstate and her service in the upstate community. Recipient must be a full-time English major who has sophomore or upper class standing with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5. Recipients must also be involved in some type of volunteer work. This scholarship awards \$500 per year.

NATURAL SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP is awarded to a full-time student at USC Upstate engaged in a program of study in Biology, Chemistry or toward completion requirements for Pre-engineering, Engineering Technology Management or Pre-Pharmacy. The recipient must have completed 60 credit hours (30 of which must have been earned at USC Upstate) by the end of the semester of application, have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0, with involvement in campus and/or community activities. The \$1000 scholarship is awarded once a year at the end of the spring semester to be used in any semester desired by the student. Recipients may not receive the NSE scholarship more than two times. Students must submit a separate application with the NSE office.

POLITICAL SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP is awarded during the spring semester to a student who is a full-time junior political science major with an overall cumulative GPA of 3.25. Candidate must show potential for graduate work in a political science-related field. This scholarship awards \$200 per spring semester.

WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION OF SC (WEASC) "LEGACY OF LEARNING" SCHOLARSHIP was established to encourage students pursuing a career in an environmental field. The recipient should be pursuing a Bachelor Degree related to the environment; for example, Science, Biological, Mechanical, Electrical or Engineering Technology. The recipient must also be a SC resident, have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, and can be a full-time or part-time student. This scholarship awards \$1500.

GEORGE DEAN JOHNSON, JR. COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS:

ARTHUR T. MEILINGER ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP is awarded to a full-time business major, working at least 25 hours a week, a rising senior with over 90 credit hours, USC Upstate minimum 3.0 GPA, and a resident of South Carolina. This scholarship awards \$750 per year.

BUDWEISER OF THE CAROLINAS SCHOLARSHIP is awarded to a South Carolina resident admitted into the upper division of the business-marketing program. It may be renewable provided a cumulative USC Upstate 2.25 GPA is maintained. The scholarship awards \$1000 per year.

CLARY/DRUCKER ACCOUNTING SCHOLARSHIP established in honor of Diana Clary and Meyer Drucker, retired faculty members, for having made a positive impact in the USC Upstate accounting program and the Upstate community. The award is intended to assist a current student who is an accounting major, a rising senior, has a USC Upstate cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, and is a South Carolina resident. This scholarship awards \$600 per year.

CLINTON RICHARD SMITH SCHOLARSHIP is awarded to a full-time Johnson College of Business student who has financial need. Preference is given to a married student whose parents are engaged in a local small business or industry. This scholarship awards \$1000 per year.

CRAIG PRESSLEY GIEGERICH '02 MEMORIAL ACCOUNTING SCHOLARSHIP provides financial assistance to a full-time student that wants to pursue a career in the accounting field. Recipient must be a business major with emphasis in accounting, have completed 90 credit hours with a cumulative 3.2 GPA, expressed financial need, and be a S.C. resident.

DONALD W. YATES SCHOLARSHIP is awarded to a part-time or full-time business major, with an emphasis on marketing. The student must also have financial need (as defined by the U.S. Department of Education) and be a non-traditional student, rising senior with more than 90 hours of credit and a cumulative 3.0 GPA or higher. This scholarship awards \$1000 per year.

EXTENDED STAY HOTELS ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP provides financial assistance to an incoming freshman majoring in Business. Need based will be considered first and merit based second. This scholarship awards \$1000 per year.

JERRY BENNETT SCHOLARSHIP is awarded to a transfer student from the state's technical college system, with preference given to students from Spartanburg Community College and Greenville Technical College, to help pursue a

major in accounting at USC Upstate. Recipient must be a full-time student, business major with financial need as defined by the Department of Education (must complete FAFSA).

JOHN S. POOLE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP will provide financial assistance to a full-time student. The scholarship will be awarded to a full-time student who closely meets the criteria of: earned 60 or more hours with a Junior status, cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, declared Business Major, history or civic involvement, student athletes are given first consideration. Amount of the award will be based on available funds as determined by the USC Upstate Foundation or its designee.

RICK O'BRIEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP is awarded to a full-time junior or senior business administration major with a concentration in accounting. The recipient must have a cumulative 3.0 GPA and be employed a minimum of 10 hours per week. Preference is given to a student involved in community volunteer work. This scholarship awards \$400 per year.

TD BANK SCHOLARSHIP is given to a Johnson College of Business student who meets the following criteria: full-time student; earned a minimum of 60 hours and has a 3.0 GPA; completed FAFSA form; and active in the Upstate community. This scholarship awards \$1000 per year.

TED EILENBERG SCHOLARSHIP is awarded to a student enrolled in a degree program in the Johnson College of Business and Economics. The recipient must be a junior or senior, have financial need, and a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5.

WELLS FARGO BANK SCHOLARSHIP is awarded to a senior business major from South Carolina. In the event of a tie, the selection shall be based on demonstrated need, leadership and community service. This scholarship awards \$1000 per year.

WESLEY K. WILBER SCHOLARSHIP is an endowment created to assist male, non-traditional students majoring in business, with financial need, and not eligible for state merit based scholarships. The student must complete the FAFSA, and can be enrolled full or part-time.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION:

FIDELIS ALPHA CHAPTER OF ALPHA DELTA KAPPA provides financial assistance to a full-time education major that does not qualify for any state merit based scholarships. Student must also demonstrate financial need (as defined by U.S. Department of Education), be a rising senior with 90 or more credit hours, and be a South Carolina resident with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

SONJA K. RUPPE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP is given to a new freshman education major from Gaffney High School. This scholarship awards \$500 per year.

MARY BLACK SCHOOL OF NURSING:

3M NURSING SCHOLARSHIP is given to a student in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree Program with a 3.0 GPA or higher. The recipient will be invited to visit the 3M Greenville site. This scholarship awards \$1000 per year.

AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTER OF SPARTANBURG NURSING SCHOLARSHIP provides financial assistance to (4) full-time students that want to pursue a career in Nursing. A student must be a declared major of the Mary Black School of Nursing; earned a minimum of 90 credit hours with a 3.5 GPA, active in the community and plans to build their career in Spartanburg. Preference is given to a male nurse for one of the awards. This scholarship awards \$2500 per year per student.

CAREER CENTER NURSING SCHOLARSHIP provides financial support to an Upper division Nursing student.

CATHERINE ERVIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP was established by the family and friends of Cathy Ervin Overstreet, a graduate of USC Upstate. The proceeds from the endowment will be awarded to a student in the Mary Black School of Nursing, with preference given to a graduate of Broome High School in Spartanburg County School District Three and/or a student receiving limited funding from other grants and scholarships.

DENISE TONE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP was established by the friends and family of Denise Tone. The proceeds from the endowment will be awarded by the scholarship committee of the Mary Black School of Nursing to students enrolled

in a nursing program in recognition of academic excellence.

FRANCES SMITH NURSING SCHOLARSHIP provides support to a full-time nursing student who has financial need. Preference is given to a non-traditional student. This scholarship awards \$1000 per year.

HELEN P. BIEHL SCHOLARSHIP was established in honor of Ms. Biehl and her years of service as Dean of the Mary Black School of Nursing. This scholarship provides financial support to two students enrolled in the upper division of the Nursing School. The students must have financial need, cumulative GPA of 3.0, preference given to a first generation college student, demonstrated leadership in the University, and be accepted into the Nursing school. These funds award two \$2000 annual scholarship.

HOSPICE OF SOUTH CAROLINA NURSING SCHOLARSHIP provides financial assistance to a full-time student with a ADN degree, accepted into the Mary Black School of Nursing, 3.0 GPA or higher, Spartanburg County resident with financial need (as determined by the Department of Education – completion of the FAFSA). This scholarship awards \$1000 per year.

JACKIE SHERIFF FLOYD NURSING SCHOLARSHIP provides support for a full time student who meets the following criteria: a minimum 3.0 GPA or higher, a rising senior (over 90 credit hours) majoring in nursing and a resident of Upstate South Carolina.

LOIS W. MARRIOTT SCHOLARSHIP provides support for a student enrolled in the Upper Division of the Nursing School. The student must have financial need, cumulative GPA of 3.0, accepted into the Nursing program, resident of North Carolina, and record of service to the University and community. These funds award two \$1000 annual scholarships.

MARJORIE BOURKE MEMORIAL NURSING SCHOLARSHIP assist a full-time student enrolled in the Mary Black School of Nursing, carrying 12 or more hours per semester with a USC Upstate minimum 2.5 GPA and completed the FAFSA.

MARY BLACK HEALTH SYSTEM-FALLEN ANGELS SCHOLARSHIP was developed by the Nursing Leadership Group at Mary Black Memorial Hospital in memory of two of their beloved nurses, Lori Clark, RN and Greg Lynch, RN '90, that passed away in 2009. This scholarship is a small way for them to be remembered for their passion for nursing. This annual scholarship is awarded to a nursing student with a 3.0 GPA or higher, and must be an employee of Mary Black Health System or a child or grandchild of a Mary Black Health System employee. This scholarship awards \$500 per year.

MARY BLACK SCHOOL OF NURSING SCHOLARSHIP will award \$750 to a full-time Senior nursing student who has financial need, has a record of service to the University and community, and a cumulative 3.0 GPA.

PAUL FOERSTER EXCELLENCE IN NURSING AWARD is awarded to a full-time senior nursing student enrolled in the BSN program who has financial need, has a record of service to the University and the community, and who has at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA. The award is given in honor of Paul F. Foerster's volunteer service to improve the health and wellness of the people and communities of Spartanburg County. This scholarship awards \$300 per year.

PIEDMONT DISTRICT NURSES ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP provides a \$500 scholarship for a nursing major enrolled in at least six credit hours. Recipients must be a South Carolina resident with at least a 3.0 high school or college cumulative GPA.

SPARTANBURG COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY NURSING SCHOLARSHIP is awarded to a full-time declared Nursing student in the Mary Black School of Nursing, a Spartanburg County resident, minimum 3.0 GPA, who has completed 90 credit hours and has financial need as defined by the (Department of Education) completion of the FAFSA. This scholarship awards \$2500 per year.

GENERAL:

BANNON SCHOLARSHIP is sponsored by the Bannon Foundation. The recipient must have genuine financial need, be a resident of South Carolina (residents living near Greenville or Spartanburg will be given preference), be of sound moral character, and be active in volunteer work. The recipient should be a student who qualified for but did not receive one of the USC Upstate Scholars Program award.

BERNARD F. ODASZ SCHOLARSHIP is awarded to a full-time student over 25 years of age, must maintain a 2.0 GPA in an acceptable course of study at USC Upstate and take a minimum of 30 hours of credit annually. This scholarship is to award \$1,000 per year, and was established in honor of Mr. Odasz' commitment to higher education.

BILLIE WEISS-MCABEE SCHOLARSHIP was established to assist a full-time, non-traditional student. The recipient must complete the FAFSA form, carry 12 or more hours per semester and not be eligible for any state scholarships.

COLLEGE POINTE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND provides an annual scholarship for an incoming or returning student who is a resident in good standing at College Pointe Apartments. The student must also be full time and demonstrate financial need.

DIANA AND MICHAEL IRVIN SCHOLARSHIP is awarded to a full time student who closely meets the criteria of: earned a minimum of 30 USC Upstate hours, minimum 3.0 GPA, financial need (as defined by the Department of Education – complete FAFSA) and not eligible for state scholarships.

D. L. SCURRY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS: Several \$500 scholarships awarded to South Carolina residents who demonstrate academic ability, have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0, and have financial need.

EARL GORDON SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENTS are awards of varying amounts to sophomores and juniors who have a 2.0 cumulative GPA, service or involvement in school or community, and financial need.

EB AND MAGGIE BARNES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP provides an annual award in memory of Dr. James "Eb" Barnes and his wife, Maggie Barnes to a USC Upstate student completing a degree at the University Center of Greenville. The award is given to a student who most closely meets the criteria of a non-traditional student, enrolled in a degree-completion program at UCG at least half-time, with established financial need. The award is given at an annual reception in honor of the recipient and the family of Eb and Maggie Barnes.

GAMMA BETA PHI SCHOLARSHIP is an award of \$500 to a full-time student 23 years of age or older with a 3.5 cumulative GPA in at least 12 hours at USC Upstate.

HORACE C. SMITH SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWED FUND awards \$1500 annually to three students who qualify as Metropolitan Scholars within the USC Upstate Scholars Program. The student must have a ranked top 10% of their high school class and have a minimum 1100 SAT score or 24 ACT score. A 3.25 GPA and South Carolina resident is also required.

JAMES B. GREER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP is an award to a senior 23 year of age or older whose past education was interrupted by full-time employment, military service, or family responsibilities for a minimum of two years. Criteria include a 2.0 cumulative GPA and contributions to USC Upstate through service to student government, publications or the student affairs office.

MALIKA AND LEON WILES FAMILY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP awards up to \$750 to an incoming freshman with a 2.75 GPA or above; preference is given to a person active in their church or community and a resident of SC, Ohio or Oklahoma; must have demonstrated financial need according to FAFSA.

N. A. STIRZAKER SCHOLARSHIP is an award for a full-time USC Upstate junior with high academic standing. The award is renewable for the recipient's senior year if a cumulative 3.0 GPA or higher. Dr. Norbert A. Stirzaker was the first director of USC Upstate, and this scholarship was created by his colleagues and friends in tribute to his many years of service to the University.

P.E.O. SISTERHOOD AE CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP provides financial assistance to a female student. This scholarship was developed by the women of the AE Chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood. This scholarship will award \$500 annually, as funds are available.

SIMOTON SCHOLARSHIP provides \$250 a year financial assistance to the president of the Black Student Leaders at USC Upstate. The recipient will also serve as an active member of the Executive Board of the East Spartanburg Branch of the NAACP.

SPARTANBURG COUNTY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP provides a four-year scholarship of \$1,000 each academic year to a new freshman. The recipient must reflect academic promise, financial need, be a resident of Spartanburg County and be a graduate of a Spartanburg County secondary school.

SPARTANBURG ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP is a \$1,000 annual award to a full-time Spartanburg County resident who is from a non-Rotarian family, has financial need, and has proven scholastic aptitude.

SYDNEY ELIZABETH MCMAKIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP was created to memorialize her life and acknowledge the positive impact she made in the lives of her peers. This award will recognize a senior at James F. Byrnes High School who plans to attend the University of South Carolina Upstate. The scholarship will award \$1000 per year.

USC UPSTATE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP was established by the Alumni Association and is given to the child of a USC Upstate Alumnus. The recipient must be a rising senior, South Carolina resident, and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0. This scholarship awards \$1000 to two students annually.

ATHLETICS:

CHICK-FIL-A BASKETBALL SCHOLARSHIP awards to a male student basketball player with a 2.75 GPA or higher. The student must be determined as having need (does not require completion of FAFSA) and preference is given to either a partial or non-athletic scholarship recipient. The USC Upstate men's basketball coach will assist with the selection process. This scholarship awards \$500 annually.

CONNIE AND ED WILDE ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP is given to provide a \$500 annual award to a player on the USC Upstate Men's Soccer team. The recipient must be a returning member of the men's Varsity Soccer Team, have demonstrated good character and achieved academically. Preference is given to a player who has been involved in community service.

ED WILDE WOMEN'S SOCCER SCHOLARSHIP goes to fund a \$500 annual award to a player on the USC Upstate Women's Soccer team. The recipient must be a returning member of the Women's Varsity Team, should have demonstrated good character and achieved academically. Preference is given to a player who has been involved in community service.

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIPS are awards of varying amounts made to freshmen from the several judicial circuits in South Carolina and from metropolitan areas outside the state. The awards are based on academic ability and are renewable. Note: There is a specific application for this scholarship, and it must be sent to USC Alumni Association in Columbia, SC.

The **USC FACULTY/STAFF DEPENDENTS' SCHOLARSHIP** is open for application to any dependent child or spouse of a full-time University of South Carolina system employee. There is competition for this scholarship, and only a limited number of scholarships are awarded each year. To be eligible for consideration, the applicant must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a full-time undergraduate or graduate student on one of the University's eight campuses and have attained a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA. Freshman eligibility is determined by high school class rank and SAT or ACT scores. The scholarship is renewable for up to four years for those students pursuing a baccalaureate degree provided the recipient maintains a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA. In some cases, graduate students may receive the scholarship until receipt of their graduate degrees. Note: There is a specific application for this scholarship that must be sent to USC Columbia.

Many scholarships and stipends may be combined with other sources of financial assistance for which a student is eligible. However, a student may not receive more than one full-tuition University scholarship. Students wishing to be considered for scholarships must be unconditionally accepted for admission prior to deadlines. USC Upstate students who are awarded scholarships or stipends are required to be in good academic standing. These students must also be free of any current discipline code violation and may not be on disciplinary probation.

(Scholarship information is accurate at the time of publication. Availability of funds and other factors may change. For further information about scholarships and other financial aid, please contact the Financial Aid Office.)