

2026-2027 STATE CERTIFICATION FORM

(State Affidavit)

**Palmetto Fellows Scholarship
LIFE Scholarship
HOPE Scholarship
South Carolina Tuition Grant (SCTG)**

If you receive one or more of the above awards, you are required to complete, sign, and return this form to:

Southern Wesleyan University
ATTN: FINANCIAL AID OFFICE
PO Box 1020 | Central, SC 29630
Phone: 864-644-5500

Your name (please print): _____ SWU ID# _____

I 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 2026** semester. If my status changes after signing this affidavit and before the first day of classes for the **fall 2026** 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 **2026-2027** state grant/scholarship.

I affirm that I am a legal resident of South Carolina as defined in the State Statute for Tuition and Fees (59-112-10).

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.

I have submitted (or will submit) transcripts from all previous and current institutions attended.

I understand that non-degree credit hours will not be counted toward the LIFE GPA or the credit-hour requirement.

I also provide authorization to have my summer scholarship information made available to institutions for the determination of continued eligibility.

I certify that **I DO** meet the above requirements for State scholarships and grants.

Signature

Date

XXX-XX-_____
Student's Social Security Number (last 4 digits)

**** If you are unable to certify and sign that you meet the aforementioned requirements, please contact the financial aid office. ****

Important: The renewal requirements for all South Carolina aid programs are listed on the reverse side of this form.

Palmetto Fellows Scholarship - up to \$10,000

Initial Eligibility:

Incoming freshmen must have a minimum **3.5 GPA on a 4.0 UGS**, **SAT minimum score of 1200 (critical reading and math)** or a **minimum equivalent ACT composite score of 25**, and **be in the top 6% of their class**. Recommendations for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarships are made to the Commission on Higher Education by high school Guidance Counselors.

Renewal Eligibility:

Students receiving the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship must maintain a **minimum institutional grade point average of 3.0** and earn a **minimum of 30 credit hours** per academic year (fall, spring and summer).

LIFE Scholarship - up to \$7500

Initial Eligibility:

Incoming freshmen must meet two (2) out of the following three (3) criteria: **3.0 GPA on a 4.0 UGS and/or SAT minimum score of 1100 (critical reading and math)** or a **minimum equivalent ACT composite score of 24 and/or top 30% of graduating class**.

Renewal Eligibility:

Students receiving LIFE must earn a **minimum LIFE cumulative grade point average of 3.0** and must successfully **complete an average of 30 credit hours** per academic year (fall, spring and summer). If LIFE eligibility is lost, it may be regained by meeting eligibility requirements in the **next** award year. The "LIFE GPA" is based upon the grades earned at **all** eligible higher education institutions.

HOPE Scholarship - up to \$2800

Initial Eligibility:

Incoming freshmen that do not meet criteria for the Palmetto Fellow or LIFE Scholarships may be eligible for the HOPE Scholarship if the student has graduated from high school with a **minimum 3.0 GPA**. The HOPE Scholarship is **non-renewable**. A student may qualify for the LIFE Scholarship his/her sophomore year by meeting LIFE renewal requirements (see above).

All Palmetto Fellows, LIFE, and HOPE recipients must be a South Carolina resident and have graduated from a SC high school.

South Carolina Tuition Grant - up to \$5000

Initial Eligibility:

To be considered, students **must complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by August 1st** and be a SC resident. Eligible students must have a **2.7 GPA on a 4.0 UGS**, or a **minimum SAT score of 900 (critical reading and math)**, or a **minimum equivalent ACT composite score of 19**, or **must be in the top 75% of their high school graduating class**.

Renewal Eligibility:

Students must complete the **FAFSA by August 1st**, **each year** and be a SC resident. Must meet federal satisfactory academic progress standards.