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MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Layton R. McCurdy, Chairman, and Members, Commission on Higher Education

From: Dr. Vermelle J. Johnson, Chairman, and Members, Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

2004-05 SC Teaching Scholarship Grants

During the 2001 legislative session, the General Assembly approved the South Carolina Education Lottery Act. One provision of this act provides that teachers who hold a professional or an initial certificate and teach in the public schools of the State will be awarded grants not to exceed $1000 per year to attend the State's public and independent colleges and universities for the purposes of upgrading existing core content area skills or obtaining a Master's Degree in the teacher's core content area (see *Guidelines*). The act further stipulates that if there are insufficient funds in the Education Lottery Account to provide the grant to each eligible recipient for a particular year, priority must be given to those classroom teachers (i.e., not administrators, counselors, media specialists, or other support personnel) whose teaching areas are critical need subject areas as defined by the State Board of Education.

In order to be eligible to apply for a SC Teaching Scholarship Grant, an applicant must meet the following requirements:

- ✓ Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident who meets the definition of an eligible non-citizen under the State Residency Statute

- ✓ Be a South Carolina resident

- ✓ Hold a professional or an initial teaching certificate as defined and conferred by the State Department of Education

✓ Be under contract as a teacher in a SC public school

Also, applicants must meet one of the two following criteria:

✓ Be accepted as a degree-seeking graduate student in the teaching field (core content teaching area, early childhood, elementary, middle level, secondary, or special education at the Master's level or higher) and be enrolled in good standing at an eligible S.C. based institution, with appropriate documentation provided; OR

✓ Be enrolled for graduate or undergraduate courses in current teaching field (fields are described above) or in a teaching field in which add-on certification is being sought with appropriate documentation provided at an eligible S.C.-based institution

The application for the Teaching Scholarship Grant is an electronic application. Agate Software in Michigan developed and maintains the website for the electronic application. Applicants are required to apply electronically and mail in supporting documents such as an "official transcript," a Principal's Letter of Endorsement, a Statement of Commitment, and a copy of their teaching certificate.

The Grant is opened twice a year. The application opens in November for those applicants who took courses during Summer II 2004 and/or Fall 2004. It also opens in May for those applicants who took courses during Spring 2005, and/or Summer I 2005. The teachers are required to pay for the courses and CHE reimburses those eligible applicants once official transcripts are received from the respective institutions.

For the 2004-05 fiscal year, $815,000 was disbursed to award $1000 to each of the 815 eligible Teaching Grant recipients. The following pages provide detailed reports to include: recipients by race; recipients by gender; recipients by graduate level; number of Teaching Grants awarded per institution; recipients by county of origin; recipients by school district; content areas; and recipients by public school. These reports may also be found at the Commission's website at www.che.sc.gov.

This report is presented for information only.

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2004-05 Teaching Grant Recipients by Ethnic Group

African American	96	11.78%
American Indian & Alaskan	2	0.25%
Asian	2	0.25%.
Caucasian	663	81.35%
Hispanic	3	0.36%
Other	6	0.73%
Unknown	43	5.28%
TOTAL	815	100%

2004-05 Teaching Grant Recipients by Gender

Men	92	11.29%
Women	723	88.71%
Unknown	0	0
TOTAL	815	100%

2004-05 Teaching Grant Recipients by Graduate Level

Doctoral	6	0.73%
Masters	243	29.81%
First Masters	410	50.31%
Graduate Certificate	4	0.49%
Taking Courses Only	152	18.65%
Not Reported	0	0
TOTAL	815	100%

Awards By Institutions	
Institution	Total
Charleston Southern University	19
Clemson University	54
Coastal Carolina University	28
College of Charleston	36
Columbia College	136
Converse College	80
Erskine College	14
Francis Marion University	88
Furman University	50
Lander University	38
Limestone College	2
North Greenville	1
SC State University	13
Southern Wesleyan University	9
The Citadel	21
University of South Carolina-Aiken	18
University of South Carolina-Beaufort	2
University of South Carolina-Columbia	65
University of South Carolina-Upstate	11
Winthrop University	40
Grand Total	**815**

County	Total
Abbeville	9
Aiken	45
Anderson	68
Barnwell	2
Beaufort	1
Berkeley	38
Charleston	84
Cherokee	12
Chester	9
Chesterfield	26
Clarendon	2
Colleton	2
Darlington	4
Dillon	5
Dorchester	2
Edgefield	3
Fairfield	
Florence	4
Georgetown	2
Greenville	76
Greenwood	2
Hampton	3
Horry	10
Jasper	1
Kershaw	2
Lancaster	1
Laurens	9
Lee	11
Lexington	7
Marion	12
Marlboro	1
McCormick	1
Newberry	1
Oconee	21
Orangeburg	7
Pickens	17
Richland	41
Saluda	2
Spartanburg	56
Sumter	6
Union	9
Williamsburg	4
York	34
Grand Total	815

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School District	Total
Abbeville	9
Aiken	45
Anderson 1	33
Anderson 2	5
Anderson 3	1
Anderson 4	
Anderson 5	21
Barnwell 45	
Beaufort	10
Berkeley	3
Charleston	34
Cherokee	
Chester	9
Chesterfield	2
Clarendon 2	4
Clarendon 3	
Colleton	2
Darlington	
Dillon 2	3
Dillon 3	
Dorchester 2	21
Dorchester 4	
Edgefield	3
Fairfield	
Florence 1	2
Florence 3	
Georgetown	26
Greenville	
Greenwood 50	22
Greenwood 51	2
Hampton 1	3
Horry	16
Jasper	1
Kershaw	3
Lancaster	10
Laurens 55	6
Laurens 56	3
Lee	11
Lexington 1	31
Lexington 2	16
Lexington 3	2
Lexington 4	10
Lexington 5	14
Marion 2	2

Marion 7	10
Marlboro	1
McCormick	1
Newberry	14
Oconee	21
Orangeburg 3	2
Orangeburg 5	4
Pickens	17
Richland 1	19
Richland 2	2
Saluda	2
Spartanburg 1	10
Spartanburg 2	15
Spartanburg 3	1
Spartanburg 4	3
Spartanburg 5	10
Spartanburg 6	14
Spartanburg 7	3
Sumter 17	6
Union	9
Williamsburg	4
York 1	1
York 2	5
York 3	16
York 4	2
Grand Total	815

Content Area	Total
Advanced Fine Arts	2
Agriculture	1
Art	5
Biology	2
Business Education	6
Chemistry	2
Deaf and Hearing Disabled	1
Divergent Learning	140
Driver Training	20
Early Childhood	49
Elementary	202
English	24
English as a Second Language	7
Environmental Science and Natural Resource	1
Family and Consumer Sciences (Home Economics)	2
French	3
Gifted and Talented	18
History	4
Instructional Accommodations	26
Mathematics	40
Middle Level Language Arts	10
Middle Level Mathematics	6
Middle Level Science	12
Middle Level Social Studies	9
Music	3
Music Education Choral	1
Music Education Instrumental	2
Physical Education	5
Physics	2
Psychology	3
Reading Clinician	18
Reading Teacher	45
Science	31
Social Studies	12
Special Emotionally Handicapped	8
Special Education Generic	32
Special Education Learning Disabilities	53
Special Education TMH	5
Special Education Visually Handicapped	4
Spanish	4
Grand Total	815