



There is no application required for the LIFE Scholarship. Eligible institution will notify students if they qualify.

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The South Carolina General Assembly established the Legislative Incentives for Future Excellence (LIFE) Program in 1998 to increase access to higher education and encourage students to graduate from college on time. Eligible students may receive the following awards:

- Up to \$5,000 (including a \$300 book allowance) each academic year toward the cost of attendance at an eligible four-year institution in South Carolina.
- Up to the cost of tuition plus a \$300 book allowance each academic year toward the cost of attendance at an eligible two-year public or technical institution in South Carolina.
- Up to the cost of tuition plus a \$300 book allowance each academic year at the two-year USC regional campuses.

At the two-year USC regional campuses, students may receive up to the maximum average of the cost of tuition at the following three criteria:

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Choose your annual salary\*\*

High School dropout	\$19,000
High School graduate	\$26,200
Associate/Technical degree	\$33,400
Bachelor's degree	\$42,200
Master's degree	\$52,300

\*\*Source: US Department of Commerce

That's right! Dreams of having a car, job, clothes, and lifestyle after high school can come true - if you make the most of your education.

Increasing jobs require people who have good skills. Especially in English, math, science, and technology. And these jobs often pay the highest salaries.

Taking rigorous courses within the career cluster that you choose for your own Personal Pathway to Success, plus having a positive attitude and willingness to work toward your goal, will best prepare you for college, the military, or other technical or post-high school education, whatever direction you want to take. It will also help make a huge difference in how much you make on the job.

Wouldn't you like to be in a job that is interesting, enjoyable, and pays well? What you can will depend on what you learn. It's your choice!

The next four years are the best chance you will have to determine your future. And starting today is the best time to plan your high school years - and your whole life.

Do I have to think about this now?

This is the best time, as you prepare for high school. Start making good choices now and you will be able to make the best use of all four years of high school.

What if my grades aren't great?

No matter what your school grades have been so far, high school gives you a brand new opportunity to be a better student and enjoy greater success in life!

What courses should I take?

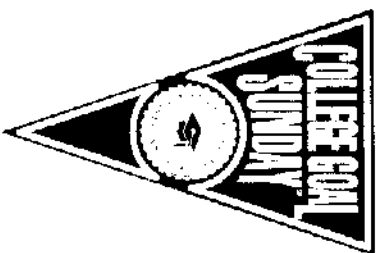
Being prepared for college means taking a recommended path of courses in the areas of English, math, science, social studies, foreign language, and electives. These courses will better prepare you for admission to college and a satisfying career.

COURSES		Credits		Credits	
English / Language Arts	4	4	4	4	4
Mathematics	3	3	3	3	3
Science	3	3	3	3	3
Foreign Languages	2	2	2	2	2
U.S. History and Constitution	1	1	1	1	1
Economics	1	1	1	1	1
U.S. Government	1	1	1	1	1
Other Social Studies	1	1	1	1	1
Physical Education or ROTC	1	1	1	1	1
Computer Science	1	1	1	1	1
Fine Arts	1	1	1	1	1
Electives	24	24	24	24	24
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>

Course and credit requirements for admission to college are based on the following guidelines: 1. A minimum of 40 credits is required for admission to college. 2. A minimum of 30 credits is required for admission to college. 3. A minimum of 20 credits is required for admission to college. 4. A minimum of 10 credits is required for admission to college. 5. A minimum of 5 credits is required for admission to college. 6. A minimum of 2 credits is required for admission to college. 7. A minimum of 1 credit is required for admission to college. 8. A minimum of 0.5 credits is required for admission to college. 9. A minimum of 0.25 credits is required for admission to college. 10. A minimum of 0.125 credits is required for admission to college. 11. A minimum of 0.0625 credits is required for admission to college. 12. A minimum of 0.03125 credits is required for admission to college. 13. A minimum of 0.015625 credits is required for admission to college. 14. 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Wouldn't you like to be in a  
job that is interesting, that you  
enjoy, and that pays well?  
What you earn will depend  
on what you learn.



College Goal Sunday (CGS) is a day-long event to help students and families complete the application for financial aid for education beyond high school. At this event students and families will receive assistance in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and will learn about financial aid opportunities. CGS will be held throughout the State. Please contact your guidance counselor or the Commission on Higher Education for more information. [www.collegegoalsundayusa.org](http://www.collegegoalsundayusa.org).

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