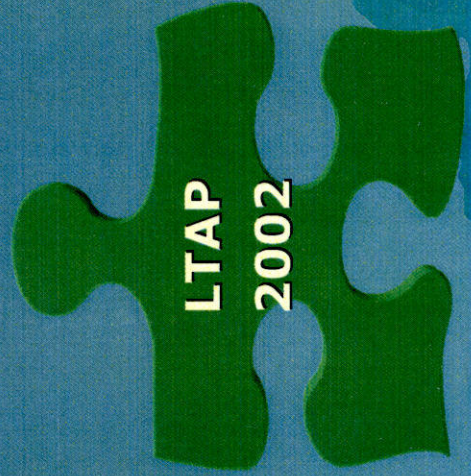
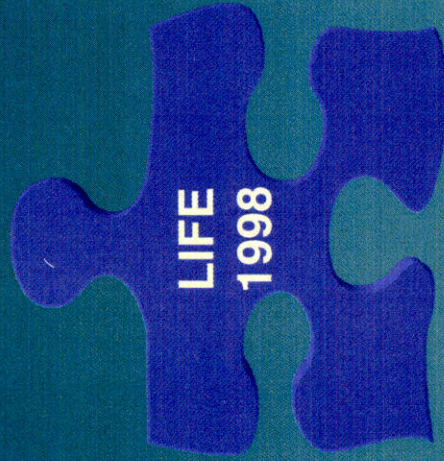


# South Carolina Commission on Higher Education

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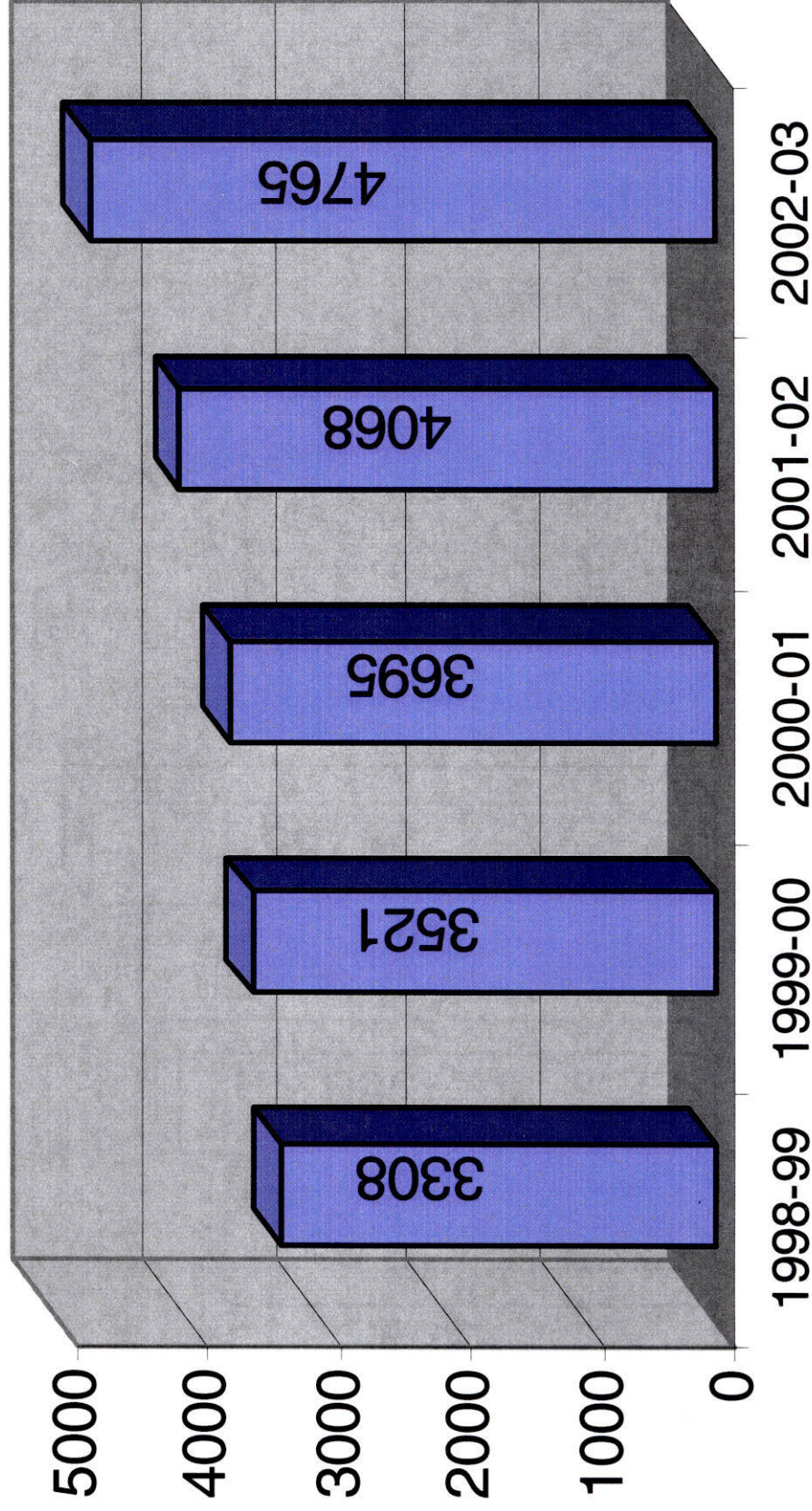
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# Summary of Programs

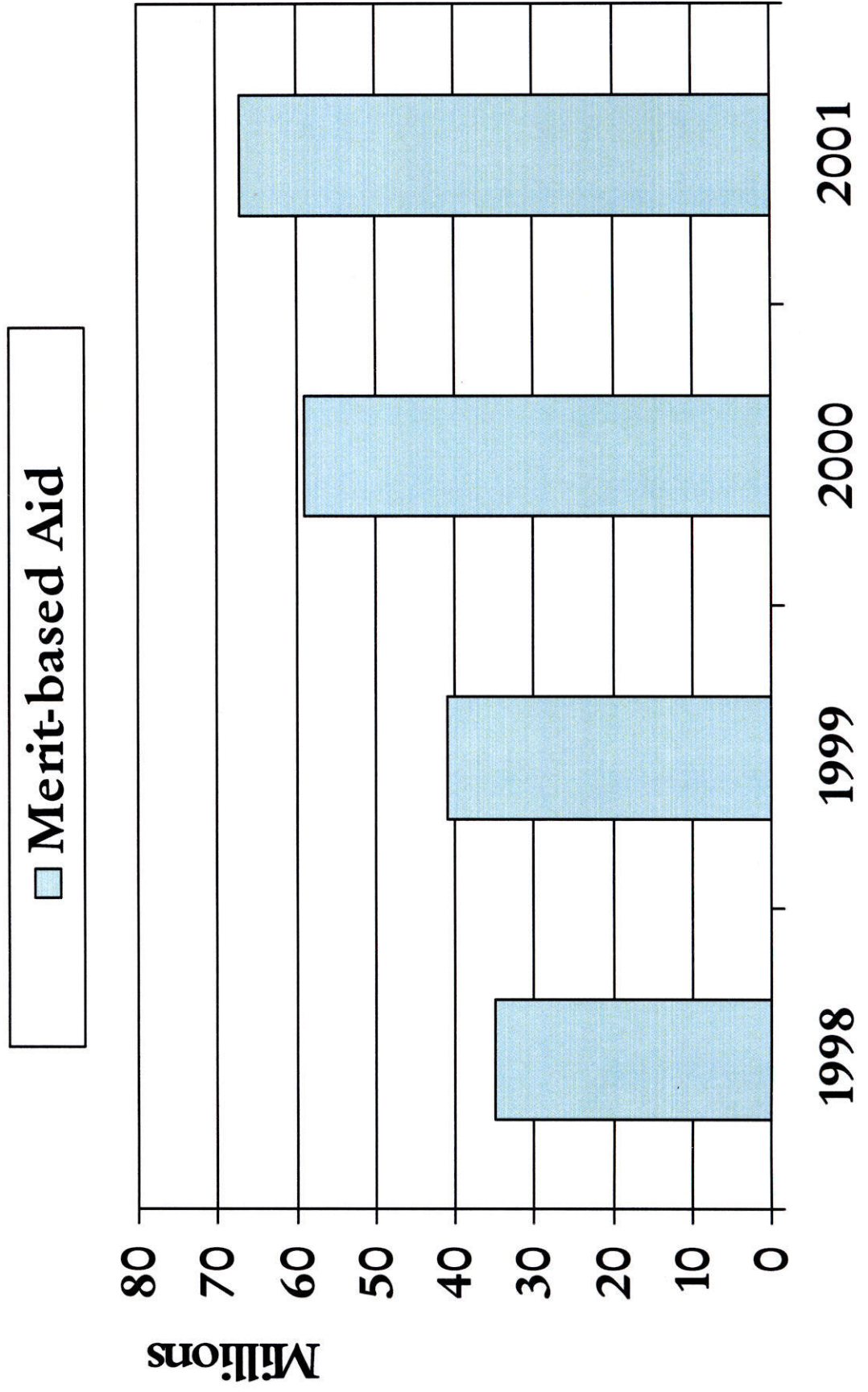
- **Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Program:** Established in 1988 to retain the “best and brightest” in South Carolina. Palmetto Fellows may receive up to \$6,700 per academic year towards the cost-of-attendance at a participating senior institution within the State.
- **LIFE Scholarship Program:** Established in 1998 to increase access to higher education. Recipients may receive up to \$5,000 towards the cost-of-attendance at a four-year institution. LIFE Scholarship recipients may receive up to the cost-of-tuition at a two-year public or technical institution. For the two-year independent institution in the state, recipients may receive up to \$3,380.
- **SC HOPE Scholarship Program:** Established in 2001 to provide funding for first-time entering freshman attending a four-year public or independent institution who do not qualify for a LIFE or Palmetto Fellows Scholarship. Recipients may receive up to \$2,650 towards the cost-of-attendance for the first year of attendance only.
- **Lottery Tuition Assistance Program:** Implemented in 2002 to provide tuition assistance for residents attending two-year public and independent institutions. For Spring 2003, full-time students may receive up to \$1,044 per year and part-time students may receive up to \$87 per credit hour towards the cost-of-tuition.

PROGRAM	CRITERIA	AWARD
<b>SC HOPE Scholarship</b>	3.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale	Up to \$2,650 ( <i>includes \$150 book allowance</i> )
<b>LIFE Scholarship</b>	<b>Must meet 2 of 3 criteria</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 3.0 GPA on 4.0 scale;</li> <li>2. 1100 SAT or 24 ACT;</li> <li>3. Top 30% of graduating class</li> </ol>	Up to \$5,000 ( <i>Includes \$300 book allowance</i> )
<b>Palmetto Fellows Scholarship</b>	3.5 GPR on UGS at the end of jr. yr; 1200 SAT/27 ACT; Top 5% of sophomore or jr. class	Up to \$6,700
<b>Lottery Tuition Assistance</b>	SC resident; enroll in at least 6 credit hrs; be a degree-seeking student; complete FAFSA form	For Spring 2003: \$87/credit hour if part-time; \$1,044 if full-time

# Average Tuition at South Carolina Public Senior Institutions

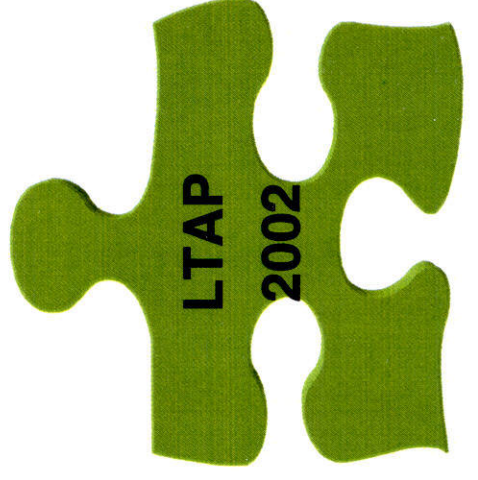
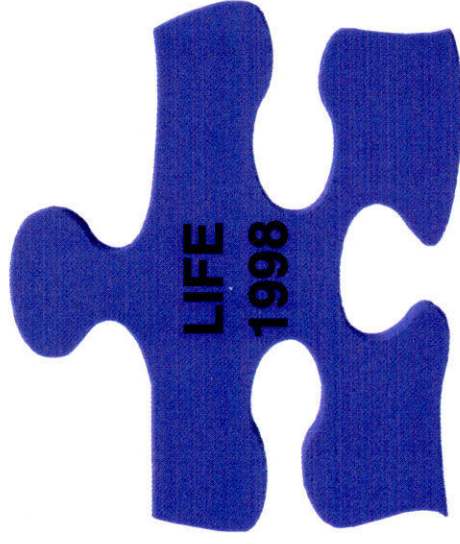
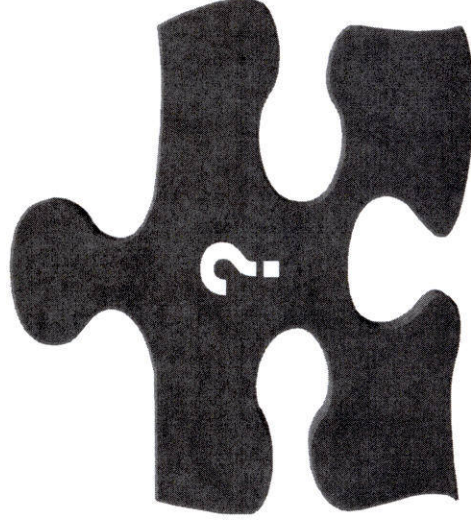
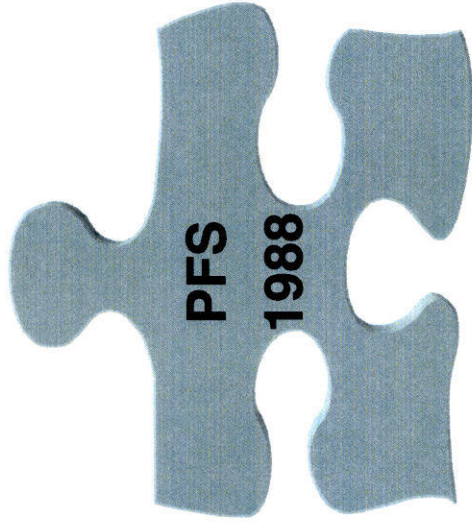


# Funding Levels for Merit-based State Financial Aid Programs

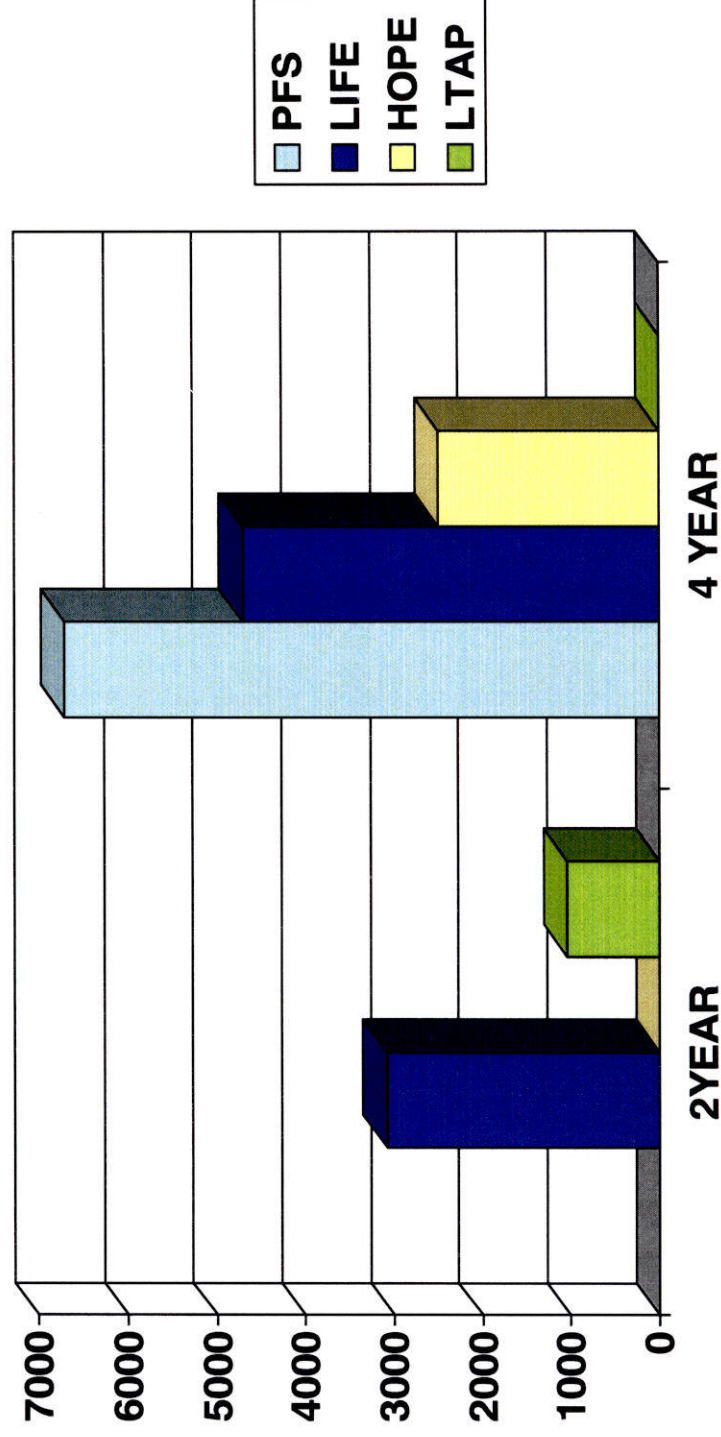


# Scholarship and Grant Programs

## The Missing Puzzle Piece



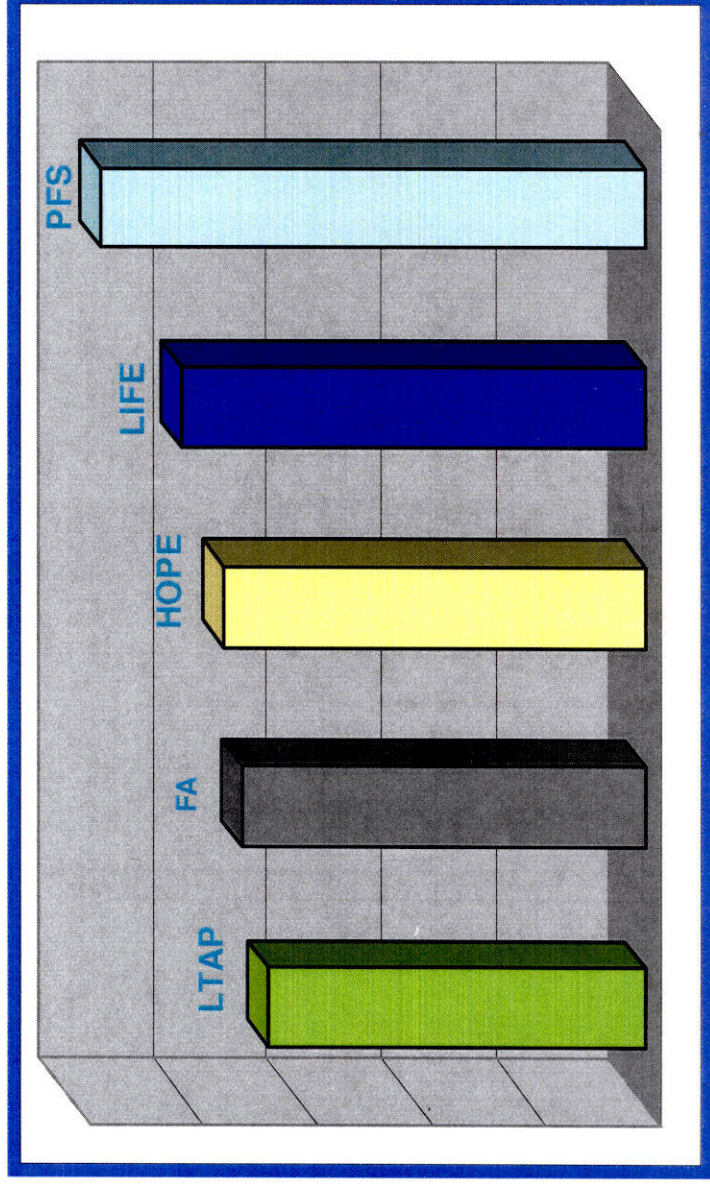
## 2002- 2003 South Carolina Scholarships & Grants Award Amounts



- 1) HOPE Scholarship not available at 2-year institutions
- 2) Lottery Tuition Assistance Program not available at 4-year institutions

## Financial Assistance Gap

- Create a Comprehensive Statewide Financial Assistance Program
  - Provides assistance to all students (traditional or non-traditional)
  - State/Lottery Appropriation



# Comprehensive Statewide System of Financial Aid

## The Pieces of the Puzzle Connected

