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MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Dalton B. Floyd Jr., Chair, and Members,
Commission on Higher Education

From: Mr. Daniel Ravenel, Chair, and Members,
Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services

2003-04 South Carolina Need-based Grants

The South Carolina General Assembly established the South Carolina Need-based Grant Program in 1996 to provide additional financial assistance to South Carolina's neediest students. Students are required to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form to be considered for the Need-based Grant each academic year. The S.C. Higher Education Tuition Grants Commission administers the program for students attending independent institutions. For students attending public institutions, the offices of financial aid administer the program.

Full-time students may receive up to \$2,500 per year and part-time students may receive up to \$1,250 per year. Based on the results of the FAFSA and available funding, the institution determines exact award amounts. The Grant must be applied directly towards the cost-of-attendance. Recipients may receive a Need-based Grant for a maximum of eight full-time equivalent semesters toward the first one-year certificate or diploma, first associate degree, and first baccalaureate or professional degree. For renewal, students must earn a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and earn twelve credit hours if part-time or 24 credit hours if full-time (or its equivalent).

Due to the efforts of the members of the Commission on Higher Education, the General Assembly appropriated an additional \$6.1 million to the Need-based Grant Program for the 2004-05 academic

year. For the 2003-04 academic year, \$15.1 million was disbursed to 23,511 State Need-based Grant recipients with an average award amount of \$643 as of August 7, 2004. On the following pages, we have provided the number of recipients and the average award at each institution; the number of recipients by ethnic group; the number of recipients by gender; the number of recipients by student level; the number of recipients by enrollment status; retention statistics; and the number of recipients by county. These reports may also be found at the Commission's website at www.che.sc.gov.

South Carolina Commission on Higher Education
Academic Year: 2003-04

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	Need-Based Grants								
	Revised Fall 2003			Revised Spring 2004			Academic Year		
	Number	Amount	Avg. Amt.	Number	Amount	Avg. Amt.	Number*	Amount	Avg. Amt.
The Citadel	69	\$71,144	\$1,031	68	\$69,230	\$1,018	72	140,374	\$1,950
Clemson Univ.	717	665,837	929	612	747,966	1,222	732	1,413,803	1,931
Coastal Carolina University	333	179,485	539	320	172,430	539	359	351,915	980
College of Charleston	528	422,998	801	538	436,863	812	605	859,861	1,421
Francis Marion University	433	214,094	494	396	195,741	494	435	409,835	942
Lander University	251	153,141	610	295	202,971	688	321	356,112	1,109
South Carolina State Univ.	422	212,985	505	384	193,905	505	435	406,890	935
U.S.C. - Columbia	1,548	950,074	614	1,425	875,120	614	1557	1,825,194	1,172
U.S.C. - Aiken	227	160,740	708	206	144,119	700	237	304,860	1,286
U.S.C. - Beaufort	34	29,332	863	30	24,430	814	34	53,762	1,581
U.S.C. - Upstate	375	253,726	677	343	231,977	676	418	485,703	1,162
Winthrop University	406	335,151	825	354	287,700	813	411	622,851	1,515
Medical University of S.C.	25	16,835	673	23	16,086	699	26	32,921	1,266
SUB-TOTALS	5,368	3,665,542	683	4,994	3,598,538	721	5,642	7,264,081	1,288
U.S.C. - Lancaster	45	35,750	794	48	36,475	760	53	72,225	1,363
U.S.C. - Salkehatchie	38	27,667	728	40	24,899	622	47	52,566	1,118
U.S.C. - Sumter	43	34,104	793	73	57,838	792	78	91,942	1,179
U.S.C. - Union	13	10,468	805	14	9,983	713	15	20,451	1,363
SUB-TOTALS	139	107,989	777	175	129,195	738	193	237,184	1,229
Aiken Tech	349	99,495	285	295	85,757	291	388	185,252	477
Central Carolina Tech	164	74,467	454	260	113,190	435	302	187,657	621
Denmark Tech	109	161,168	1,479	99	82,526	834	139	243,694	1,753
Florence-Darlington Tech	188	117,500	625	239	149,250	624	260	266,750	1,026
Greenville Tech	137	94,701	691	258	237,550	921	284	332,251	1,170
Horry-Georgetown Tech	250	150,959	604	251	154,255	615	299	305,214	1,021
Midlands Tech	487	424,750	872	497	369,555	744	612	794,305	1,298
Northeastern Tech	140	41,747	298	135	40,500	300	173	82,247	475
Orangeburg-Calhoun Tech	141	82,603	586	138	80,109	581	169	162,712	963
Piedmont Tech	379	168,635	445	402	165,776	412	499	334,412	670
Spartanburg Tech	154	129,516	841	232	207,098	893	283	336,614	1,189
Tech Coll. of the Low Count	120	47,095	392	127	49,278	388	165	96,373	584
Tri-County Tech	352	177,676	505	312	156,408	501	363	334,084	920
Trident Tech	633	250,736	396	1140	486,879	427	1303	737,615	566
Williamsburg Tech	42	18,569	442	35	15,910	455	42	34,479	821
York Tech	235	158,797	676	211	137,795	653	273	296,592	1,086
SUB-TOTALS	3,880	2,198,414	567	4,631	2,531,836	547	5,554	4,730,251	852
Allen University	228	27,563	121	199	26,672	134	229	54,234	237
Anderson College	826	99,848	121	746	101,174	136	827	201,021	243
Benedict College	1,018	121,704	120	919	123,364	134	1,020	245,067	240
Bob Jones University									
Charleston Southern Univ.	1,213	156,843	129	1054	150,492	143	1216	307,335	253
Claffin University	892	103,007	115	785	103,142	131	894	206,149	231
Coker College	678	78,148	115	574	73,767	129	680	151,916	223
Columbia College	627	86,720	138	538	82,222	153	630	168,942	268
Columbia International Univ	159	19,032	120	138	18,545	134	161	37,577	233
Converse College	309	52,092	169	285	36,978	130	310	89,070	287
Ersine College	324	46,945	145	309	48,559	157	325	95,504	294
Furman Univ	542	62,162	115	536	107,101	200	545	169,263	311
Johnson and Wales Univ									
Limestone College	907	55,351	61	711	56,256	79	909	111,607	123
Morris College	616	72,755	118	546	72,943	134	618	145,697	236
Newberry College	465	62,828	135	388	57,696	149	465	120,524	259
North Greenville College	882	107,789	122	802	109,177	136	886	216,966	245
Presbyterian College	483	72,981	151	464	75,846	163	483	148,827	308
South University									
Southern Wesleyan Univ	723	49,224	68	595	48,999	82	723	98,223	136
Voorhees College	280	33,580	120	211	28,705	136	282	62,285	221
Wofford College	452	72,377	160	439	62,473	142	452	134,850	298
SUB-TOTALS	11,624	1,380,948	119	10,239	1,384,109	135	11,655	2,765,057	237
Spartanburg Methodist Coll.	465	57,160	123	400	53,923	135	467	111,083	238
SUB-TOTALS	465	57,160	123	400	53,923	135	467	111,083	238
ACADEMIC TOTALS	21,476	\$7,410,054	\$345	20,439	\$7,697,602	\$377	23,511	\$15,107,655	\$643

Fall 2003 State Need-Based Grant Recipients by Ethnic Group		
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	69	0.3%
Asian/Pacific Islander	252	1.2%
Black/African American	9,602	44.7%
Hispanic	200	0.9%
White/Non-Hispanic	10,690	49.8%
Unknown	513	2.4%
Non-Resident Alien	20	0.1%
Not Reported	130	0.6%
TOTAL	21,476	100%

Fall 2003 State Need-Based Grant Recipients by Gender		
Men	6,873	32%
Women	14,473	67.4%
Unknown	130	0.6%
TOTAL	21,476	100%

Fall 2003 State Need-based Grants by Student Level					
Student Level	Public Two-Year	Public Senior	Independent Two-Year	Independent Senior	TOTAL
Freshmen	2,465	1,387	310	3,728	7,890
Sophomores	1,509	1,211	154	2,673	5,547
Juniors	26	1,272	0	2,496	3,794
Seniors	10	1,476	0	2,497	3,983
Unclassified Undergraduate	4	15	0	106	124
First Professional	0	7	0	0	7
Not Reported	5	0	1	124	130
TOTAL	4,019	5,368	465	11,624	21,476

Fall 2003 State Need-based Grants by Enrollment Status				
Type of Institution	Full-time	Part-time	Not Reported	TOTAL
Public Senior	5,127	241	0	5,368
Public Two-Year	2,343	1,671	5	4,019
Independent Senior	11,098	402	124	11,624
Independent Two-Year	464	0	1	465
TOTAL	19,032	2,314	130	21,476

**Fall 2002 Need-based Grant Recipients
Receiving Need-based Grant in Fall 2003**

Institution	Received at Same Institution			
	Freshman to Sophomore	Sophomore to Junior	Junior to Senior	Total
Public Senior	28.4%	37.0%	35.8%	33.4%
Two-Year Regional of USC	15.4%	N/A	N/A	15.4%
Technical (Associate's Only)	13.1%	N/A	N/A	13.1%
Independent Senior	59.0%	70.5%	68.1%	64.8%
Independent Two-Years	52.6%	N/A	N/A	52.6%
Subtotal	42.9%	58.9%	55.9%	50.4%
Including students who transferred from originating institution to another institution in the State and received the Grant.				
Grand Total:	45.1%	62.7%	56.4%	52.6%

