

Rayburn Barton
Executive Director

September 18, 2001

MEMORANDUM

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

From: Ms. Susan Cole, Chair, and Members,
Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services

2000-2001 LIFE Scholarship Program

The Legislative Incentives for Future Excellence (LIFE) Scholarship was established by the General Assembly during the 1998 legislative session and was signed into law on Friday, June 19, 1998. The LIFE Scholarship Program is a merit-based scholarship designed to increase access to higher education, improve the employability of South Carolina's students, provide incentives for students to be better prepared for college, improve SAT scores, and encourage students to graduate from college on time.

During the 2000 legislative session, the General Assembly approved an increase to the LIFE Scholarship award amount. Students who attended a four-year public or independent institution received up to \$3,000, while students who attended a two-year public or independent institution received up to the cost of tuition and fees for thirty credit hours or its equivalent.

In order to qualify for the LIFE Scholarship for the 2000-2001 academic year, students were required to earn a 3.0 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale and earn a minimum score of 1050 on the SAT (22 ACT).

To renew or gain scholarship eligibility, the student was required to:

- 1) meet all general eligibility criteria;
- 2) enroll full-time (at least 12 credit hours);
- 3) enroll as a degree-seeking undergraduate student;
- 4) earn a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale by the end of the academic year (fall, spring, summer); and

- 5) earn an average of 30 credit hours each academic year (fall, spring, summer) equaling a minimum of 30 credit hours if a rising sophomore, 60 credit hours if a rising junior, or 90 credit hours if a rising senior.

As of September 4, 2001, the Commission on Higher Education awarded 17,269 students, totaling \$46.4 million for the 2000-2001 academic year. The following reports provide: the number of students awarded and the amount of funds dispersed; recipients by classification; retention; ethnicity; first-time entering freshman by county of origin; and recipients by county of origin.

2000-2001 LIFE Scholarship Recipients and Funding by Institutional Type
(as of September 4, 2001)

Institution Type	Students	Funding
Senior Public	11,334	\$32,443,345
Two-Year Regional Campuses	427	\$858,049
Technical Colleges	1,852	\$2,200,348
Senior Private	3,578	\$10,401,335
Two-Year Private	78	\$535,467
Total	17,269	\$46,438,543

Fall 2000 LIFE Scholarship Recipients by Classification
(as of September 4, 2001)

Classification	Fall 2000	
	# of students	Percentage
Freshmen	5,528	33%
Sophomores	2,997	18%
Juniors	2,421	15%
Seniors	2,101	13%
Unknown	3,452	21%

Fall 2000 LIFE Scholarship Retention
(as of 5/30/01)

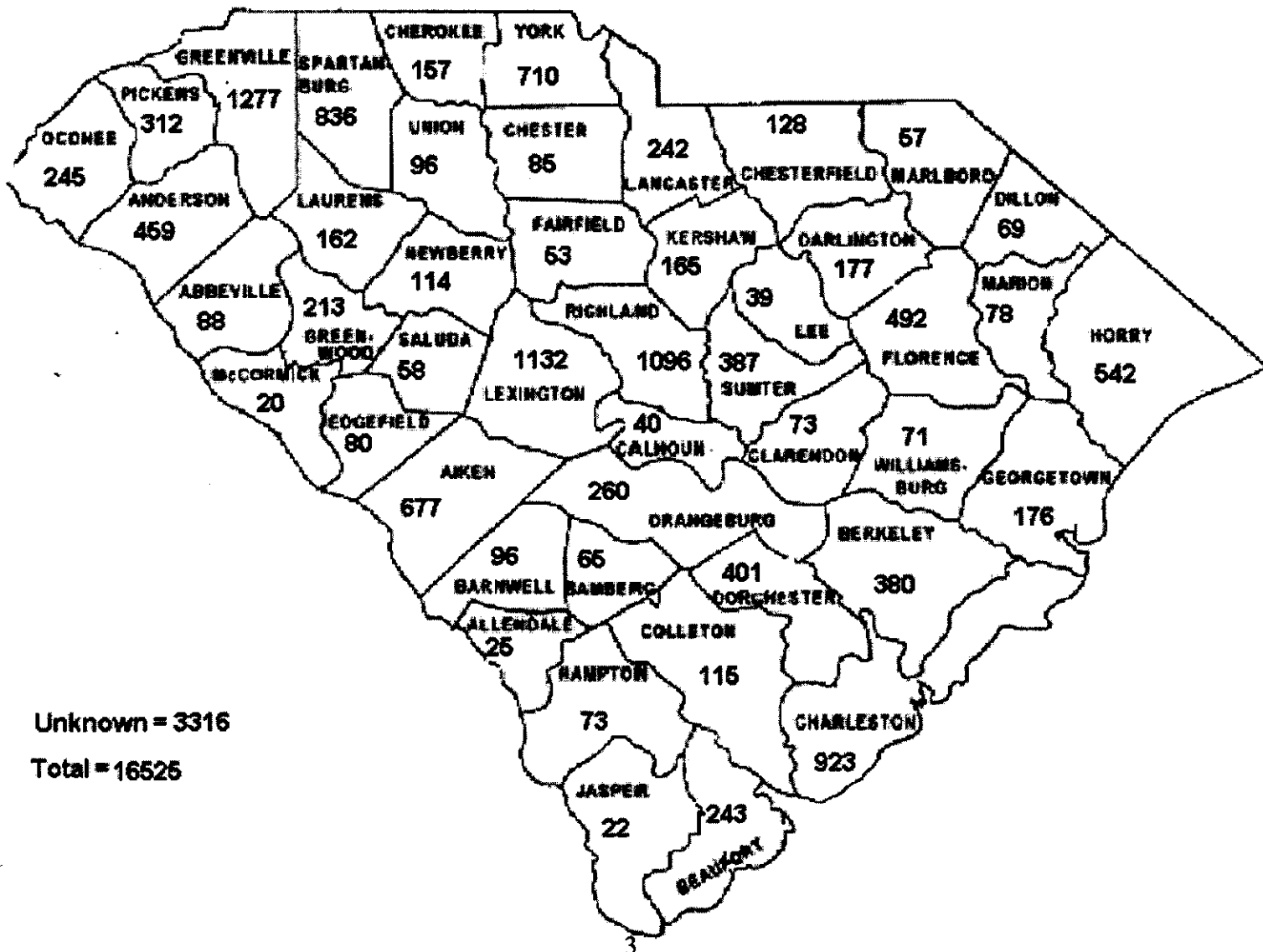
Students receiving the scholarship in fall 1999 retained the scholarship in fall 2000 at a rate of 61.1%. First-time entering freshman in fall 1999 retained the scholarship in fall 2000 at a rate of 45.0% as compared to sophomores, 79.1% and juniors, 80.3%. The lower retention rate among freshman is likely due to the unique college adjustment issues they confront. However, the retention rate has increased 1.5% since last year.

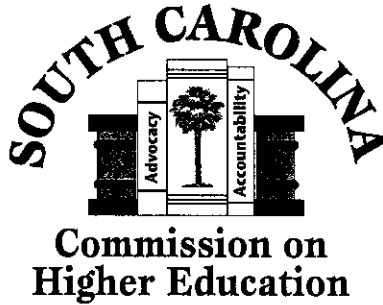
Institution	Retained at Same Institution			
	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Total
Senior Public	44.1%	73.1%	77.3%	59.0%
Two-Year Regional of USC	30.1%	0	0	30.1%
Technical	16.5%	0	0	16.5%
Senior Private	50.2%	72.7%	84.1%	64.4%
Two-Year Private	29.3%	0	0	29.3%
Sub Total	41.6%	73.0%	78.9%	57.4%
Including students who transferred from originating institution to another institution in the State and retained LIFE. The Grand Total is:	45.0%	79.1%	80.3%	61.1%

Fall 2000 LIFE Scholarship Recipients by Ethnicity
(as of 5/30/01)

Ethnicity	Students	Percentage
Black/African-American	1,931	11.69%
American Indian/Alaskan National	28	.17%
Asian/Pacific Island	301	1.82%
Hispanic	158	.96%
White/Non-Hispanic	13,491	81.64%
Unknown	616	3.72%

**Fall 2000
LIFE Scholarship Recipients by County of Origin**
(as of May 30, 2001)





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2001-02 Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Awards

The Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Program is a merit-based scholarship program designed to recognize the most academically talented high school seniors in S.C. and encourage them to attend college in the State. During the 2001-02 academic year, each Palmetto Fellow could receive a scholarship of up to \$5,000 per year for a maximum of eight full-time terms. The scholarship must be applied towards the cost-of-attendance to pursue the first baccalaureate degree at a participating senior institution in the State.

In order to be eligible to apply for a Palmetto Fellows Scholarship, a student must meet the following minimum academic requirements: (1) score at least 1200 on the SAT or 27 on the ACT; (2) earn a 3.5 cumulative GPA on the Uniform Grading Scale through the end of the junior year; and (3) rank in the top five percent of the class at the end of either the sophomore or the junior year. For the 2002 cohort of first-time entering freshmen, the Commission on Higher Education received 1318 applications. 1022 new scholarships were awarded to students with an average SAT score of 1310 (ACT scores were converted to SAT). Of the 1002 Palmetto Fellows Scholarships awarded, 8% were to minority applicants.

For the 2001-02 academic year, 2641 Palmetto Fellows were awarded and \$12.6 million was disbursed. The following pages provide detailed reports to include: number of Palmetto Fellows awarded and amount disbursed per institution; retention statistics, 2002 first-time entering Palmetto Fellows awarded by institution; 2002 applicants by county of origin; and, 2002 first-time entering Fellows by county of origin.

Palmetto Fellows Scholarship

Fall 2001 & Spring 2002 Disbursements

Data Based on Information Submitted Before June 30, 2002

	<u>Fall Awarded</u>	<u>Fall Disbursed</u>	<u>Spring Awarded</u>	<u>Spring Disbursed</u>	<u>Total Awarded Academic Year</u>	<u>Total Disbursed Academic Year</u>
Public Senior Institutions						
The Citadel	14	\$12,135	14	\$14,378	14	\$26,513
Clemson University	920	2,286,119	898	2,229,308	945	4,515,427
Coastal Carolina University	8	18,843	8	18,843	8	37,686
College of Charleston	279	693,652	277	689,795	282	1,383,447
Francis Marion University	36	81,958	36	82,458	36	164,416
Lander University	24	59,036	24	59,036	24	118,072
Medical University of S.C.	9	21,667	9	21,667	9	43,334
South Carolina State University	3	7,500	3	7,500	3	15,000
USC - Aiken	21	51,315	21	51,314	21	102,629
USC - Columbia	659	1,591,582	653	1,571,961	661	3,163,543
USC - Spartanburg	29	72,474	27	67,461	29	139,935
Winthrop University	123	300,469	122	297,669	123	598,138
Subtotal	2,125	\$5,196,750	2,092	\$5,111,390	2,155	\$10,308,139
	<u>Fall Awarded</u>	<u>Fall Disbursed</u>	<u>Spring Awarded</u>	<u>Spring Disbursed</u>	<u>Total Awarded Academic Year</u>	<u>Total Disbursed Academic Year</u>
Independent Senior Institutions						
Anderson College	19	\$47,500	19	\$47,500	19	\$95,000
Charleston Southern University	10	25,000	10	25,000	10	50,000
Claflin College	1	2,500	1	2,500	1	5,000
Coker College	4	10,000	4	10,000	4	20,000
Columbia College	17	42,500	16	40,000	17	82,500
Columbia International University	2	5,000	2	5,000	2	10,000
Converse College	17	39,321	17	39,321	17	78,642
Erskine College	35	87,500	35	87,500	35	175,000
Furman University	208	643,750 *	206	386,250	210	1,030,000
Newberry College	2	5,000	2	5,000	2	10,000
North Greenville College	15	37,500	14	35,000	15	72,500
Presbyterian College	57	142,500	58	145,000	58	287,500
Southern Wesleyan University	4	10,000	4	10,000	4	20,000
Wofford College	92	224,304	89	216,801	92	441,105
Subtotal	483	\$1,322,375	477	\$1,054,872	486	\$2,377,247
Grand Total (All Institutions)	2,608	\$6,519,125	2,569	\$6,166,262	2,641	\$12,685,386

* Includes Winter Term

PFS Retention Statistics by Student Level

<u>Academic Year *</u>	<u>Freshmen</u>	<u>Sophomores</u>	<u>% Retained from Freshmen to Sophomores</u>	<u>Juniors</u>	<u>% Retained from Sophomores to Juniors</u>	<u>Seniors</u>	<u>% Retained from Juniors to Seniors</u>
1998-99	660	625	85.26%	412	93.42%	31	NA
1999-00	698	608	92.12%	587	93.92%	370	89.81%
2000-01	873	644	92.26%	570	93.75%	572	97.44%
2001-02	701	777	89.00%	589	91.45%	526	92.28%

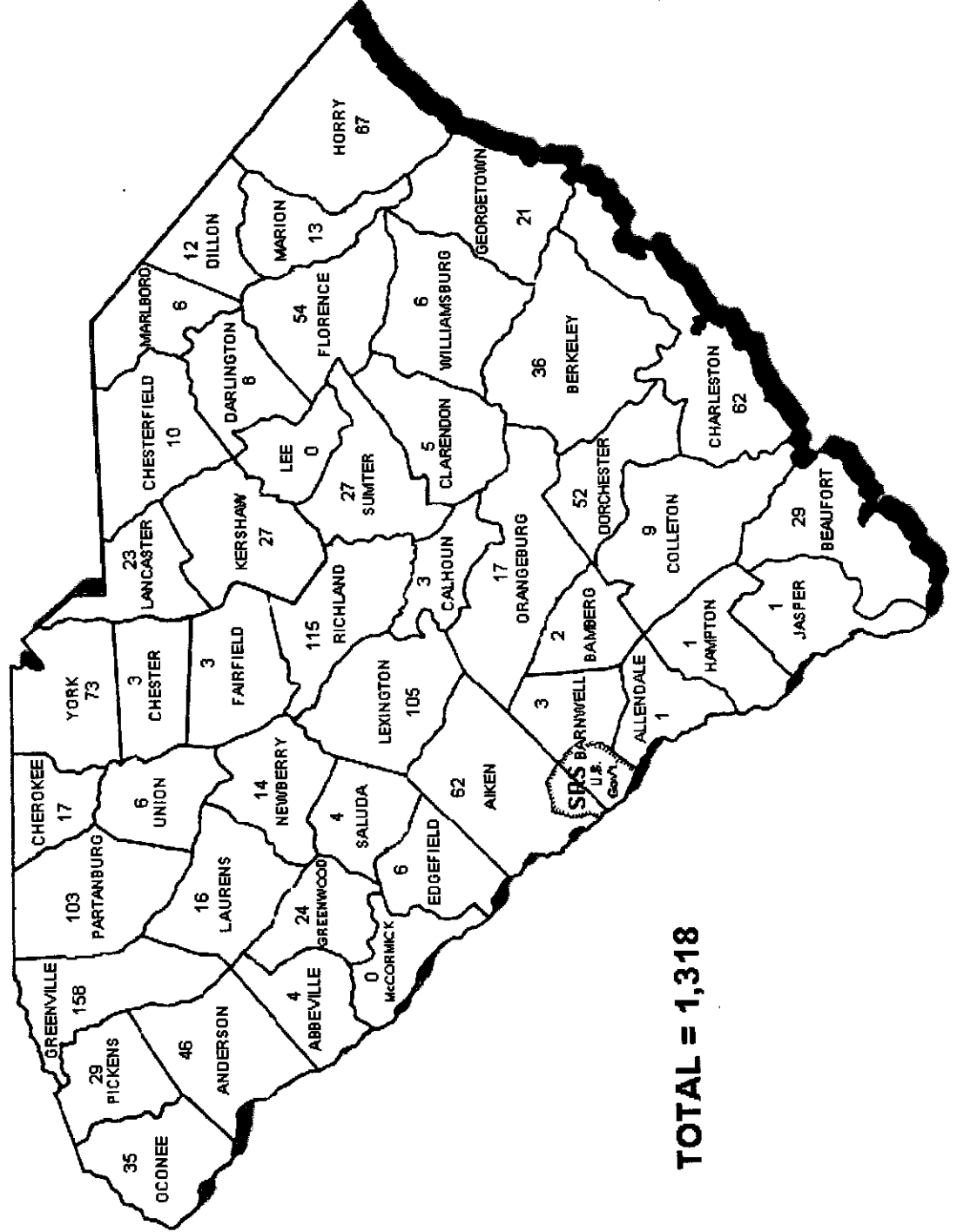
For students entering as first-time freshmen in Fall 1998, the retention rate at the beginning of their senior year was 92.28%.

2002 First-time Entering Palmetto Fellows by Institution

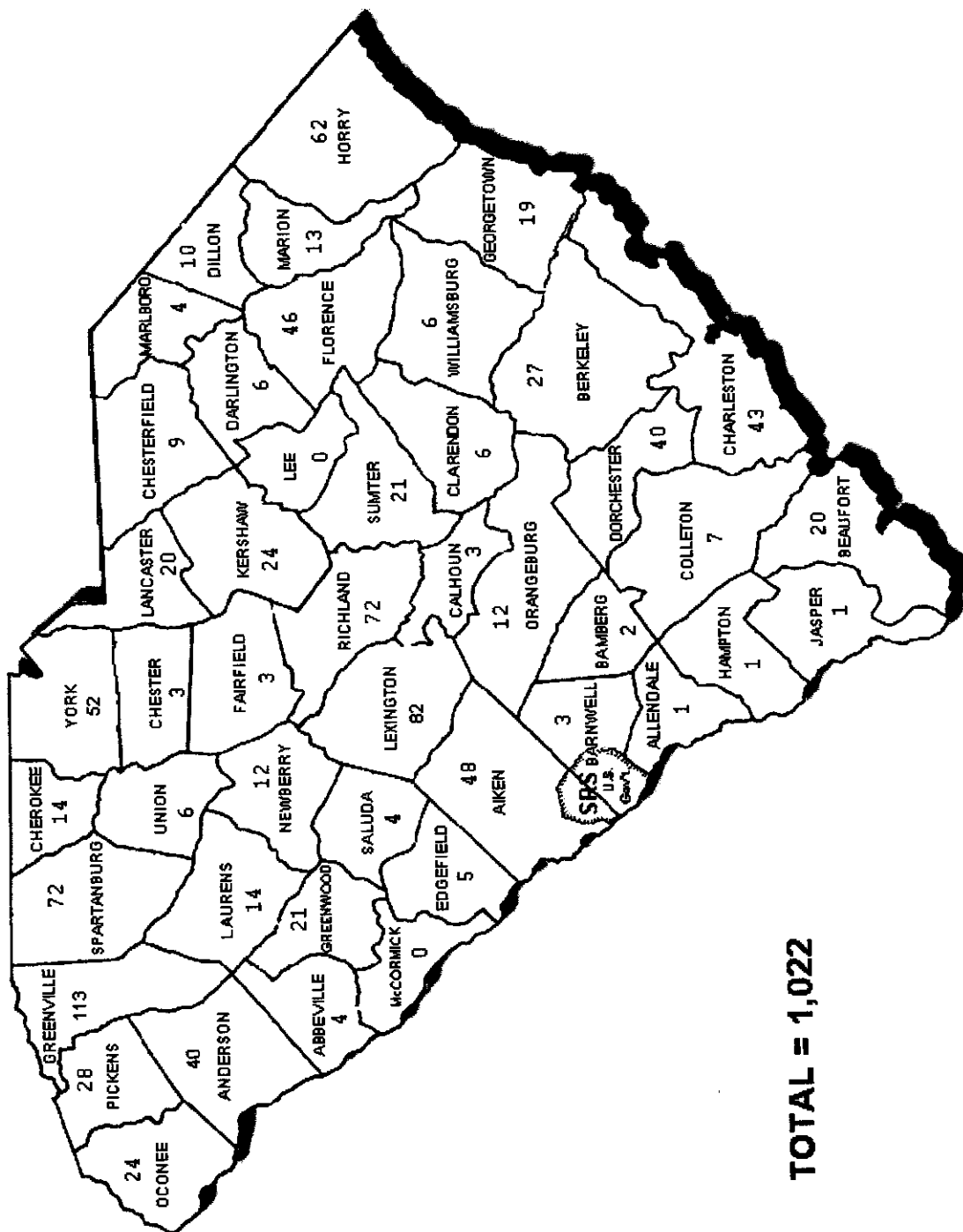
<i>Public Institutions</i>	<i>First-time Entering Fellows</i>
Clemson University	342
U.S.C. – Columbia	249
College of Charleston	100
Winthrop University	36
Francis Marion University	16
The Citadel	8
U.S.C. – Spartanburg	11
Coastal Carolina Univ.	8
Lander University	7
USC – Aiken	5
S.C. State University	2
TOTAL	784

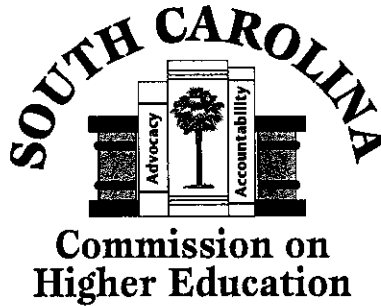
<i>Private Institutions</i>	<i>First-time Entering Fellows</i>
Furman University	98
Wofford College	60
Presbyterian College	19
Erskine College	13
North Greenville College	13
Anderson College	8
Converse College	6
Charleston Southern University	5
Coker College	5
Newberry College	4
Columbia College	3
Columbia International University	3
Limestone College	1
TOTAL	238
GRAND TOTAL	1,022

2002 PFS Applicants by County of Origin



2002 First-time Entering Freshmen PFS Recipients by County of Origin





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2001-02 South Carolina Need-based Grant Awards

The South Carolina General Assembly established the South Carolina Need-Based Grants 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. The S.C. Higher Education Tuition Grants Commission administers the program for students attending independent institutions in South Carolina. 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, associate degree, and baccalaureate degree.

On the following pages, we have provided the number of recipients and the average award at each institution, the number of Grant recipients by student level, the number of recipients by enrollment status, the number of recipients by ethnic group, and the number of recipients by county. For the 2001-02 academic year, the State Need-based Grants Program received \$12 million in funding and awarded 8,797 grants with an average award amount of \$1,079 at public institutions and 10,982 grants with an average award amount of \$228 at private institutions.

Scholarship Summary Student Headcount
Academic Year: 2001- 2002
Scholarship Type: Need-based Grants

Institution	Number	Fall 2001 Amount	Ave. Amount	Number	Spring 2002 Amount	Ave. Amount	Number*	Academic Year Amount	Ave. Amount
Public Institutions									
Senior Institutions									
The Citadel	63	60,975.00	967.86	62	60,475.00	975.40	65	121,450.00	1,868.46
Clemson	1,055	703,629.50	666.95	878	576,752.04	656.89	1,077	1,280,381.54	1,188.84
Coastal Carolina University	233	124,626.00	534.88	256	136,350.00	532.62	277	260,976.00	942.16
College of Charleston	480	352,979.00	735.37	484	353,975.00	731.35	527	706,954.00	1,341.47
Francis Marion University	338	165,738.00	490.35	308	150,739.00	489.41	345	316,477.00	917.32
Lander University	217	136,737.00	630.12	224	142,363.00	635.55	244	279,100.00	1,143.85
Medical University of S. C.	33	21,010.00	636.67	28	17,260.00	616.43	34	38,270.00	1,125.59
South Carolina State University	305	156,207.00	512.15	368	188,938.00	513.42	402	345,145.00	858.57
U.S.C. - Aiken	174	130,287.00	748.66	177	131,275.00	741.67	195	261,542.00	1,341.24
U.S.C. - Columbia	1,078	735,758.00	682.52	940	639,020.00	679.81	1,079	1,374,778.00	1,274.12
U.S.C. - Spartanburg	230	177,106.20	770.03	202	156,179.52	773.17	237	333,285.72	1,406.27
Winthrop University	450	257,376.00	571.95	413	235,204.00	569.50	454	492,580.00	1,084.98
Subtotal Senior Institutions	4,656	3,022,408.70	649.14	4,340	2,788,530.56	642.52	4,936	5,810,939.26	1,177.26
Regional Campuses of U.S.C.									
U.S.C. - Beaufort	30	25,869.00	862.30	28	23,982.00	856.50	32	49,851.00	1,557.84
U.S.C. - Lancaster	37	32,106.00	867.73	33	27,419.00	830.88	38	59,525.00	1,566.45
U.S.C. - Salkehatchie	31	24,181.00	780.03	33	24,690.00	748.18	34	48,871.00	1,437.38
U.S.C. - Sumter	41	38,300.00	934.15	41	38,950.00	950.00	45	77,250.00	1,716.67
U.S.C. - Union	10	8,061.00	806.10	11	8,061.00	551.00	14	14,122.00	1,008.71
Subtotal Regional Campuses of U.S.C.	149	128,517.00	862.53	146	121,102.00	829.47	163	249,619.00	1,531.40
Technical Colleges									
Aiken Tech	243	60,750.00	250.00	239	60,609.00	253.59	304	121,359.00	399.21
Central Carolina Tech	122	59,599.00	488.52	117	59,592.00	509.33	142	119,191.00	839.37
Denmark Tech	75	46,731.50	623.09	92	56,925.50	618.76	113	103,657.00	917.32
Florence-Darlington Tech	223	139,103.00	623.78	224	139,103.00	621.00	256	278,206.00	1,086.74
Greenville Tech	371	276,236.00	744.57	342	254,067.00	742.89	407	530,303.00	1,302.96
Horry-Georgetown Tech	160	101,658.00	635.36	142	91,180.00	642.11	177	192,838.00	1,089.48
Midlands Tech	308	190,410.00	618.21	501	338,700.00	676.05	552	529,110.00	958.53
Northeastern Tech (Chas/Marl)	59	26,231.00	444.59	61	27,432.00	449.70	78	53,663.00	687.99
Orangeburg-Calhoun Tech	121	71,779.00	593.21	114	65,205.00	571.97	132	136,984.00	1,037.76
Piedmont Tech	201	105,834.00	526.54	191	96,901.00	507.34	234	202,735.00	866.39
Spartanburg Tech	114	105,323.00	923.89	151	118,431.00	784.31	177	223,754.00	1,264.15
Tech College of the Low Country	82	33,712.60	411.13	81	34,923.75	431.16	107	68,636.35	641.46
Tri-County Tech	183	109,850.00	600.27	188	110,173.00	586.03	224	220,023.00	982.25
Trident Tech	484	201,438.00	416.19	468	200,271.00	427.93	544	401,709.00	738.44
Williamsburg Tech	63	18,750.00	297.62	64	18,850.00	294.53	72	37,600.00	522.22
York Tech	166	109,402.00	659.05	152	102,571.00	674.81	179	211,973.00	1,184.21
Subtotal Technical Colleges	2,975	1,656,807.10	556.91	3,127	1,774,934.25	567.82	3,698	3,431,741.35	928.00
Subtotal Public Institutions	7,780	4,807,732.80	617.96	7,613	4,684,566.81	615.34	8,797	9,492,299.61	1,079.04
Independent Institutions									
Senior Institutions									
Allen University	112	9,201.00	82.15	94	6,058.15	64.45	112	15,259.15	136.24
Anderson College	698	89,086.18	127.63	623	65,256.93	104.75	698	154,343.11	221.12
Benedict College	979	111,636.24	114.03	877	81,743.58	93.21	982	193,379.82	196.92
Southern Wesleyan University	522	39,707.10	76.07	452	26,542.18	58.72	522	66,249.28	126.91
Charleston Southern University	1,046	142,846.46	136.56	875	97,344.57	111.25	1,046	240,191.03	229.63
Citafin College	953	107,474.36	112.77	773	72,427.21	93.70	954	179,901.57	188.58
Coker College	659	89,200.08	135.36	578	62,575.14	108.26	683	151,775.22	228.92
Columbia International University	177	20,379.35	115.14	156	14,622.78	93.74	179	35,002.13	196.54
Columbia College	770	123,519.76	160.42	652	86,552.20	132.75	770	210,071.96	272.82
Converse College	334	67,458.03	201.97	302	31,698.22	104.96	335	99,156.25	295.99
Erskine College	341	58,080.59	170.32	328	45,931.08	140.03	341	104,011.67	305.02
Furman University	531	126,160.39	237.59	511	54,296.44	106.26	531	180,456.83	339.84
Limestone College	613	49,008.10	79.95	526	34,345.82	65.30	618	83,353.92	134.88
Morris College	567	64,237.70	113.29	502	46,593.73	92.82	571	110,831.43	194.10
Newberry College	425	63,414.35	149.21	387	47,024.21	121.51	426	110,438.56	259.25
North Greenville College	774	93,044.51	120.21	681	66,987.20	98.37	776	160,031.71	206.23
Presbyterian College	475	87,919.09	185.09	456	68,814.28	150.91	476	156,733.37	329.27
Voorhees College	179	20,365.90	113.78	153	14,203.95	92.84	180	34,569.85	192.05
Wofford College	447	85,211.50	190.63	432	52,774.82	122.18	448	137,986.32	308.01
Subtotal Senior Institutions	10,602	1,447,950.89	136.57	9,358	975,792.49	104.27	10,628	2,423,743.18	228.05
Two-Year Colleges									
Spartanburg Methodist College	351	43,822.63	124.85	306	31,234.57	102.07	354	75,057.20	212.03
Subtotal Two-Year Colleges	351	43,822.63	124.85	306	31,234.57	102.07	354	75,057.20	212.03
Subtotal Independent Institutions	10,953	1,491,773.32	136.20	9,664	1,007,027.06	104.20	10,982	2,498,800.38	227.54
Grand Total All Institutions	18,733	6,299,506.12	336.28	17,277	5,691,593.87	329.43	19,779	11,991,099.99	606.25

*Unduplicated Headcount
Data as of October 7, 2002
Independent Data reported by Tuition Grants Commission

Fall 2001 State Need-based Grants by Student Level

Student Level	Attending 2-Year or Technical College	Attending 4-Year Public Institution	Attending 2-Year Independent Institution	Attending 4-Year Independent Institution	TOTAL
<i>Freshmen</i>	1,598	1,428	127	2,866	6,019
<i>Sophomores</i>	1,481	925	20	1,963	4,389
<i>Juniors</i>	20	1,021	0	1,890	2,931
<i>Seniors</i>	14	1,254	0	1,728	2,996
<i>Unclassified Undergraduate</i>	4	18	0	30	52
<i>First Professional</i>	0	9	0	0	9
<i>Graduate (Masters)</i>	0	0	0	51	51
<i>Unclassified Graduate</i>	0	0	0	3	3
<i>Not Reported</i>	7	1	204	2,071	2,283
TOTAL	3,124	4,656	351	10,602	18,733

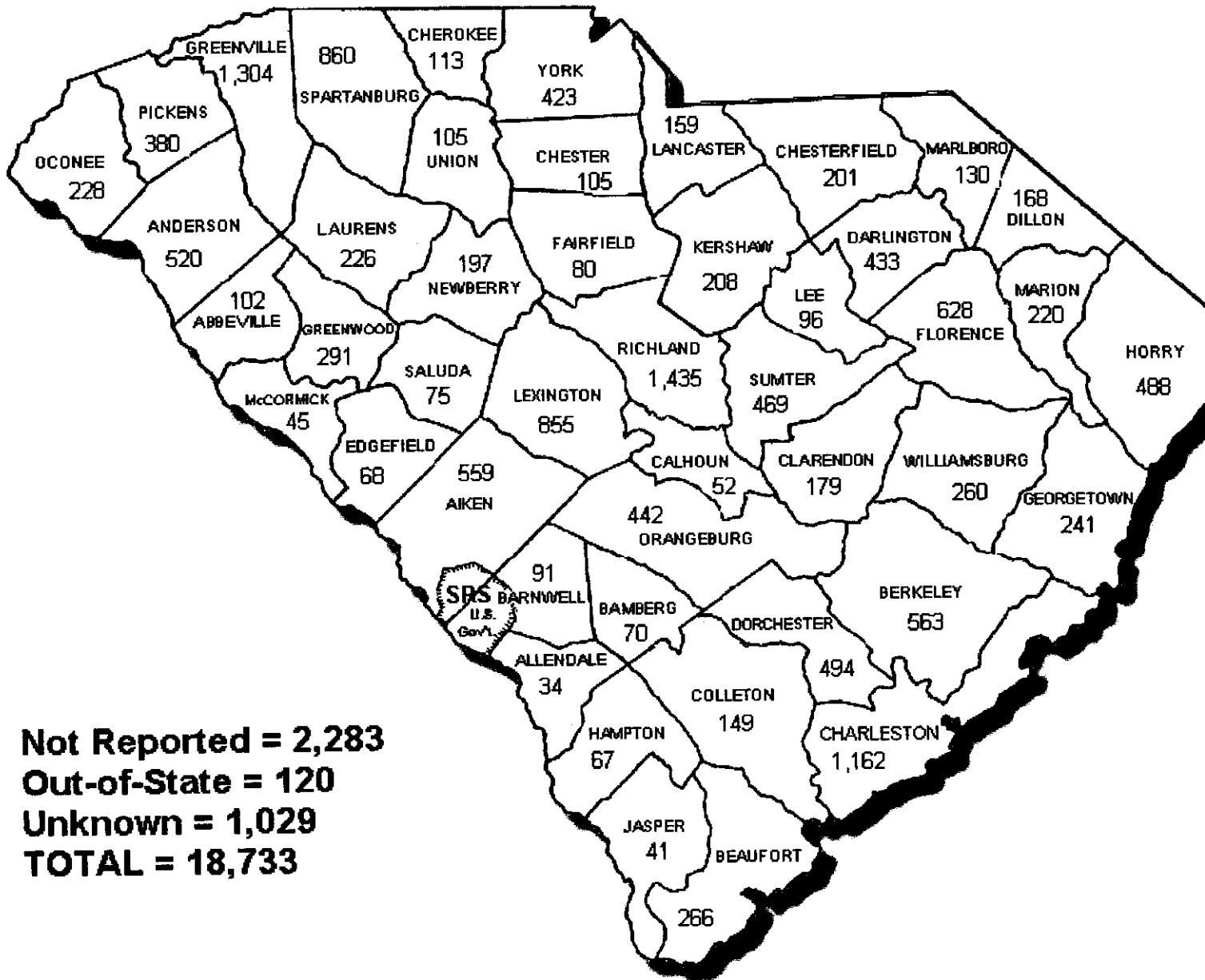
Fall 2001 State Need-based Grants by Enrollment Status

Type of Institution	Full-time	Part-time	Not Reported	TOTAL
<i>Public Senior</i>	4,489	166	1	4,656
<i>Public Two-Year and Techs</i>	1,834	1,283	7	3,124
<i>Private Senior</i>	8,181	350	2,071	10,602
<i>Private Two-Year</i>	147	0	204	351
TOTAL	14,651	1,799	2,283	18,733

Fall 2001 State Need-Based Grants by Ethnic Group

Ethnic Group	Students	Percentage
<i>American Indian/ Alaskan Native</i>	38	0.21%
<i>Asian/Pacific Islander</i>	191	1.02%
<i>Black/African American</i>	6,588	35.17%
<i>Hispanic</i>	221	1.18%
<i>Non-Resident/Alien</i>	13	0.06%
<i>White/Non-Hispanic</i>	8,944	47.74%
<i>Not Reported</i>	2,283	12.19%
<i>Unknown</i>	455	2.43%
TOTAL	18,733	100%

Fall 2001 S.C. Need-based Grant Recipients by County of Origin As of October 7, 2002





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2001-02 South Carolina National Guard Student Loan Repayment Program

During the 2001 legislative session, the General Assembly approved Act 41. The Commission on Higher Education, in consultation with the South Carolina Student Loan Corporation, developed a loan repayment program for providing incentives for enlisting or remaining for a specified time in both the South Carolina Army and Air National Guards (SCNG) in areas of critical need *. The Commission on Higher Education must define areas of critical need annually in consultation with the Adjutant General. The Commission on Higher Education promulgated regulation to set forth the following terms of the loan repayment program:

- Must enlist, reenlist, accept a warrant or be commissioned for a term of at least six years and, at the time of enlistment, meet a critical needs area
- Must be a legal resident of South Carolina
- Must maintain satisfactory performance in the National Guard
- Must submit an application each year to Commission on Higher Education in order to be eligible for loan repayment
- Eligible student loans may be repaid at the rate of \$4500 per year for a maximum of four years
- Payments made directly to the loan provider
- Eligible loans are guaranteed under part B, part D, or part E of Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, must not be in default and be at least one year old

The following 2001-02 report provides: names of the loan providers who received payment; the amount of funds disbursed to each loan provider; and, the number of service members who received loan repayment.

* For 2001-02, the critical need area was not applicable.

**South Carolina National Guard Report
2001-02 Fiscal Year**

<i>Loan Provider</i>	<i>Total Amount Paid</i>	<i>Number of Recipients</i>
South Carolina Student Loan Corporation	\$83,326.16	22
Citibank Student Loan Corporation	\$16,380.00	4
Sallie Mae Student Loan Corporation	\$17,036.35	5
EFG Technologies	\$900.00	1
US Department of Education	\$28,660.75	8
TOTAL	\$146,303.26	38 Unduplicated

* For 2001-02, the critical need area was not applicable.