



November 13, 2003

**MEMORANDUM**

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

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

**2002-03 South Carolina Need-based Grants**

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, first associate degree, and first baccalaureate degree.

For the 2002-03 academic year, \$15.3 million was disbursed to 23,450 State Need-based Grant recipients with an average award amount of \$653 as of August 31, 2003. 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](http://www.che.sc.gov).

South Carolina Commission on Higher Education  
Academic Year: 2002-03  
Scholarship Type: Need-based Grants

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|  | Revised Fall 2002 |                    |              | Revised Spring 2003 |                     |              | Academic Year |                     |              |
|--|-------------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------|
|  | Number*           | Amount             | Avg. Amt.    | Number*             | Amount              | Avg. Amt.    | Number*       | Amount              | Avg. Amt.    |
| <b>Public Institutions</b>               |                   |                    |              |                     |                     |              |               |                     |              |
| <b>Senior Institutions</b>               |                   |                    |              |                     |                     |              |               |                     |              |
| The Citadel                              | 85                | \$83,599           | \$984        | 80                  | \$77,831            | \$973        | 86            | 161,430             | \$1,877      |
| Clemson Univ.                            | 1,233             | 837,235            | 679          | 1,185               | 804,202             | 679          | 1,356         | 1,641,437           | 1,210        |
| Coastal Carolina University              | 327               | 173,979            | 532          | 319                 | 168,217             | 527          | 362           | 342,196             | 945          |
| College of Charleston                    | 538               | 468,893            | 872          | 560                 | 469,957             | 839          | 618           | 938,850             | 1,519        |
| Francis Marion University                | 463               | 226,786            | 490          | 419                 | 205,138             | 490          | 468           | 431,924             | 923          |
| Lander University                        | 235               | 169,412            | 721          | 283                 | 203,164             | 718          | 298           | 372,576             | 1,250        |
| South Carolina State Univ.               | 419               | 216,675            | 517          | 381                 | 197,753             | 519          | 433           | 414,428             | 957          |
| U.S.C. - Columbia                        | 1,546             | 982,235            | 635          | 1,406               | 890,912             | 634          | 1,550         | 1,873,147           | 1,208        |
| U.S.C. - Aiken                           | 227               | 168,937            | 744          | 219                 | 163,220             | 745          | 252           | 332,158             | 1,318        |
| U.S.C. - Beaufort                        | 39                | 32,917             | 844          | 32                  | 26,927              | 841          | 39            | 59,844              | 1,534        |
| U.S.C. - Spartanburg                     | 307               | 244,024            | 795          | 293                 | 232,794             | 795          | 336           | 476,818             | 1,419        |
| Winthrop University                      | 465               | 339,890            | 731          | 404                 | 290,143             | 718          | 467           | 630,033             | 1,349        |
| Medical University of S.C.               | 35                | 22,922             | 655          | 35                  | 22,922              | 655          | 35            | 45,844              | 1,310        |
| <b>Subtotal Senior Institutions</b>      | <b>5,919</b>      | <b>3,967,504</b>   | <b>670</b>   | <b>6,265</b>        | <b>7,674,841</b>    | <b>1,225</b> | <b>6,265</b>  | <b>7,674,841</b>    | <b>1,225</b> |
| <b>Regional Campuses of USC</b>          |                   |                    |              |                     |                     |              |               |                     |              |
| U.S.C. - Lancaster                       | 55                | 41,886             | 762          | 50                  | 38,112              | 762          | 60            | 79,998              | 1,333        |
| U.S.C. - Salkehatchie                    | 43                | 28,273             | 658          | 42                  | 28,273              | 673          | 46            | 56,546              | 1,229        |
| U.S.C. - Sumter                          | 57                | 49,352             | 866          | 60                  | 50,651              | 844          | 75            | 100,003             | 1,333        |
| U.S.C. - Union                           | 17                | 11,865             | 698          | 17                  | 11,866              | 698          | 17            | 23,731              | 1,396        |
| <b>Subtotal Regional Campuses of USC</b> | <b>172</b>        | <b>131,376</b>     | <b>764</b>   | <b>169</b>          | <b>128,902</b>      | <b>763</b>   | <b>198</b>    | <b>260,278</b>      | <b>1,315</b> |
| <b>Technical Colleges</b>                |                   |                    |              |                     |                     |              |               |                     |              |
| Aiken Tech                               | 345               | 86,612             | 251          | 295                 | 73,550              | 249          | 384           | 160,162             | 417          |
| Central Carolina Tech                    | 159               | 74,240             | 467          | 154                 | 74,240              | 482          | 201           | 148,480             | 739          |
| Denmark Tech                             | 83                | 50,834             | 612          | 135                 | 87,396              | 647          | 151           | 138,230             | 915          |
| Florence-Darlington Tech                 | 239               | 148,061            | 620          | 235                 | 145,720             | 620          | 277           | 293,781             | 1,061        |
| Greenville Tech                          | 104               | 79,642             | 766          | 204                 | 183,935             | 902          | 224           | 263,577             | 1,177        |
| Horry-Georgetown Tech                    | 199               | 112,346            | 565          | 204                 | 139,579             | 684          | 250           | 251,925             | 1,008        |
| Midlands Tech                            | 516               | 379,818            | 736          | 507                 | 398,191             | 785          | 622           | 778,009             | 1,251        |
| Northeastern Tech                        | 182               | 27,213             | 150          | 182                 | 27,213              | 150          | 230           | 54,426              | 237          |
| Orangeburg-Calhoun Tech                  | 137               | 83,030             | 606          | 273                 | 91,337              | 335          | 302           | 174,367             | 577          |
| Piedmont Tech                            | 423               | 149,720            | 354          | 727                 | 159,643             | 220          | 879           | 309,362             | 352          |
| Spartanburg Tech                         | 163               | 125,484            | 770          | 200                 | 145,747             | 729          | 240           | 271,231             | 1,130        |
| Tech Coll. of the Low Count              | 60                | 32,919             | 549          | 67                  | 35,484              | 530          | 90            | 68,402              | 760          |
| Tri-County Tech                          | 306               | 148,889            | 487          | 335                 | 156,461             | 467          | 393           | 305,350             | 777          |
| Trident Tech                             | 593               | 266,716            | 450          | 658                 | 319,176             | 485          | 764           | 585,892             | 767          |
| Williamsburg Tech                        | 50                | 22,326             | 447          | 50                  | 22,325              | 447          | 60            | 44,651              | 744          |
| York Tech                                | 206               | 139,047            | 675          | 175                 | 115,047             | 657          | 241           | 254,094             | 1,054        |
| <b>Subtotal Technical Colleges</b>       | <b>3,765</b>      | <b>1,926,896</b>   | <b>512</b>   | <b>4,401</b>        | <b>2,175,043</b>    | <b>494</b>   | <b>5,308</b>  | <b>4,101,939</b>    | <b>773</b>   |
| <b>Independent Institutions</b>          |                   |                    |              |                     |                     |              |               |                     |              |
| <b>Senior Institutions</b>               |                   |                    |              |                     |                     |              |               |                     |              |
| Allen University                         | 178               | 24,171             | 136          | 139                 | 20,679              | 149          | 178           | 44,850              | 252          |
| Anderson College                         | 766               | 107,591            | 140          | 686                 | 106,153             | 155          | 769           | 213,744             | 278          |
| Benedict College                         | 1,004             | 132,314            | 132          | 901                 | 130,102             | 144          | 1,007         | 262,416             | 261          |
| Bob Jones University                     |                   |                    |              |                     |                     |              |               |                     |              |
| Charleston Southern Univ.                | 1,148             | 173,844            | 151          | 981                 | 162,240             | 165          | 1,151         | 336,084             | 292          |
| Clafin University                        | 915               | 118,756            | 130          | 830                 | 118,311             | 143          | 918           | 237,066             | 258          |
| Coker College                            | 664               | 94,495             | 142          | 559                 | 86,099              | 154          | 667           | 180,594             | 271          |
| Columbia College                         | 710               | 120,974            | 170          | 635                 | 118,551             | 187          | 711           | 239,525             | 337          |
| Columbia International Univ              | 181               | 23,722             | 131          | 147                 | 21,332              | 145          | 182           | 45,054              | 248          |
| Converse College                         | 306               | 63,969             | 209          | 278                 | 43,677              | 157          | 310           | 107,645             | 347          |
| Erskine College                          | 339               | 60,961             | 180          | 319                 | 62,879              | 197          | 340           | 123,840             | 364          |
| Furman Univ                              | 545               | 79,912             | 147          | 536                 | 141,035             | 263          | 546           | 220,948             | 405          |
| Johnson and Wales Univ                   |                   |                    |              |                     |                     |              |               |                     |              |
| Limestone College                        | 776               | 62,701             | 81           | 637                 | 56,341              | 88           | 784           | 119,042             | 152          |
| Morris College                           | 639               | 82,824             | 130          | 560                 | 80,452              | 144          | 640           | 163,276             | 255          |
| Newberry College                         | 461               | 73,799             | 160          | 412                 | 71,965              | 175          | 461           | 145,764             | 316          |
| North Greenville College                 | 842               | 116,881            | 139          | 754                 | 114,337             | 152          | 846           | 231,218             | 273          |
| Presbyterian College                     | 469               | 88,843             | 189          | 455                 | 94,366              | 207          | 469           | 183,209             | 391          |
| Southern Wesleyan Univ                   | 666               | 53,597             | 80           | 604                 | 49,767              | 82           | 671           | 103,363             | 154          |
| Voorhees College                         | 199               | 26,685             | 134          | 156                 | 23,089              | 148          | 199           | 49,774              | 250          |
| Wofford College                          | 439               | 87,772             | 200          | 427                 | 75,726              | 177          | 439           | 163,498             | 372          |
| <b>Subtotal Senior Institutions</b>      | <b>11,247</b>     | <b>1,593,809</b>   | <b>142</b>   | <b>11,288</b>       | <b>3,170,910</b>    | <b>281</b>   | <b>11,288</b> | <b>3,170,910</b>    | <b>281</b>   |
| <b>Two-Year Colleges</b>                 |                   |                    |              |                     |                     |              |               |                     |              |
| Spartanburg Methodist Coll.              | 390               | 56,208             | 144          | 346                 | 54,179              | 157          | 391           | 110,387             | 282          |
| <b>Subtotal Two-Year Colleges</b>        | <b>390</b>        | <b>56,208</b>      | <b>144</b>   | <b>346</b>          | <b>54,179</b>       | <b>157</b>   | <b>391</b>    | <b>110,387</b>      | <b>282</b>   |
| <b>Total All Institutions</b>            | <b>21,493</b>     | <b>\$7,675,793</b> | <b>\$357</b> | <b>22,469</b>       | <b>\$13,203,874</b> | <b>\$588</b> | <b>23,450</b> | <b>\$15,318,353</b> | <b>\$653</b> |

\* Unduplicated headcount.

Independent Data reported by Tuition Grants Commission

| <b>Fall 2002 State Need-Based Grant Recipients by Ethnic Group</b> |               |             |
|--|---------------|-------------|
| American Indian/ Alaskan Native                                    | 89            | .4%         |
| Asian/Pacific Islander   | 222           | 1.0%        |
| Black/African American   | 9,042         | 42.1%       |
| Hispanic   | 222           | 1.0%        |
| White/Non-Hispanic   | 10,982        | 51.1%       |
| Unknown  | 936           | 4.4%        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>21,493</b> | <b>100%</b> |

| <b>Fall 2002 State Need-Based Grant Recipients by Gender</b> |               |             |
|--|---------------|-------------|
| Men  | 6,903         | 32.1%       |
| Women  | 14,196        | 66.1%       |
| Unknown  | 394           | 1.8%        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>21,493</b> | <b>100%</b> |

| <b>Fall 2002 State Need-based Grants by Student Level</b> |                 |               |                      |                    |               |
|---|-----------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Student Level   | Public Two-Year | Public Senior | Independent Two-Year | Independent Senior | TOTAL         |
| Freshmen  | 2,037           | 1,627         | 251                  | 3,726              | <b>7,641</b>  |
| Sophomores  | 1,856           | 1,325         | 139                  | 2,485              | <b>5,805</b>  |
| Juniors   | 26              | 1,357         | 0                    | 2,228              | <b>3,611</b>  |
| Seniors   | 13              | 1,581         | 0                    | 2,385              | <b>3,979</b>  |
| Unclassified Undergraduate                                | 3               | 19            | 0                    | 23                 | <b>45</b>     |
| First Professional  | 0               | 6             | 0                    | 0                  | <b>6</b>      |
| Graduate (Masters)  | 0               | 0             | 0                    | 12                 | <b>12</b>     |
| Not Reported  | 2               | 4             | 0                    | 388                | <b>394</b>    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>3,937</b>    | <b>5,919</b>  | <b>390</b>           | <b>11,247</b>      | <b>21,493</b> |

| <b>Fall 2002 State Need-based Grants by Enrollment Status</b> |                  |                  |                     |               |
|---|------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| <b>Type of Institution</b>                                    | <b>Full-time</b> | <b>Part-time</b> | <b>Not Reported</b> | <b>TOTAL</b>  |
| Public Senior   | 5,705            | 210              | 4                   | 5,919         |
| Public Two-Year   | 2,438            | 1,497            | 2                   | 3,937         |
| Independent Senior  | 10,469           | 390              | 388                 | 11,247        |
| Independent Two-Year  | 390              | 0                | 0                   | 390           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>19,002</b>    | <b>2,097</b>     | <b>394</b>          | <b>21,493</b> |

### Fall 2001 Need-based Grant Recipients Receiving Need-based Grant in Fall 2002

| <b>Institution</b>  | <b>Received at Same Institution</b> |                  |               |              |
|---|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|
|   | <b>Freshman</b>                     | <b>Sophomore</b> | <b>Junior</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| Public Senior   | 36.5%                               | 45.9%            | 43.4%         | 41.2%        |
| Two-Year Regional of USC  | 19.6%                               | 0                | 0             | 19.6%        |
| Technical (Associate's Only)  | 16.2%                               | 0                | 0             | 16.2%        |
| Independent Senior  | 59.4%                               | 70.9%            | 71.0%         | 66.0%        |
| Independent Two-Years   | 60.60%                              | 0                | 0             | 60.6%        |
| Subtotal  | 43.9%                               | 62.9%            | 61.3%         | 53.0%        |
| Including students who transferred from originating institution to another institution in the State and received the grant. |                                     |                  |               |              |
| <b>Grand Total:</b>   | <b>46.0%</b>                        | <b>67.0%</b>     | <b>61.8%</b>  | <b>55.3%</b> |