

Resolution by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education
Concerning the Distribution of Federal State Student
Incentive Grant Program Funds to Students Attending All
Types of Non-profit Postsecondary Institutions

Adopted February 1, 1979

- WHEREAS the Federal Government has mandated that the SSIG program in each state be opened to students attending both public and private non-profit institutions in 1979-80; and
- WHEREAS the intent of the mandate clearly is to require the equitable distribution of SSIG awards to students on the basis of financial need rather than on the basis of types of institutions they attend; and
- WHEREAS the Tuition Grants SSIG proposal, as amended and adopted by the Permanent Joint Legislative Committee to Make Recommendations on the Distribution of Federal Student Aid in South Carolina, would not carry out the intent of the Federal mandate and would be inequitable to the public institutions in the State; and
- WHEREAS the public institutions in the state have very limited private resources from which to provide SSIG matching funds for their students; and
- WHEREAS the public institutions are prohibited from using State funds to provide scholarship or grant awards to their students; and
- WHEREAS the Tuition Grants Committee uses State appropriated funds to match Federal SSIG funds; and,
- WHEREAS SSIG funds in an amount limited to the amount of State funds available for use only in grants to students attending private institutions would violate the mandate that the SSIG program in each state be opened to students attending both public and private nonprofit institutions in 1979-80;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. in accord with the Federal mandate to open the SSIG Program to students attending all non-profit institutions in each state, all Federal SSIG funds remaining in South Carolina after priority is given to renewal SSIG's be awarded in 1979-80 and subsequent years to students attending both public and private non-profit institutions in the State on the basis of their demonstrated financial needs, with awards being made each year to those students having the greatest need until the funds are depleted; and
2. a State appropriation be made to provide required matching funds for the 1979-80 academic year SSIG awards to students attending both public and private non-profit institutions in the State.