

Proposed ResolutionResolution 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

- 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 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-appropriated funds for scholarship or grant awards to their students; and
- WHEREAS the Tuition Grants Committee uses State appropriated funds to match Federal SSIG funds; and
- WHEREAS the Tuition Grants Committee is not authorized to make awards of public funds to students attending public institutions; and
- WHEREAS Federal law decrees that a single agency in each SSIG-participating state be designated as the SSIG agency; and
- WHEREAS the proposed use of different needs analysis systems for students attending different types of institutions results in inequities in awards dependent upon the type of institution attended;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. the SSIG Program in South Carolina be truly opened in 1978-79 to students attending both public and private non-profit institutions in the State on the basis of their demonstrated financial needs (after priority is given to renewal SSIG's), with awards being made each year to those students having the greatest need until the funds are depleted; and
2. the same needs analysis system be utilized for determining the amount of SSIG eligibility for each student, regardless of the type of institution the student is attending; and
3. a separate State appropriation be made to provide SSIG matching funds for the 1979-80 academic year and subsequent years, with matching for SSIG awards to students attending both public and private non-profit institutions in the State to come from that appropriation; and that
4. a copy of this Resolution be transmitted immediately to the Chairman and members of the Permanent Joint Legislative Committee to make Recommendations on the Distribution of Federal Student Aid in South Carolina.