



2008 – 2009

South Carolina Need-Based Grant Certification and Affidavit

State law requires that a student receiving the South Carolina Need Based Grant must certify that he/she has no criminal record, has never been convicted of a felony as defined under State Statute Section 16-1-10 and is of good moral character by submitting a signed affidavit to the institution. The student must sign this affidavit. Any false information provided by the student or any attempt to obtain or expend any Need Based Grant for unlawful purposes, or any purpose, other than in payment or reimbursement for the cost of tuition and fees and other educational costs, at the institution authorized to award the Need Based Grant, will be cause for immediate cancellation of the Need Based Grant. Failure to reveal any material fact, condition, or circumstances affecting eligibility will be subject to applicable civil or criminal penalties, including loss of the Need Based Grant.

Need Based Grants shall be awarded annually for no more than a total of eight full time equivalent semesters of part time or full time study.

Award decisions are made annually and are not automatically guaranteed.

Check all that apply: Initial award Renewal Transfer student School _____

REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS

REQUIREMENTS:

- Am a legal resident of South Carolina
- Have completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Am of good moral character
- Have not been convicted of any felonies and have not been convicted of any drug-related misdemeanor offenses
- Do not owe a refund or repayment on a State Grant, a Federal Pell Grant, or a Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (SEOG)
- Am not in default on any State or Federal Loan
- Am enrolled part time or full time as a degree seeking student in an eligible program of student
- Am enrolled in a program that leads to a first diploma or first certificate or first associate's degree
- Do not have an Associate or Bachelor Degree
- Will use the South Carolina Need Based Grant funds for appropriate educational purposes

For continued eligibility students must reapply each academic year and certify:

- I am maintaining a GPA of 2.0 or above
- I am making Satisfactory Academic Progress
- I do not have an Associate or Bachelor Degree
- I earned at least 24 credit hours as a full time student at the end of the regular academic year
- I earned at least 12 credit hours as a part time student at the end of the regular academic year
- I earned 18 credit hours as a part time student for one semester and full time student the other semester at the end of the regular academic year

If awarded for one semester of the academic year, student must earn 12 credit hours if a full time student each regular academic year.

If awarded for one semester of the academic year, student must earn 6 credit hours if a part time student each regular academic year.

Check one of the following: 1. If meet the above requirements. OR 2. Do not meet the above requirements.

_____ 1. I hereby certify that I meet the above bulleted requirements:

_____ 2. I decline the South Carolina Need Based Grant. (Do not meet above requirements.)

Printed Name

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Student ID Number (Required)

Date

Student Signature

Return this form to: Office of Financial Aid; Tri-County Technical College; P O Box 587; Pendleton SC 29670