

Guidance Advisory Council

Financial Aid Tidbits

2008-2009 FAFSA

- Bulk publications of the 2008-2009 paper FAFSA will not be made.
- Students may call 1-800-433-3243 to request up to 3 copies of the paper FAFSA

OR

- Students may download a PDF version of the paper FAFSA. Students can obtain the PDF FAFSA by going to www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov. Students have the option of obtaining the PDF FAFSA in either black and white or in color and in either English or Spanish. Students will have to mail in the completed and signed PDF FAFSA. Instructions, including the mailing address, are provided on the PDF FAFSA.
- Colors for the 2008-2009 FAFSA will be orange with purple for the parent section.
- FAFSAs may be submitted beginning January 1, 2008. (2007 Federal Tax forms are required)

Maximum Pell Grant award for 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 increased to \$4731

Real Time-PIN

Beginning January 1, 2008, students and parents will be able to apply for and receive a "real-time" PIN when completing a FAFSA on the Web www.fafsa.ed.gov or when applying for a PIN on the Department's PIN Web site (www.pin.ed.gov).

When applying for the PIN:

- They may choose their own PIN
- Have a system-generated PIN display on the web page
- Receive a system-generated PIN by e-mail

STATE PROGRAMS

LTA award currently \$76 per credit hour /\$912 maximum. The award amount for Fall 2008 has not been determined.

LIFE Scholarship Enhancement

Second year students at an eligible four year public or independent institution in South Carolina who have declared a major in the following categories may be eligible for the LIFE Enhancement Scholarship (up to \$7500):

Mathematics Disciplines
Computer Science or Informational Technology
Engineering
Science Education
Math Education
Health Care and related disciplines including medicine, dentistry, and nursing

Students must successfully complete a total of at least 14 credit hours of instruction in mathematics and life and physical science courses with a minimum of 6 hours in mathematics and a minimum of 6 hours in life and physical science including 1 laboratory course by the end of the student's first year of enrollment in college. Exempted Credit Hours, College Level Examination Program (CLEP), Dual Enrollment, Pass/Fail courses with a grade of "Pass" (only), IB courses and AP courses in mathematics and life and physical sciences taken in high school in which the student scored a three or more on the advanced placement test and received college credit may count toward the fulfillment of this minimum requirement.

Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Enhancement (\$2500 increase)

\$10,000 per year for sophomore through senior years for students who have declared a major in:

- Mathematics Disciplines
- Computer Science or Informational Technology
- Engineering
- Science Education
- Math Education
- Health Care and related disciplines including medicine, dentistry, and nursing

For a list of qualifying majors and qualifying course CIP codes,

http://www.che.sc.gov/StudentServices/MathSci_SchEnhancement.htm