

## DO I HAVE TO THINK ABOUT THIS NOW?

This is the best time, as you prepare for high school. Start making good choices now and you will be able to make the best use of all four years of high school.

## WHAT IF MY GRADES AREN'T GOOD?

No matter what your school grades have been so far, high school gives you a brand new opportunity to be a better student and enjoy greater success in life!

## WHAT COURSES SHOULD I TAKE?

Being prepared for college means taking a recommended path of courses in the areas of English, math, science, social studies, foreign language, and electives. These courses are to be college preparatory, to help students prepare for college and a freshman level curriculum.



## COURSES

	High School Graduation Requirements	High School Pre-Requisites for SC Public 4-Year Institutions
English / Language Arts	4	4
Mathematics	4	4 <sup>A</sup>
Science	3	3 <sup>B</sup>
Foreign Language	1 <sup>C</sup>	2 <sup>D</sup>
U.S. History and Constitution	1	1
Economics	.5	(See Other Social Studies)
U.S. Government	.5	(See Other Social Studies)
Other Social Studies	1	2 <sup>E</sup>
Physical Education or ROTC	1	1
Computer Science	1	
Fine Arts		1 <sup>F</sup>
Electives	7	2
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>24<sup>G</sup></b>	<b>20</b>

Current as of May 2015.

Please consult with your school counselor or college admissions officer for updates and questions.

<sup>A</sup>Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry and either Algebra III / Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus, Statistics, or Discrete Mathematics

<sup>B</sup>Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Earth Sciences for entering College Freshman beginning academic year 2019-20.

<sup>C</sup>For a student in a College Prep program to meet the state high school diploma requirements, one unit must be earned in a foreign language.

<sup>D</sup>Must be the same foreign language.

<sup>E</sup>It is strongly suggested that one of the Social Studies units consist of .5 Economics and .5 Government.

<sup>F</sup>One unit in Fine Arts should be in appreciation, history, or performance.

<sup>G</sup>The student must demonstrate computer literacy before graduation.



College Goal South Carolina is an event sponsored by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education. This day-long event helps students and families complete the application for financial aid for education beyond high school. At this event,

students and families will receive assistance in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and will learn about financial aid opportunities. College Goal South Carolina will be held throughout the state. Please contact your school counselor or the Commission on Higher Education for more information. For additional information about going to college, go to:

[www.sccango.org](http://www.sccango.org)

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## Information and Eligibility Requirements for The Palmetto Fellows Scholarship



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The Palmetto Fellows Scholarship is a merit-based program established in 1988 by the General Assembly to recognize the most academically talented high school seniors and encourage these students to attend college in the State. The Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Program is administered by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education. Palmetto Fellows may receive up to \$6,700 their freshman year and up to \$7,500 for their sophomore, junior, and senior years.

## HOW TO APPLY

The Palmetto Fellows Scholarship requires an application to be completed on behalf of the student. The application **must be completed by the high school counselor/school representative**. The school counselor/school representative is responsible for identifying each eligible applicant.



There are two periods when an eligible applicant can be a part of an application period. The Early Award opens May of a student's junior (3rd) year and closes April 15th of a student's senior year. The Late Award opens mid-May of a student's senior year and closes June 30th. Should the deadline fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, the deadline is the preceding Friday. All application materials must be at the office of the SC Commission on Higher Education office by 5:00 p.m.

## REQUIREMENTS

### General Eligibility Requirements:

- US Citizen/Legal Permanent Resident\*
- SC Resident\*
- No felony convictions
- No second or subsequent alcohol/drug misdemeanors
- Not in default of any state or federal loans
- Enroll in a degree-seeking program at an eligible SC institution

*\*Residency must be determined at the time of high school graduation.*

### Academic Eligibility Requirements (There are two ways in which a student can meet the academic eligibility criteria for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship):

- Rank in the top 6% at the end of the 10th, or the 11th, or the 12th grade academic year  
*Rank can be used as an eligibility requirement for those schools/home school associations that have an official policy on rank that has been reviewed by the SC Commission on Higher Education for compliance with the established Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Regulations.*
- Earn a 1200 (math and evidence-based reading & writing only) on the SAT/27 on the ACT (through the June test administration of the graduating year)
- Earn a 3.5 cumulative GPA (based on the SC UGP)

**OR** qualify by meeting the alternate academic criteria eligibility requirements without regard to rank:

- Earn a 1400 (math and evidence-based reading & writing only) on the SAT/32 on the ACT (through the June test administration of the graduating year)
- Earn a 4.0 Cumulative GPA (based on the SC UGP)

## Palmetto Fellows Scholarship (PFS) Enhancements

During the 2007 legislative session, the General Assembly created the PFS Enhancements. The Scholarship Enhancement increases the PFS award from \$7,500 up to a maximum of \$10,000. The Enhancement is available to students majoring in the mathematics, science, and health fields at eligible South Carolina four-year institutions. Students who meet the eligibility requirements for both the PFS and the Enhancement, will receive an annual award of up to \$10,000 to cover their cost of attendance at any eligible four-year public or independent institution located in the state. Eligible students can be awarded a PFS Enhancement to meet their cost of attendance for up to six consecutive terms starting the second year of college enrollment at an eligible four-year institution.

### To be eligible for the Scholarship Enhancement you must:

- 1) Be a recipient of the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship;
- 2) Earn at least 14 credit hours of instruction in approved mathematics or life and physical sciences or a combination of both by the end of the first academic year of college enrollment; and
- 3) Declare an approved major in science, mathematics, or health related field at the institution. For eligible majors, courses, and institutions, visit the SC Commission on Higher Education's website at [www.che.sc.gov](http://www.che.sc.gov).

For more information on state scholarships and grants, please visit the SC Commission on Higher Education's website:

[www.che.sc.gov](http://www.che.sc.gov)

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The next four years are the best chance you will have to determine your future. Starting today is the best time to plan your high school years—and your whole life.

That's right, dreams of a great job, financial security and a great life can come true if you make the most of your education. Tomorrow's best jobs require people with good skills in English, math, science, and technology. The jobs that usually require these skills often pay the highest salaries.

Taking rigorous courses within the career cluster you choose and having a positive attitude toward your work will best prepare you for college, the military or other post-high school endeavors. Deciding to excel early will have a huge impact on your future earnings.

Who wouldn't like to have a job that's interesting, enjoyable and pays well? What **YOU** earn will depend on what **YOU** learn.