

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

In the 2007 legislative process, the S.C. General Assembly established **ENHANCEMENT** programs for LIFE and Palmetto Fellows Scholarship recipients to encourage more students to major in science, math, computer science, information technology, engineering, science education, math education, and health care and related subject areas.

**\*\*\*STUDENTS IN THEIR FIRST YEAR OF STUDY ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE ENHANCEMENT AWARDS. HOWEVER, AS A SOPHOMORE, JUNIOR OR SENIOR, ENHANCEMENT AWARDS ARE DEPENDENT UPON MEETING IMPORTANT CRITERIA IN THE FIRST ACADEMIC YEAR OF STUDY:**

- 1 - Qualify for the base LIFE Scholarship or Palmetto Fellows award.
- 2 - Enroll as a fulltime, degree-seeking student with a **DECLARED MAJOR** in one of the following eligible majors at Winthrop University:
  - Mathematics
  - Biology
  - Chemistry
  - Speech - General Communication Disorders (course of study not currently offered for new freshmen)
  - Computer Science
  - Human Nutrition
  - Middle Level Education - Math and Science concentration
- 3 - In the first academic year of enrollment, a student must complete at least 14 credit hours in related curriculum to the mathematics and life and physical science programs:
  - **For Palmetto Fellows Recipients Only:** Exempted Credit Hours, College Level Examination Program (CLEP), Dual Enrollment, courses taken during the summer session immediately prior to the student's initial college enrollment, Pass/Fail courses with a grade of "Pass" (only), International Baccalaureate (IB) courses and Advanced Placement (AP) in math and life and physical sciences taken in high school with scores of at least 3 and for which college credit was awarded will be counted toward the 14 hour requirement for the Palmetto Fellows Enhancement. However, these credits cannot be used to meet the required 30 hours which must be completed each year by Palmetto Fellows recipients.
  - **For LIFE Scholarship Recipients Only:** Summer courses; credit by examination; and AP, International Baccalaureate, Dual Enrollment, and/or CLEP credits may be counted toward the 14 hour requirement for LIFE Scholarship Enhancement. These credits can used to meet the required average of 30 credit hours which must be completed annually by LIFE Scholarship recipients.

Q. Should I pay attention to this information if I am not majoring in math, biology, chemistry, computer science or human nutrition?

A. Perhaps...How sure are you that you will not change your major?

Q. Should I pay attention to this information if I am not a LIFE or Palmetto Fellows recipient?

A. Please see the reverse page for eligibility requirements for LIFE Scholarship. If you meet these requirements, you may earn the scholarship for your second year.

## **GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIP**

Graduate from high school or complete a home school program as prescribed by law;

Attend an eligible South Carolina public or private college or university;

Be a South Carolina resident at the time of high school graduation and at the time of college enrollment;

Be a U.S. citizen or a legal permanent resident (who meets the definition of a eligible non-citizen according to State Residency Statutes);

Be enrolled as a full-time degree-seeking student; and

Certify that he or she has never been convicted of any felonies and has not been convicted of any alcohol or other drug-related misdemeanor convictions within the past academic year.

## **REQUIREMENTS TO REGAIN OR EARN THE LIFE SCHOLARSHIP**

Meet all general eligibility requirements above;

Earn an average of 30 credit hours by the end of each academic year (fall, spring, summer) equaling a minimum of 30 credit hours if a rising second year student, 60 credit hours if a rising third year student, or 90 credit hours if a rising fourth year student; and

Earn a minimum 3.0 LIFE grade point average (GPA) based on grades earned at ALL institutions attended excluding remedial, continuing education, and non-degree credit courses by the end of each academic year (fall, spring, summer). Grades earned for college credit during high school ARE counted in the LIFE GPA.

Please note: The Palmetto Fellows Program is administered by the SC Commission on Higher Education and is awarded to high school seniors who apply and meet certain general eligibility requirements. For continued eligibility, Palmetto Fellows recipients must EARN A CUMULATIVE 3.000 GPA AT THEIR HOME INSTITUTION AND EARN 30 CREDIT HOURS EACH ACADEMIC YEAR.