

**SOUTH CAROLINA RESIDENCY CERTIFICATION - INDEPENDENT**

The Palmetto Fellows, LIFE, and HOPE Scholarship Programs and the SC Tuition Grant Program require that recipients certify they are South Carolina residents in order to receive the scholarship. The initial determination of one's resident status is made at the time of admission and the burden of proof is provided by the student applicant.

No person is eligible for in-state residency status unless he/she is domiciled within South Carolina for 12 consecutive months immediately preceding term enrollment or meets state requirements for residency.

How long have you been a legal resident of South Carolina? \_\_\_\_\_Years \_\_\_\_\_Months

Have you been employed full-time in South Carolina over the past 12 months?

- Yes
- No; if this box is checked, complete the employer information section below.

Employer	City, State	Dates Employed	Full Time/Part Time

**Acceptable Documents for Proof of Residency (First-time eligible recipients)**

**Please submit the following items along with this form:**

- Copy of South Carolina driver's license
- Copy of vehicle registration
- Copy of most recent SC State Tax Return

*Any student who has obtained a scholarship through means of a willfully false statement or failure to reveal any material fact, condition, or circumstances affecting eligibility will be subject to applicable civil or criminal penalties, including retroactive loss of the scholarship and/or grant. I understand that the University may find it necessary to request additional information to verify residency in compliance with the regulations regarding the awarding of the aforementioned Scholarship's.*

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Student's Name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature

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Social Security Number (last 4 digits only)