Freshman Recruiting Scholarships 2015-2016

All incoming freshmen who file the FAFSA by Clemson’s March 1st priority deadline are considered for Federal Pell Grants, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG), Federal Work Study, and all Federal loan programs. South Carolina residents are considered for Palmetto Fellows (application available through high schools), LIFE, HOPE, and SC Need-Based Grants through the state. Over 98% of all in-state Clemson freshmen receive either the Palmetto Fellows or LIFE scholarship.

South Carolina Residents

(A student may receive only one of the Trustee Scholarship, Clemson Scholars or Palmetto Pact.)

Trustee Scholarship

- Students ranked in the top 10%* of their high school class who also have at least a 1200 SAT (CR+M) or 27 ACT will receive a renewable scholarship of $1,000.

Clemson Scholars

- The top student at each South Carolina public high school, as ranked at the end of the junior year, is awarded a renewable $3,500 Clemson Scholars award. Clemson receives nominations from the schools for this scholarship.

Palmetto Pact Scholarship

- All students (except those already identified as Clemson Scholars) who enroll at Clemson and are awarded a Palmetto Fellows from the state of South Carolina will receive a renewable $2,500 scholarship from Clemson. Note: Students with a Palmetto Fellows award and who declare a major that is eligible for the South Carolina Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Enhancement will receive an additional one-time freshman award of $2,500 which can be replaced by $2,500 of state funds for the students’ sophomore, junior, and senior years if the student meets the requirements for the Palmetto Fellows enhancement.

As an add-on to the scholarships listed above, Palmetto Fellows who score at least a 1400 SAT (CR+M) or 32 ACT will receive the Presidential Scholarship which is an additional $2,500 renewable scholarship.

Out-of-State (Domestic) Students

Non-Resident Merit Scholarship**

- Domestic out-of-state students with at least a 1250 SAT (CR+M) or 28 ACT and who are ranked in the top 10%* of their high school class will receive a renewable merit scholarship of at least $7,500. Students with higher test scores will be considered for these renewable merit scholarships up to $15,000.

Clemson Non-Resident Grant

- All out-of-state students with substantial financial need, who file the FAFSA by Clemson’s priority date of March 1st and meet academic criteria (at least a 1250 SAT (CR+M) or 28 ACT), will be considered for a renewable $2,500 grant in addition to any other scholarship(s).

In addition to the awards listed above, Clemson considers all admitted freshmen (in-state or out-of-state) for our restricted scholarships, which are usually donated by alumni and other friends of the University and awarded to incoming students. Typically, about 15% of our admitted students are offered one of these scholarships.

This list is not inclusive of all scholarships, eligibility criteria, or renewability requirements. More details about these scholarships will be in a student’s official award notice and at www.clemson.edu/financial-aid. The high school transcript submitted for admission evaluation will be the same transcript used to determine merit scholarship eligibility. Test scores need to be received by Clemson on or before March 1st.

* Students applying to Clemson from secondary schools which do not calculate class rank will still be considered for merit scholarships.

** Students with exceptionally high test scores who are not in the top 10% of their high school class will also be considered for merit scholarships.