



TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
OF THE LOWCOUNTRY

**B3 Scholarship (Building a Better  
Beaufort Scholarship) Information  
packet and Affidavit**

Please read this packet in its entirety and return ONLY the Affidavit form. Please keep all other pages for reference.

### **What is the B3 Scholarship?**

The Building a Better Beaufort Scholarship ensures that any Beaufort County School District graduate who meets certain academic eligibility criteria will be guaranteed at least two free years of college tuition at the Technical College of the Lowcountry. The B3 Scholarship encourages students who work hard in high school be secure in the knowledge that a lack of family financial resources will not keep them from attending college. From an economic development perspective, the county will be able to attract businesses by developing a better-educated workforce.

### **What is the value of the scholarship?**

The B3 Scholarship can be used to enroll in a one-year occupational, two-year technical or college transfer program at the Technical College of the Lowcountry. The scholarship will cover the remaining tuition costs of attending TCL after all other available scholarship, lottery and financial aid funds have been secured for each student. The initial award must be used during the fall or spring semester following high school graduation.

### **How do students apply?**

For application information, visit the Technical College of the Lowcountry website at <https://www.tcl.edu/>. The B3 Scholarship is designed to fill in any financial gaps not filled by other scholarship funds. Before applying for a B3 Scholarship, eligible students must first apply for state-sponsored scholarship opportunities such as LIFE, HOPE, the SC Need-Based Grant Program, or the Lottery Tuition Assistance Program.

### **What are the scholarship's academic eligibility criteria?**

- Applicants must graduate from a Beaufort County School District High School.
- The student must apply for full-time enrollment in a one-year certificate, two-year technical degree or college transfer program at the Technical College of the Lowcountry.
- Students who enroll in a transfer program must have a minimum high school grade point average (GPA) of 3.0.
- Students who enroll in a one-year certificate or two-year technical program must have a minimum high school grade point average (GPA) of 2.75.

- The student must successfully meet TCL's entry requirements, including South Carolina residency, U.S. citizenship and placement scores for college courses.
- The student must maintain a full-time course load of 12 credit hours per semester.
- The student must maintain a 3.0 GPA for transfer programs and a 2.75 GPA for certificate or technical programs.
- The B3 Scholarship will not cover bridge or remediation-type courses.
- Funding is available for two years from the date of high school graduation (summer semesters are included if part of a specific program).
- The student must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Student Code: 009910.

### **What is a transfer student?**

A transfer student is any student who has completed at least one hour of college credit after graduating high school. Transferable college credit is defined as any course credit that is recognized by the General Education Category (GEC) catalog.

A transfer student is eligible for the B3 Scholarship if he/she withdraws from a 2 or 4-year college/university during the Fall and wants to transfer to TCL during the Spring. In accordance with the B3 Scholarship, funding is available for two years from the date of graduation from high school. For example, a transfer student will only have three remaining semesters to use the B3 Scholarship under the circumstances. The student must still meet the GPA requirements of 3.0 for transfer courses and 2.75 for Certificate Programs.

### **What is Full-Time Status?**

A student who enrolls in four college courses is considered a full-time student. If a student enrolls full-time (12 credit hours) at TCL and withdraws from one class, the student is no longer considered a full-time student. The student can only take advantage of the B3 Scholarship one-time under these circumstances. If the same full-time student drops/withdraws a course for a second time, he/she will forfeit continued eligibility of the B3 Scholarship indefinitely.

### **Will Winter/Early Graduation from High School be eligible for the B3 Scholarship?**

Winter or Early graduates from Beaufort County School District will be eligible for the B3 Scholarships even if they are not enrolled in the Early College Credit Opportunity Program. Students who are Winter or Early Graduates who meet the B3 Scholarship eligibility requirements may start receiving funding from the scholarship effective immediately (January/Spring Semester).



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## B3 Scholarship Affidavit (Building a Better Beaufort Scholarship)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ TCL Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ (name) am applying for the B3 Scholarship at the Technical College of the Lowcountry (TCL), and I certify the following are true, accurate and correct to the best of my knowledge and ability. *Please initial after each statement.*

- I am a legal resident of South Carolina \_\_\_\_\_ (initial)
- I am a United States citizen or a permanent resident \_\_\_\_\_ (initial)
- I graduated from a Beaufort County Public High School \_\_\_\_\_ (initial)
- I am admitted as full-time in a one-year certificate, two-year technical degree or college transfer program. (*B3 does not cover developmental courses*) \_\_\_\_\_ (initial)
- I have applied for all other state-sponsored scholarship opportunities such as LIFE, HOPE, the SC Need-Based Grant Program, or the Lottery Tuition Assistance Program \_\_\_\_\_ (initial)
- I understand that I must maintain a 3.0 GPA if enrolled in a transfer program or 2.75 GPA if enrolled in a one-year certificate or two-year technical program and be enrolled full-time each semester to remain eligible for the B3 Scholarship \_\_\_\_\_ (initial)
- I understand that if I withdraw from full-time enrollment for more than one semester I will forfeit my eligibility for the B3 Scholarship \_\_\_\_\_ (initial)
- I have completed the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) \_\_\_\_\_ (initial)
- I understand that funding is available to me for a two-year time period from the date of high school graduation \_\_\_\_\_ (initial)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

To be completed by the office of Admissions and Financial Aid

FAFSA Completion Date		TCL GPA Semester 1	
State and Fed Aid Applied		TCL GPA Semester 2	
Enrolled FT college level		TCL GPA Semester 3	
HS GPA		TCL GPA Semester 4	
Years/Semesters eligible		Last semester of eligibility	
Form complete		Comments:	