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**2020-2021 LIFE
Scholarship
Information Packet, Definitions
Reference and Affidavit**

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

The **LIFE Scholarship** covers up to \$2500 for tuition and fee costs, of which \$150 can be used as a book allowance in both the fall and spring semesters. Requirements include, but are not limited to, the following:

- South Carolina Residency must be established to be considered.
- Graduation from a South Carolina *high school* with a cumulative minimum GPA of 3.0(*see additional requirements for students who completed a GED and/or homeschool program*).
- Must submit official SC high school transcripts, GED, or homeschool transcripts (and all college transcripts if applicable) to TCL's Enrollment Services office.
- Enrollment in developmental, bridge, credit non-degree or remedial classes does not count toward full-time enrollment status or toward the annual 30 credit hour requirement.
- Must complete a LIFE scholarship affidavit each year and submit it to the TCL Financial Aid Office. LIFE Affidavits and all other Financial Aid Forms are available at www.tcl.edu/financial-aid/forms.

The official rules pertaining to the South Carolina LIFE Scholarship Program currently state that in order for students to qualify for the scholarship, students must meet specific criteria to be considered. For full details, eligibility and renewal requirements, visit the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education website at <http://www.che.sc.gov>. Some of these additional criteria and information are listed below. Please read carefully.

Current Eligibility Requirements

- Enrollment in at least 12 college level (non-developmental/bridge or remedial courses) credits each semester to meet the full-time enrollment requirement. A student **must complete a 30, annual credit hour requirement** to qualify for renewal. ***NOTE: If you withdraw from classes after the final add/drop date, you will still receive the LIFE scholarship. However, you would need to attend during summer term to make up the needed credit hours for renewal. Students who attend in the summer typically do not have any remaining Pell funds, cannot receive Lottery Tuition Assistance, and if the summer is being used to earn the 30 credit hours, LIFE funds will also not be available for use.***
- Students may only be considered for the LIFE Scholarship for two years from the date of initial college enrollment when working towards a two-year degree. For students taking remedial or bridge courses, you are granted one year of grace period to take those courses, however, you may NOT use your LIFE scholarship during that time.
- Students who are LIFE Scholarship recipients are **not** eligible to receive the Lottery Tuition Assistance, except during the remediation period or one year grace period.
- Students with disabilities may be approved to take a reduced course load (instead of 12 credit hours) to meet the full-time enrollment requirement and the 30, annual credit hour requirement. The approval must come from TCL's Disability Services Office prior to the last day of the add/drop period. Please contact Disability Services at 843-525-8219 for more information.

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LIFE Scholarship Renewal Requirements

- Minimum cumulative LIFE GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. *NOTE: Your TCL GPA may not be the same as your LIFE GPA. TCL's grading policy allows students to repeat a course in order to earn a higher GPA. TCL uses the highest grade for the course to calculate your TCL GPA (this is also different from your Title IV GPA Calculation). The LIFE GPA calculates all college level grades from every college you attended in the grade point average.*
- **Annual credit hour requirement:** minimum of **30 earned non-developmental/bridge/remedial credit hours** after the first year of college. Developmental and bridge credit hours a student completes prior to the beginning of the fall term **do not count toward earned hours**.
- Students whose initial college enrollment begins spring semester (i.e. January), have renewal requirements of 15 credit hours and a 3.0 LIFE GPA prior to the beginning of the fall term, and earn 30 credit hours per year. For example, a student must have 15 credit hours between the spring 2018/Summer 2018 terms and must then earn an additional 30 credit hours by the end of the summer 2020 term to continue using the Scholarship for the fall 2020 semester. (All other criteria remain the same to be considered for eligibility).
- If the student fails to earn the 3.0 LIFE GPA or complete the required number of credit hours during the fall and/or spring term, the student may attend the summer semester to compensate for the deficit. *The LIFE Scholarship will not cover expenses for the summer semester, students cannot receive lottery in the summer term, and typically students do not have any Pell funding available. Please speak with the Financial Aid Office prior to the posted deadlines to discuss your funding options.*

Transfers Requirements

- If you are transferring to TCL from another institution, you must provide your most recent and final official transcripts from your previous institution and then notify the TCL Financial Aid Office once those transcripts are on file.
- The TCL Financial Aid Office may also request that you get a statement from your previous school noting the receipt of your scholarship, amount and terms.
- TCL's LIFE Affidavit must also be completed and returned to the Financial Aid Office.

Waived/Remediation/Grace Period

Students who earned a 3.0 or higher high school GPA but are enrolled in at least three developmental/bridge credits (see below) and **less than** 12 non-developmental/bridge credits, qualify to have their LIFE scholarship waived, placed on hold, or put into a grace period while completing the remediation classes. *(The need for remediation is determined by performance on the college placement exam, or Accuplacer Test. If you feel you could have placed higher and have not yet started your English or College Math Sequence at TCL, please contact TCL's testing center at 843-470-8400 to discuss your retest options. Practice tests and questions are available prior to taking the test; please ask the Testing Coordinator for more information.*

- During remediation, the student can receive lottery tuition assistance if enrolled in at least six credits and meeting all other eligibility requirements.
- A student has only two terms of remediation.
- Any college level credits earned during this time **will not** go towards student's annual credit hour requirement.
- Once the student's remediation period is over and the student enrolls in at least 12 college level credits in the immediate fall term, they can begin receiving the LIFE scholarship based on high school requirements. See full details at <http://www.che.sc.gov/>
- Students who are ineligible beginning with the fall term cannot be eligible for the scholarship again until the following fall term. All other eligibility requirements must have been met.
- *Exception: Students, who met the high school GPA requirement but not the minimum enrolled 12 credit hour requirements in the fall can receive LIFE in the spring semester. However, students must meet the minimum 12 college level credit hour enrollment requirement.*

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TCL's Developmental and Bridge Classes:

The following classes **do not** count toward your full-time (12 credit hours) enrollment status or toward the annual credit hour requirement (15; 30 or 45) for the LIFE Scholarship.

ENG 032, 100 MAT 031, 032, 012, 101, 102, 155 RDG 100 COL 103 BIO 112****

*NOTE: remedial classes (up to 30 attempted credit hours) **do** count toward the full-time status for Federal Title IV Programs and other State Assistance, but **do NOT** count to meet the LIFE Eligibility requirements or B3 requirements.

**NOTE: BIO 112 can be counted in the LIFE calculation when it is a required course in certain certificate programs.

**NOTE: MAT 155 can be counted in the LIFE calculation when it is a required course in a Health Science program.

Definitions:

Non-Developmental/Bridge Credits are college credits that earn actual college credits towards an associate degree or higher. Also known as college level credits.

Initial College Enrollment is the first term that begins the LIFE Scholarship eligibility time period.

Waived/Remediation/Grace Period is the period in which a student's scholarship is delayed for up to two semesters until they are enrolled in 12 college level credits. (Excluding summer terms).

LIFE GPA is the cumulative GPA that includes credit hours and grades earned (including failed courses) at all eligible institutions based on a 4.0 scale. It does not include continuing education, developmental and bridge courses. The LIFE GPA may not be the same as your TCL GPA.

TCL Financial Aid Office Contact Information and Location:

Email: financialaid@tcl.edu

Phone: 843.470.5961

Location: Beaufort Campus / Building 2, Coleman Hall / First Floor Admissions and Financial Aid

Suite Beaufort Hours of Operation: Monday-Thursday 8:00am to 5:30pm and Friday 8:00am to 11:30am New

River Campus: Monday and Thursday 8:15am to 4:30pm

Transcript Address:

All transcripts should be sent to the address listed below. Please remember to contact the Financial Aid Office to notify a representative that your transcripts are now on file. This includes high school and college transcripts. Technical College of the Lowcountry • Attention: Admissions • PO Box 1288 • Beaufort, SC 29901-1288

****Don't forget to submit the final page of this packet and return it to the Financial Aid Office each year you are requesting assistance.***



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Affidavit

Name: _____ Phone _____ TCL Student ID _____

This affidavit is used to determine eligibility for the LIFE Scholarship at Technical College of the Lowcountry (TCL).

I _____ (name) am applying for the LIFE Scholarship at 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 high school in South Carolina, or successfully completed a home school program as prescribed by law, or graduated from a preparatory high school outside of South Carolina, while a dependent of a parent or guardian who is a legal resident of South Carolina and has custody of me. _____(Initial)
- I am admitted and classified as a degree-seeking student and am enrolled full-time in **college level courses** (*LIFE cannot be used toward developmental, bridge, or remedial courses*). _____(Initial)
- I am working toward a first undergraduate degree. _____(Initial)
- I will use the LIFE Scholarship for tuition, fees and other educational costs at TCL. _____(Initial)
- I have not defaulted and do not owe a refund or repayment on any Federal or State financial aid. _____(Initial)
- I have not been adjudicated delinquent, convicted, or pled guilty or nolo contendere to any felonies or any second or subsequent alcohol/other drug related offenses under the laws of this or any other state or under the laws of the United States within the past academic year. _____(Initial)
- **By my signature on this document, I understand my responsibilities as described above. In addition, I understand I must be enrolled on a full-time basis, and must provide all transcripts to TCL in order to receive the South Carolina LIFE Scholarship, and I know I can review the most current eligibility requirements on the SC Commission on Higher Education website: www.che.sc.gov** _____(Initial).
- I am aware that I *must* submit official transcripts from my high school and **ALL** colleges attended. _____(initial)

High Schools and Colleges Attended: *Please provide separate page if additional space is needed to list schools attended. I certify that I attended the following schools and have submitted official transcripts for each school to TCL.*

High School Attended:	Years Attended:	College(s)/Universities Attended (include TCL if you have previously attended):	Years Attended:

Signature

Date

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Date Reviewed/Reviewer Initials		LIFE GPA	
Approved/Denied/Pending		Total College Credits	
High School Grad Year/GPA		Current Hours Enrolled/ Dev Credits	

Program of Study		Waived semesters:	
Initial College Enrollment		Awarded Semester(s):	
Date Finalized:		Comments:	

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