



Early Graduation Application

For LIFE Scholarship and SC HOPE Scholarship

Deadline: February 15, 2023

Students who complete all requirements for high school graduation mid-year (December/January) prior to the official graduation date in May/June may be eligible to receive the LIFE scholarship or SC HOPE Scholarship for Spring 2023 if they meet all initial and general eligibility criteria. Please refer to the Scholarship guidelines posted on the Commission of Higher Education's (CHE) website at www.che.gov.

Early Graduation Documents

In order to be considered for Early Graduation, the following **must** be submitted to the financial aid office at the higher education institution by the deadline date:

1. Original and completed Early Graduation Application signed by the student (Part I);
2. Original letter on school letterhead signed by the principal/school counselor stating that the student **has completed all** the SC graduation requirements by the established December/January deadline;
3. Original official high school transcript (must be in officially sealed envelope). Transcript must include all grades through December/January and include a cumulative GPA based on the SC Uniform grading policy;
4. Official SAT/ACT scores (if applicable) must be sent electronically to the institution by the established deadline;
5. All documents must be received by the institution's financial aid office no later than 5:00 pm on February 15, 2023.
6. **Documents and files that remain incomplete by the deadline date will not be considered.**

IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT ALL DOCUMENTS ARE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 15, 2023. APPLICATIONS THAT REMAIN INCOMPLETE BY THE DEADLINE DATE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Part I - Student Section (*Must be completed by student.*)

Name _____ Social Security Number: _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number (_____) _____ Email: _____

High School(s): _____

I will be enrolling at USC AIKEN as a full-time degree-seeking student during the Spring _____ term. For the LIFE/HOPE Scholarships, I understand this term will count against my terms of eligibility.
(YEAR)

I understand that I am responsible for ensuring that all required documentation is submitted to the institution's financial aid office by the established deadline for a complete application and that all submitted information is true and accurate. I understand that institution staff is not responsible for ensuring that my Early Graduation Application is complete for review and that institution staff will not contact me, my parents/guardians or the institution concerning documentation that is missing and/or incorrect in my application. I also understand that final documentation/information must be received by the deadline.

Student Signature (required) _____
Date

I agree that any information regarding my application may be shared with my parents or legal guardians. If this is not signed, then the application will only be discussed with the student.

Student Signature (optional) _____
Date

Part II - Institution Section (*USC Aiken Office of Financial Aid completes this section.*)

I hereby certify that the above student is enrolled as a full-time degree-seeking student who meets **all** the eligibility requirements to receive _____ as stipulated by the guidelines governing the program.
(LIFE or HOPE)

USC Aiken	(803) 641-3476	
College/University	Telephone Number	Email Address
Institutional Representative	Title	Date