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Paying for college is one of the most important investments a family will make, and the University of South Carolina believes that a top-notch education should be accessible to all qualified students regardless of their economic situation. That’s why we offer tuition and living expenses that compare favorably with top colleges and universities across the nation. We also offer many types of financial assistance to make your education more affordable.

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<th>ESTIMATED EXPENSES</th>
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*Some academic programs, majors and classes have additional fees.

Estimated college expenses at the University of South Carolina for the 2018-2019 year are itemized in the chart above. This is the general “sticker price” of attending the university and does not take into account potential financial aid and scholarship awards. The university’s Board of Trustees sets tuition costs in July for the next academic year. Refer to sc.edu/admissions for the latest tuition figures.
Each entering class competes with itself, which influences how many students are offered merit awards and what academic credentials are necessary to qualify for these awards. Some merit scholarships are based upon additional or alternate criteria (e.g., valedictorian) and/or may have other eligibility requirements (e.g., citizenship). All freshman applicants who meet our early answer, Honors College or regular application and credentials deadlines will be considered for university merit scholarships. The following chart provides a guide to scholarship consideration; it is not a guarantee of future awards.

### LIKELIHOOD OF AN ADMITTED FRESHMAN RECEIVING A USC MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

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<th>SAT/ACT SCORE RANGE</th>
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Note: This chart is not related to the probability of admission, which is an entirely separate process from the awarding of scholarships.
Students who have excellent high school grades and competitive scores on the SAT or ACT are considered for merit scholarships awarded by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. For each general university award category, average high school GPA and SAT/ACT scores of 2018 recipients are provided.

All SAT scores listed in this booklet refer to Evidence-Based Reading and Writing + Math scores only. All ACT scores refer to the composite score only. All GPA averages refer to the weighted core GPA. This is calculated using the 19 core academic courses on the high school transcript required by the university.

Applicants of each class compete among themselves for available awards, so averages shift from year to year. Actual award criteria are set annually based on the size and strength of the applicant pool and the availability of scholarship funding.

**ADDITIONAL POINTS**

- All first-time fall freshman applicants who submit a completed university application by Dec. 1 will be considered for general university awards. However, all students are encouraged to submit their general application by Oct. 15, the early answer deadline.

- Stamps, Carolina, 1801, McNair, Horseshoe and Alumni Scholars Awards require submission of the general university application and an Honors College/Top Scholars application by Nov. 15.

- Scholarship offers are typically released by mid-March for freshmen entering in the fall.

- Scholarship funds are available for fall and spring semesters only, unless granted special approval to use the award during a summer term. The duration of scholarship eligibility is for continuous undergraduate enrollment over eight semesters (which is typically four years if a student does not attend summer school on the USC Columbia campus).

- Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA at the University of South Carolina to retain their merit award. GPAs are reviewed at the end of each spring for renewal for the next fall.
The Office of Undergraduate Admissions offers a variety of merit scholarships for freshmen who reside in South Carolina. Most university awards may not be combined with any other award listed in this section. However, any general university award may be combined with a South Carolina state lottery-funded scholarship.

**STAMPS SCHOLARS AWARD**
Annual value: up to $20,000
Enrichment fund: $10,000
Four-year value: up to $90,000

**CAROLINA SCHOLARS AWARD**
Annual value: $15,000
Four-year value: $60,000

**1801 SCHOLARS AWARD**
Annual value: $10,000
Four-year value $40,000

The Stamps, Carolina and 1801 Scholars Awards are the most prestigious awards offered by the university to South Carolina residents. Fifty students with strong academic records and leadership qualities will be invited to participate in an interview weekend. Five will be named Stamps Scholars, 20 will be named Carolina Scholars, and 25 will be named 1801 Scholars. Candidates must participate in the entire Top Scholars Weekend (Feb. 23-25, 2019) to be considered for these awards. Last year, S.C. Top Scholars had an average SAT score of 1520 (ACT score of 34) and an average weighted GPA of 4.89.

**ALUMNI SCHOLARS AWARD**
Annual value: $8,000
Four-year value: $32,000

Sponsored by the My Carolina Alumni Association, these awards signify outstanding achievement in academics, leadership, talent and service. In 2018, recipients of this award had an average SAT score of 1550 (ACT score of 35) and an average weighted GPA of 4.95.

Note: A separate Honors College/Top Scholars application must be completed by Nov. 15 to be considered for the Stamps, Carolina, 1801 and Alumni Scholars Awards.
**PROVOST SCHOLARS AWARD**
Annual value: up to $10,000  
Four-year value: up to $40,000

The university awards scholarships to National Merit Finalists and National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholars. The competition for these awards begins upon taking the PSAT/NMSQT in the junior year of high school. To be eligible, National Merit Finalists must list the University of South Carolina as their first choice through the National Merit Corporation by the stated deadline. The National Hispanic Recognition Program provides USC the names of scholars selected for its program. The annual award value includes $500 sponsored by the National Merit Corporation, if applicable. The Provost Scholars Award may be combined with another general university award.

**TRUSTEES’ ENDOWMENT SCHOLARS AWARD**
Annual value: $5,000  
Four-year value: $20,000

This scholarship is awarded to incoming freshmen based on academic merit and financial need. Candidates typically present high SAT or ACT scores and an excellent GPA. In 2018, recipients of this award had an average SAT score of 1540 (ACT score of 34) and an average weighted GPA of 4.94.

**VALEDICTORIAN SCHOLARS AWARD**
Annual value: $3,000  
Four-year value: $12,000

These scholarships are awarded to students ranked first in their class at the end of their junior or senior years. Class rank is the sole criterion for this award. Students must be S.C. residents graduating from an S.C. high school to be eligible.

**DEAN’S SCHOLARS AWARD**
Annual value: $3,000  
Four-year value: $12,000

In 2018, recipients of this award had an average SAT score of 1430 (ACT score of 31) and an average weighted GPA of 4.56. Palmetto Fellows automatically qualify for this award.

*This award may be combined with any other general university award.*
UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS AWARD
Annual value: $2,000
Four-year value: $8,000

In 2018, recipients of this award had an average SAT score of 1340 (ACT score of 28) and an average weighted GPA of 4.20.

PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS AWARD*
Annual value: $1,000
Four-year value: $4,000

This award is for students who are named Palmetto Fellows and score a minimum of 1450 on the SAT or 32 on the ACT. The Presidential Scholars Award can be combined with another general university award.

GARNET SCHOLARS AWARD
Annual value: $500
Four-year value: $2,000

In 2018, recipients of this award had an average SAT score of 1260 (ACT score of 26) and an average weighted GPA of 4.35.

COLLEGIATE SCHOLARS AWARD
Annual value: $500
Four-year value: $2,000

USC partners with RaiseMe to offer this scholarship. Students attending a South Carolina high school listed in the Collegiate Scholars Award description at sc.edu/financialaid/scholarships (click on “Scholarships for S.C. Residents”) can begin earning money for college in ninth grade. Visit raise.me/join/south-carolina to learn more and set up an account.

USC STEM SUPPLEMENT*
Annual value: $3,300 freshman year only

USC offers this one-time, freshman-year-only award supplement to all admitted freshmen who are Palmetto Fellows and enroll in a STEM-eligible major. For a list of majors, visit sc.edu/financialaid/scholarships (click on “Scholarships for S.C. Residents”). The USC STEM Supplement may be combined with another general university award.

*These awards may be combined with any other general university award.
The state awards several types of lottery-funded scholarships to eligible South Carolina residents, including:

- Palmetto Fellows Scholarship
- LIFE Scholarship
- HOPE Scholarship
- Palmetto Fellows and LIFE Scholarship STEM Enhancement.

Any of these awards can be added to any general university scholarship.

For details on the monetary awards and eligibility requirements for each state scholarship, refer to the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education website, [www.che.sc.gov](http://www.che.sc.gov).
The Office of Undergraduate Admissions offers an array of scholarships for nonresident freshmen. Only one general university award is allowed per nonresident, with the exception of the Provost Scholars Award, which can be added to any other award listed in this section.

**STAMPS SCHOLARS AWARD**
Annual value: up to $20,750 + tuition reduction to in-state rate  
Enrichment fund: $10,000  
Four-year value: up to $176,000

**MCNAIR SCHOLARS AWARD**
Annual value: $15,000 + tuition reduction to in-state rate  
Four-year value: more than $143,000

**HORSESHOE SCHOLARS AWARD**
Annual value: $11,000 + tuition reduction to in-state rate  
Four-year value: more than $127,000

The Stamps, McNair and Horseshoe Scholars Awards are the most prestigious awards offered by the university to nonresidents. Forty-five nonresident students with strong academic records and leadership qualities will be invited to participate in an interview weekend. Five will be named Stamps Scholars, 20 will be named McNair Scholars, and 20 will be named Horseshoe Scholars. Candidates must participate in the entire Top Scholars Weekend (March 2-4, 2019) to be considered for these awards. Last year, nonresident Top Scholars had an average SAT score of 1540 (ACT score of 34) and an average weighted GPA of 4.79. Recipients qualify for the in-state tuition rate.

**ALUMNI SCHOLARS AWARD**
Annual value: $8,000 + tuition reduction to in-state rate  
Four-year value: more than $112,400

Sponsored by the My Carolina Alumni Association, these awards signify outstanding achievement in academics, leadership, talent and service. In 2018, recipients of this award had an average SAT score of 1550 (ACT score of 35) and an average weighted GPA of 4.92.

*Note: A separate Honors College/Top Scholars application must be completed by Nov. 15 to be considered for the Stamps, McNair, Horseshoe and Alumni Scholars Awards.*
PROVOST SCHOLARS AWARD
Annual value: up to $6,000 + tuition reduction to in-state rate
Four-year value: up to $104,400

The university awards scholarships to National Merit Finalists and National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholars. The competition for these awards begins upon taking the PSAT/NMSQT in the junior year of high school. To be eligible, National Merit Finalists must list the University of South Carolina as their first choice through the National Merit Corporation by the stated deadline. The National Hispanic Recognition Program provides USC the names of scholars selected for its program. The annual award value includes $500 sponsored by the National Merit Corporation, if applicable. The Provost Scholars Award may be combined with another general university award.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARS — ELITE AWARD
Annual value: $4,000 + tuition reduction to in-state rate
Four-year value: more than $96,400

In 2018, recipients of the Elite Award had an average SAT score of 1545 (ACT score of 34) and an average weighted GPA of 4.76.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARS — EXCELLENCE AWARD
Annual value: $2,000 + tuition reduction to in-state rate
Four-year value: more than $88,400

In 2018, recipients of the Excellence Award had an average SAT score of 1470 (ACT score of 32) and an average weighted GPA of 4.62.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARS — SUPERLATIVE AWARD
Annual value: $500 + tuition reduction to in-state rate
Four-year value: more than $82,400

In 2018, recipients of the Superlative Award had an average SAT score of 1410 (ACT score of 30) and an average weighted GPA of 4.35.

*This award may be combined with any other general university award.
ACADEMIC SCHOLARS — DISTINCTION AWARD
Annual value: $500 + tuition reduction
Four-year value: more than $59,432

In 2018, recipients of the Distinction Award had an average SAT score of 1355 (ACT score of 29) and an average weighted GPA of 4.27. Recipients of this award also receive a significant tuition reduction of nearly half of the nonresident rate.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARS—MERIT AWARD
Annual value: $500 + tuition reduction
Four-year value: more than $39,032

In 2018, recipients of the Merit Award had an average SAT score of 1305 (ACT score of 28) and an average weighted GPA of 3.88. Recipients of this award also receive a significant tuition reduction.
Additional university and non-university award opportunities are available to help students pay for their education. An overview of some of the more common awards follows. Details on these and other financial aid support options can be found at sc.edu/financialaid.

Note: Total university aid cannot exceed the cost of attendance, even if the student is eligible for departmental awards or “stackable” university scholarships, such as the Provost Scholars Award.

UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENTAL SCHOLARSHIPS
Some academic colleges and departments at the University of South Carolina award scholarships to outstanding new freshmen, while other scholarships are available after the freshman year. Eligibility and actual award amounts vary. Some departments award scholarships based on information provided with the application for admission, and others require additional action from students.

USC ACCESS GRANT
The USC Access Grant is a need-based program designed to help middle-income families who do not qualify for federal grants but demonstrate financial need. The program is limited to dependent students who are S.C. residents, and the grants are awarded based upon the information provided on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Funding for this program is limited. Awards are made to the earliest FAFSA filers.

ATHLETIC GRANTS-IN-AID
Men in football, track, baseball, basketball, golf, tennis, swimming and soccer and women in basketball, golf, tennis, softball, volleyball, sand volleyball, track, cross country, soccer, swimming and equestrian may be offered these awards. These awards do not participate in the tuition reduction benefit provided to some nonresident scholarship recipients.
GAMECOCK GUARANTEE PROGRAM
The Gamecock Guarantee is a need-based financial and academic support program dedicated to expanding access to the university. The goal is to make a Carolina degree more attainable for academically talented, first-generation students from South Carolina families.

To be eligible, students must be on track to enter the fall semester as South Carolina residents who are first-generation, first-time and full-time freshmen whose family meets specific poverty criteria. All freshmen admitted into the university, including those in the South Carolina Honors College and the Capstone Scholars Program, can receive this award. There is no separate application process. Eligible students must apply for admission by Dec. 1 and submit a FAFSA and any additional information requested by the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships by April 1.

NON-UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS
Many students receive scholarships and other financial aid from sources outside the university. It is their responsibility to notify both the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships and the Bursar’s Office of any non-university scholarships. There is generally no limit to the amount of non-university scholarship awards students may receive, but there are a few exceptions with state and general university scholarships.

Questions regarding scholarships from non-university sources should be directed to the financial aid staff at 803-777-8134. All scholarship checks should be sent to the Bursar’s Office to be applied to the student’s account prior to the fee payment deadline. For more information, visit sc.edu/bursar.
As with scholarships, students must be officially accepted to the university to be awarded financial aid. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is the sole application for federal and some state financial aid programs. The FAFSA becomes available on Oct. 1 of every year, and students must complete a new one each year to continue receiving aid. The university’s school code number for the FAFSA is 003448.

Students and their parents should separately create a Federal Student Aid ID and password to complete a FAFSA entirely by electronic means via fafsa.gov. The FSA ID also serves as an electronic signature and can be requested at fsaid.ed.gov. Those who are eligible can use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to confirm the tax-related information on their FAFSA. The tool draws information from a completed tax return to automatically populate parts of the application. To enhance security and privacy of sensitive data, the data transferred from the IRS into the FAFSA is encrypted.

Federal and state-funded financial aid typically includes grants (which usually do not have to be repaid), work-study or part-time employment opportunities. It also includes loans with low or reasonable interest that must be repaid after graduation, when the student is no longer enrolled or when the student drops below six hours of enrollment.

FEDERAL PELL GRANT
Pell Grants are typically awarded to undergraduate students who have not earned a bachelor’s or professional degree. The maximum amount can change each award year and depends on program funding. The amount awarded will depend on financial need, costs and enrollment status.

FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANT
An FSEOG is for undergraduates with exceptional financial need and gives priority to students who receive Federal Pell Grants. Award amounts vary, depending on factors such as student need and available funding.

FEDERAL WORK-STUDY
This program provides jobs for students with financial need, allowing them to earn money to help pay education-related expenses. The program encourages community service work and work related to a student’s course of study. The total federal work-study award depends on when the student applies, the student’s level of need and the university’s funding level for the award year.
FEDERAL DIRECT LOANS (SUBSIDIZED AND UNSUBSIDIZED)
All Federal Direct Loans are offered by the federal government. As part of the awarding process, the university automatically awards federal direct subsidized and unsubsidized loans as part of the financial aid offering. Students have the choice to accept or decline the loan.

FEDERAL DIRECT PARENT LOAN FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS
Through this program, parents of dependent undergraduate students can borrow up to the cost of attendance minus any other aid that students receive.

NURSING STUDENT LOAN
The Nursing Student Loan program is a federal loan program funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The program provides loans to undergraduate students pursuing a degree in nursing.

PRIVATE STUDENT LOANS
These loans are offered through private lending institutions such as a bank, credit union or state agency and are not part of federal loan programs. Approval for these loans rests with the lending institution.

SC TEACHERS LOAN
This loan was established to encourage S.C. residents to teach in areas of critical need to enhance the state’s education goals. These loans are administered by the South Carolina Student Loan Corporation.

STATE NEED-BASED GRANT
This grant is for legal residents of South Carolina who are full-time students seeking their first undergraduate degree. Award amounts are based on financial need and the amount of funding available.
How do I apply for university scholarships?
The Office of Undergraduate Admissions awards scholarships to first-time, first-year freshman applicants. Students who complete the application for admission by Dec. 1, 2018, and submit required credentials by Feb. 1, 2019, will be automatically considered for the university’s merit-based scholarships. Students who wish to be considered for the university’s most prestigious scholarships must also complete the South Carolina Honors College/Top Scholars application by Nov. 15, 2018.

When are scholarships awarded?
General university scholarship offers will be issued mid-March 2019. Scholarship recipients will receive an email notification when their award letters are posted online. Departmental award notifications vary; check directly with the department about its schedule.

Can I do anything to increase the value of my future scholarship?
Scholarships are awarded based on two academic components: performance on required high school courses and standardized test scores. Students should submit all official test score attempts to the University of South Carolina by Feb. 1, 2019. The university considers the test (SAT or ACT) with the highest scores that gives students the greatest advantages in the admission and scholarship awarding process. The highest SAT score is calculated by combining the single highest Evidence-Based Reading and Writing + Math scores from all test administrations. For the ACT, the single highest composite score is used.

Due to the competitiveness of the scholarship awarding process and financial aid pool, the university is unable to negotiate aid or scholarship awards.

What codes do I use to have scores sent to South Carolina?
Use 5818 for the SAT and 3880 for the ACT.

Will I hear if I am not awarded a scholarship?
The university only sends notification to award recipients. Any questions regarding status after that date should be directed to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.
If I don’t receive a scholarship my freshman year, can I receive one later? General university awards are only offered to entering freshmen. However, university departments may offer scholarships for upperclassmen. Students should check with their academic department about the opportunity for any awards.

Where else can I look for scholarships? There are many resources available for finding non-USC scholarships. High school counselors and online sources such as collegeboard.org and fastweb.com can provide detailed information on both scholarships and financial aid.

May I still be considered for need-based financial aid even if I received a university scholarship? Students may be considered for both types and should submit the FAFSA online at fafsa.ed.gov as early as Oct. 1, but no later than April 1. Be sure to list the University of South Carolina code on the application: 003448.

How will I be notified about financial aid? The university’s Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships will notify students via their university email account and refer them to Self Service Carolina for detailed information about any award(s) received.

How do I accept any awards? Students must submit a nonrefundable $200 enrollment deposit via their admissions portal by May 1, 2019, to secure their space in the freshman class and accept any awards.
For additional information about general university awards:

OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS
University of South Carolina
Columbia, SC 29208
803-777-7700 or (toll free) 800-868-5872
sc.edu/admissions
admissions-ugrad@sc.edu

For additional information about departmental scholarships and financial aid:

OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS
University of South Carolina
Columbia, SC 29208
803-777-8134
sc.edu/financialaid
uscfaid@sc.edu

USC UNDERGRADUATE NET PRICE CALCULATOR
npc.collegeboard.org/student/app/sc

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT
Career Center
Thomas Cooper Library, Level 5
803-777-7280
sc.edu/career
career@sc.edu

For additional information about non-university scholarships and financial aid:

COLLEGE BOARD
collegeboard.org

FASTWEB
fastweb.com

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"BEST VALUE IN PUBLIC COLLEGES"
Kiplinger (2018)

96% of all freshmen received financial aid in 2017-2018

1/3 More than one-third of the freshman class typically receives a merit scholarship.

"AMERICA’S BEST VALUE COLLEGES"
Forbes (2018)