



UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

LANCASTER

A Palmetto College Campus

**Application for
Academic Scholarship**

How to Apply

1. **Complete and return this application for an academic scholarship, including the essay, along with your application for admission to USC Lancaster by the appropriate deadline.**
 - "Lancer Scholars" Freshman due November 1; 4.0 minimum GPA; **applicants not awarded are "rolled over" into the regular freshman application process.**
 - "Incoming Freshman" due February 1.
 - "Continuing USC Lancaster Students" due April 1.
2. **Have your SAT or ACT scores and transcript(s) for all previous academic work forwarded to the USC Lancaster Admissions Office.**

Other Information

1. **Scholarships are awarded for the regular academic year, fall and spring semesters, and are not available in the summer.**
2. **Students selected for scholarships must enroll full time in order to receive their awards.**

Before you begin

- Remember to **PRINT ALL INFORMATION IN INK**
- Once you've completed the application, bring it to the Admission Office in Starr Hall, or mail it to the USC Lancaster Admissions Office, PO Box 889, Lancaster, SC 29721-0889

Please indicate if you are:

- An Incoming Freshman
 An Incoming Transfer Student
 A Continuing USCL Student*

*Continuing students must have a 3.0 Institutional GPA or higher to be eligible for a scholarship.

USCL hours earned _____ Current GPA _____

Personal Information

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Preferred Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile Number: _____

Personal Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) (skip this question if you are an independent adult student)

Name: _____ Employer: _____ Position: _____

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High School Information

High School: _____ Dates Attended: _____

College Information

Desired degree/major: _____ Occupational Objective: _____

If you have previous college credit please list hours earned and GPA.

Course	Institution	Amount

Are you a First Generation College Student? Y / N

(a student whose parent(s)/legal guardian(s) have not completed a four-year degree.)

Admission Status

I submitted an application for admission to USC Lancaster on _____, 20 _____

I have not submitted an application to USC Lancaster.

(optional) If there is a particular USC Lancaster scholarship for which you wish to be considered, please indicate the name of the scholarship.

(A complete list of available scholarships can be found at <http://usclancaster.sc.edu/finaid/scholshplist.htm>)

Financial Information

Have you completed the FAFSA? Yes: _____ No: _____

Additional Information

To the best of your knowledge list all scholarships for which you have applied and are being considered (not including this application) and all that you have been awarded to date.

Scholarships you have received

Name	Institution	Amount

Scholarships for which you have applied and are awaiting a response

Name	Institution	Amount

School Involvement: Please list extracurricular activities, including athletics, in which you have participated.

Activity Ex.: Student Government	Year(s) Ex.: Fr, So, Jr, Sr	Leadership Position(s) Ex.: Class President

Community Involvement: Please list all community activities in which you have participated over the past four years.

Activity	Year(s)	Leadership Position(s)

Honors and Awards: Please list all honors and awards you have received over the past four years.

Employment History: Please list your employment history for the past two years.

Place of Employment	Length of Employment	Position

Hobbies and Interests:

List the books you have read during the past year. Place an "X" after those required in school courses. Include the magazines and newspapers you regularly read.

Scholarship Essay Instructions:

The scholarship essay gives you a real opportunity to distinguish yourself from other applicants; the essay may be your only chance to tell the scholarship committee who you really are aside from your test scores and class standing. Since the essay is so important, often students approach it by writing something they believe others will be interested in, or agree with. Readers often find such essays to be very similar, and they don't paint a vivid picture of the applicant – they take no risks, and, therefore, don't stand out.

In writing your essay, then, remember to be original; as you think about the topics below, don't necessarily choose the first idea that comes to mind, but mull your ideas over a bit until you come up with something that will give you a chance to shine.

The experiences you describe in your essay need not be grand in scope; small events can have great consequences. Choose something that touches you deeply, not something that you think will impress the committee.

On a separate page, **type** a brief essay (300-500 word) on **one** of the following topics:

1. Some students have a background or story that is so central to their identity that they believe that their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
2. Recount an incident or time when you experienced failure. How did it affect you, and what lessons did you learn?
3. Reflect on a time when you challenged a belief or idea. What prompted you to act? Would you make the same decision again?
4. Why does the United States have among the highest rates of poverty and income inequality of any developed nation, and what, if anything, can and should we do to reduce the prevalence of these problems in our country?

Certification and Signature

I certify that the above information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and that the essay I am submitting is original and written entirely by me. I authorize appropriate individuals, offices or committees at USC Lancaster access to the information contained herein and to my admissions file for the sole purpose of determining my eligibility for scholarships at the University of South Carolina Lancaster. **Further, I understand that this application cannot be considered unless I submit an admissions application SAT or ACT scores and transcript(s) to the Admissions Office by the appropriate deadline.**

Signature _____