UNIVERSITY OF South Carolina PALMETTO COLLEGE

Financial Aid Offices
Lancaster, Salkehatchie, Sumter, Union

STATE NEED-BASED GRANT/ LIFE SCHOLARSHIP
REQUIRED CERTIFICATION AND AFFIDAVIT

This affidavit must be signed by the student. Complete, sign, and return this affidavit. The completed and signed affidavit must be returned within three weeks after receipt or prior to registration or disbursement of funds. Failure to return this form will result in cancellation of these state program(s). If this signed document is not returned within three weeks after receipt or prior to registration or disbursement of funds, it will be assumed that you cannot or do not wish to sign, and the award will be rescinded. You may return this form to your campus Financial Aid Office.

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Student's Name **VIP ID**

As a ***State Need Based Grant or LIFE Scholarship*** recipient, I certify that I have not been convicted of any felonies. Further, I certify that I have not been convicted of an alcohol or drug-related misdemeanor offense during the preceding calendar year defined as 12 months from the date of the start of school for the period of this award. If I am adjudicated delinquent or am convicted or pled guilty or *nolo contendere* to any felonies or any second or subsequent alcohol or drug related misdemeanor offenses under the laws of South Carolina or any other state or under the laws of the United States, I agree to notify the Financial Aid Office by the start of school. I hereby give permission for a background check to be conducted to verify the above. I understand additional information may be requested after the background check has been conducted.
Any false information provided by the student or any attempt to expend any State Need-Based Grant or LIFE Scholarship for unlawful purposes or any purpose other than in payment or reimbursement for the cost of tuition and mandatory fees at the institution authorized to award the funds will be cause for immediate cancellation of the grant or scholarship received. Any student who has obtained a grant or scholarship through means of a willfully false statement or failure to reveal any material fact, condition, or circumstances affecting eligibility will be subject to applicable civil or criminal penalties, including retroactive loss of the grant or scholarship.

Note: A response must be provided to one of the following statements: (check one)

☐ I certify that I **do not** have an Associate's or Baccalaureate (4 years) Degree, Certificate or Diploma from a college or university.

☐ I certify that I **received** an Associate's or Baccalaureate (4 years) Degree, Certificate or Diploma from the below college or university:

_____ in _____.
Name of Institution Month/Year Received

Further, I certify that I have not received the State Need-Based Grant for more than eight (8) full-time equivalent terms. * In addition, for the purpose of determining my LIFE Scholarship eligibility, I certify that I have submitted all previous and current official transcript(s) for all eligible institutions that I have ever attended to USC for use in determining a LIFE Scholarship grade point average (GPA). I also affirm that if I take courses during or after signing this document, I will submit any additional transcript(s) to USC. I understand that all academic work from all eligible institutions will be used to determine a LIFE GPA only and that the LIFE GPA will not be used for USC academic standing or for graduation purposes.

Lastly, I certify that I am not in default on a Federal or State student loan or owe a refund to a Federal or State student grant.

_____ _____
Student's Signature Date

*If you have questions regarding the number of terms you have been awarded a Need-based Grant, please contact your financial aid office.

Awards are dependent upon action by the General Assembly, and amounts are contingent upon the availability of funds to be appropriated for the programs. The LIFE Scholarship is dependent upon your GPA at the time funds are disbursed.