

SC Need-based Grant Waiver Form For Foster Care Youth

Name _____

Student ID Number _____ SS# _____

E-mail address _____

Name of College _____

Please indicate the term(s) you are requesting funds (ex. Fall 2024/Spring 2025) _____

I hereby grant that information requested by the SC Commission on Higher Education and the Department of Social Services may be released to them. These State agencies may access my personal demographic, academic, and financial information in order to provide academic and financial assistance.

Students are required to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Form in order to participate in the SC Need-based Grant program (SCNBG). Students who are eligible for SCNBG may also be eligible for the Foster Care Youth SCNBG and are responsible for contacting the institution and providing official verification to the institution and to CHE that he/she is in current custody of DSS (either in DSS custody or Independent Living Program through DSS). Acceptable verification shall include a letter or other verifiable documentation from DSS. Students only need to provide documentation once per institution.

Name of Case Worker

County & Contact Number

Signature of Case Worker

Case Worker E-Mail address

Date

In addition to the waiver form, the DSS caseworker must also submit a letter of verification that the above mentioned student is currently in custody of DSS and/or participating in the DSS Independent Living Program. Students who have been adopted or voluntarily left Foster Care/DSS are not eligible.

One copy of the SC Need-based Grant Waiver Form must be submitted to each of the following agencies: 1) SC Commission on Higher Education, 1122 Lady Street, Suite 400, Attn: Need-based Grant Coordinator, Columbia, SC 29201 or email it to kharris@che.sc.gov; 2) SC DSS, Attn: Foster Care/Independent Living Program, PO Box 1520, Columbia, SC 29202; and 3) the financial aid representative at the institution.

Deadline is May 1st.

NOTE: You may be eligible for assistance through federal programs for foster youth, such as the John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program and/or the Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program. For more information contact your state ETV coordinator. The contact information is located here: [State, Territory, and Tribal Resources | Child Welfare Information Gateway](#) . There is also potential funding through the Foster Care to Success: America's College Fund for Foster Youth. More information is available at: www.fc2success.org .

***Students should also talk with their Case Worker & Financial Aid Office about ETV Funds.**