

# Fees and Financial Assistance

## FEES

The Catalog statement is considered sufficient notice of the time and terms of payment. Statements, however, are sent as reminders and for the convenience of parents and guardians. Fees must be paid promptly at the times specified.

### RESIDENT STUDENTS

Comprehensive Fees ..... \$24,710

Includes tuition, student activity fee, and room and board of \$5,795. Room and board fee includes local telephone service, parking permit, telecable, microfridge.

#### Schedule of Payments:

Non-refundable reservation fee  
(applies to tuition) ..... \$300  
For new students, due on or before May 1  
For returning students, due on or before April 1

#### Tuition Due Dates:

Fall and Winter Terms due September 1 . \$14,826  
Spring Term due February 1 ..... \$ 9,884  
\$24,710

For students entering at Winter Term  
(January 2004), due December 15, 2003 . \$14,826

### COMMUTING STUDENTS

Comprehensive Fees ..... \$18,915  
Includes tuition and student activity fee.

#### Schedule of Payments:

Non-refundable reservation fee  
(applies to tuition) ..... \$300  
For new students, due on or before May 1  
For returning students, due on or before April 1

#### Tuition Due Dates:

Fall and Winter Terms due September 1 . \$ 11,349  
Spring Term due February 2 ..... \$ 7,566  
\$ 18,915

For students entering at Winter Term  
(January 2004), due December 15, 2003 . \$11,349

NOTE: Tuition and fees must be paid in full by the due date for a student to be eligible to enroll for the term. A \$100.00 late fee per term will be added to any student account, not paid in full by September 1 and February 1. All financial aid must be completed and approved, with any remaining balance paid by the due date, in order to avoid this

late fee. All Key Resource 9-Month Payment Plan accounts must be up-to-date to avoid this fee. Interest will accrue at a rate of one and one-half percent per month on any past due balance.

Any questions, please call the Business Office at (864) 596-9032.

A student may matriculate for the Fall and Winter Terms or the Winter and Spring Terms only. No refund will be granted to a student who matriculates for the Fall and Winter terms and does not register for the Winter Term.

The non-refundable reservation fee is applicable to tuition for the upcoming year only. If a student elects not to return to Converse College, the fee will be forfeited and will not apply toward tuition for the previous year.

The College accepts *VISA*, *Mastercard*, and Discover Card for payments of tuition and fees. For more information, contact the Business Office at (864) 596-9592.

### SPECIAL FEES

Converse II tuition (per hour) ..... \$255  
Graduate student tuition (per hour) ..... \$260  
Part-time undergraduate tuition (per hour) ..... \$610  
Converse II and Graduate student registration fees . \$ 20  
Late registration fee ..... \$ 50  
Graduation fee ..... \$150  
Application fee ..... \$ 35  
Drop/Add fee, per course ..... \$ 20  
Directed Independent Study (per hour) ..... \$275  
Transcript fee ..... \$ 5  
Audit fee (per class) ..... \$120  
Private Room Fee (annual) ..... \$750  
Super Single Room Fee (annual) ..... \$1000  
Belk Dorm Surcharge (annual) ..... \$500

Converse alumnae who are below the age of 24, have graduated from Converse College, and wish to pursue either a second degree, a second major, or take specific classes, such as student teaching, may do so at prevailing tuition costs for Converse II students. A student has graduated from Converse when she has a diploma. These fees are not available for students who have not completed their early commencement requirements or who are returning to Converse to take hours required for receiving a diploma.

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All boarding students will maintain a damage deposit of \$100 with the Business Office. This fee will be refunded upon the student's separation from the College after the room has been inspected and no damage noted.

### College of Arts and Sciences:

Special fees for laboratory, studio, computer program, and other courses involving additional expenditures will be charged as specified in the course listings. Laboratory fees are designed to cover the partial cost of supplies or equipment associated with certain classes. The fee income is included in the general operating fund that pays for instructional supplies.

### The Petrie School of Music Fees:

Fee for students taking one hour lesson per week

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| Fall Term .....   | \$400 |
| Winter Term ..... | \$200 |
| Spring Term ..... | \$400 |

Fee for students taking one half-hour lesson per week

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| Fall Term .....   | \$200 |
| Winter Term ..... | \$100 |
| Spring Term ..... | \$200 |

**Professional Education Fee:** The fee is applied to cover printing, supply, travel, administrative, and faculty costs of the programs in education. It is charged to students enrolled in teacher training programs, and it is billed and payable when the student does her student teaching. .... \$ 35

### Equitation Fees

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| Fall and Spring Terms (per term) ..... | \$600 |
| Individual Lessons (per lesson) .....  | \$ 25 |

### Off-Campus Study-Travel Fees

Students participating in study-travel programs conducted by another institution will pay Converse the actual cost of the program plus an administrative fee (currently \$500 for spring and fall terms, \$250 for summer and winter terms). When Converse receives a bill from the other institution, Converse will bill the student the cost of the other institution's program as well as the administrative fee. Converse will remit payment to the other institution only after payment in full has been received from the student.

Students participating in a study-travel program with a Converse College professor must pay the costs of the program, in addition to normal tuition and fees. Deadlines for payment of the appropriate fees will be announced by the professor.

## SPECIAL PROVISIONS

### Refund of Fees:

1. Only tuition and board (meal) fees are eligible for refund.
2. If a student, after registration, is dismissed from the College, she/he is not entitled to any refund of fees, or cancellation of any sum due and payable to the College.
3. All students withdrawing within one week (seven days) following Fall or Spring registration will be refunded 80% of tuition and board fees. Converse II and graduate students withdrawing within one week (seven days) following Winter or Summer registration will be refunded 80% of tuition and board fees.
4. All students withdrawing prior to the end of the fifth week (35 days) after Fall or Spring registration will be refunded 30% of tuition and board fees. Converse II and graduate students withdrawing prior to the second week (14th day) after Winter or Summer registration will be refunded 30% of tuition and fees.  

The appropriate paperwork for withdrawal must be filed with the appropriate officials prior to a refund being granted. Please contact the Registrar's Office for details.
5. All students withdrawing after the fifth week of the Fall or Spring semesters are not entitled to a refund of tuition and board fees. Converse II and graduate students withdrawing after the second week of the Winter or Summer semesters are not entitled to a refund of tuition and board fees.
6. No refund will be granted to an undergraduate student who matriculates for the Fall and Winter terms and elects not to register for the Winter term.

NOTE: Students who receive Federal financial assistance are subject to refund policies for their financial aid that are different from the one described above. For more information on these policies

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established by the U.S. Department of Education, contact the Office of Financial Assistance.

**Delinquent Accounts:** Until all tuition, fees, and other charges of the student are paid in full, Converse College:

1. will not provide a diploma or transcript
2. reserves the right not to allow a student to enroll in a new term, participate in graduation exercises, or register the student's course grade on the transcript

**Miscellaneous:** Students desiring to register for less than a full course of study should consult the Business Office for rates and terms.

Required college textbooks and supplies, plus general and personal toiletries and other items, may be purchased at the College Bookstore in the Montgomery Student Activities Building. The College Bookstore honors *VISA*, *MasterCard*, *American Express*, *Discover*, cash, and personal checks. Students may charge purchases in the Bookstore on a declining balance account. Please contact the Bookstore for details.

A service fee of \$20.00 is assessed each time a check is presented to the College which is subsequently returned for insufficient funds.

Washing machines and dryers are available on campus and may be used by the students at a nominal charge.

The College does not carry insurance on the personal belongings of students and therefore cannot be responsible to students for losses incurred by theft, fire, water, or other damage.

### SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Converse College has always been committed to helping qualified students finance a Converse education through a combination of aid based on financial need and academic merit or musical talent. Our alumnae, trustees, and friends of the College have been generous in their support of the excellent scholarship programs that Converse provides. We encourage prospective students and their parents to contact our Office of Financial Assistance (864) 596-9019 to explore any forms of aid that might be available to them. Approximately eighty percent of the student body receives financial assistance of some sort, and we are pleased to be able to offer that level of support for our students.

Converse College awards merit-based scholarships for academic ability and musical talent. Listed below are some of the merit and need-based scholarships available at Converse College. Other publications list additional grants, loans, and assistance sources that might be helpful to you. You may wish to visit the U.S. Department of Education Website at [www.ed.gov/studentaid](http://www.ed.gov/studentaid) in order to learn more about these types of assistance.

### CONVERSE COLLEGE ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP AND MUSICAL TALENT SCHOLARSHIPS

#### ACADEMIC MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Converse offers several competitive merit-based scholarships to outstanding young women. The awards described below are offered through our annual on-campus scholarship competition which is held in the late fall (usually November or December). These awards are based solely on academic ability and personal qualifications. Minimum qualifications for these scholarships for the 2002-03 year included the following: a minimum combined SAT score of 1100 (or 24 composite on the ACT), and a 3.5 cumulative high school grade point average.

#### **The Mary Elizabeth Dowling Able Scholarship:**

Established through the estate of E. Gordon Able, this scholarship is given to an outstanding student whose overall performance in academics and extracurricular activities is worthy of recognition and support through this award.

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### **The Bowden Scholarship:**

The Bowden Scholarship is given to outstanding students whose overall performance in academics, school activities, and community involvement merit recognition and support through this prestigious award.

### **The Robert T. Coleman, Jr. Scholarship:**

Established by Converse alumnae, trustees and other friends, this scholarship honors Dr. Coleman, the fifth president of Converse College, whose tenure spanned the twenty-eight years from 1961 to 1989. Candidates for this scholarship will be judged on intelligence, personal integrity, and capacity for leadership.

### **The Mary Helen Dalton Scholarship:**

Established by Mary Helen Dalton '46, this scholarship is awarded to students who exhibit exemplary character, good academic achievement, and outstanding leadership characteristics. Preference will be given to students from Lovett or Westminster Schools in Atlanta and Charlotte Country Day School.

### **The Betty Heath Johnson Scholarship:**

The Betty Heath Johnson '40 Scholarships are awarded each year to students who have demonstrated exemplary character, superior academic ability, and leadership potential. The scholarships have been endowed by George Dean Johnson, Jr. and his wife, Susu '65, and Stewart Heath Johnson and his wife Ann.

### **The Justine V. R. Milliken Scholar Awards:**

Milliken Scholars are chosen each year and must be nominated by their high school official or Converse staff and alumnae. All candidates attend an on-campus competition for interviews and additional evaluation.

### **The Walter S. Montgomery, Sr. Scholarships:**

These scholarship awards are granted each year, and are renewable for three years on condition of high academic standing and good campus citizenship. They are provided by an endowed fund established by Provident Sources of Chattanooga, Tennessee, in honor of the late Mr. Walter S. Montgomery, Sr., a life-long patron of the College and former Life Member of its Board of Trustees.

### **The Converse College Presidential Scholarship:**

These scholarships are awarded to students. Minimum qualifications include a score of at least 1350 on the SAT (30 on the ACT) and a 3.75 cumulative high school grade point average. Students receiving this scholarship will be awarded a full tuition scholarship from a variety of sources, including any need-based grant for which they qualify.

### **The Virginia Turner Self Scholarship:**

Funded by the Self Foundation of Greenwood, SC, this scholarship is a memorial to Virginia Turner Self, '41. A Virginia Turner Self Scholarship is awarded each year to one student in each class and is renewable. A candidate must be nominated by her high school official, a Converse staff member or an alumna of Converse. This scholarship is awarded on the basis of merit alone.

### **Converse College Trustee Scholarship:**

Any students who score a minimum of 1100 on the SAT (24 ACT) **and** have a 3.5 or higher grade point average.

## **EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS**

Converse College also offers a number of Excellence in Leadership Scholarships to students who attend the on-campus competition held in the fall of each year. Minimum qualifications.

## **MUSIC MERIT AWARDS**

The Petrie School of Music offers a number of awards each year to entering students. Amounts of these awards vary based on musical talent. An audition is required in order to be considered for scholarship aid and admission to the Petrie School of Music.

### **The Daniel Music Scholarships:**

Up to ten awards are given each year to freshmen who demonstrate superior musical ability and choose to study for the Bachelor of Music degree. Candidates audition before a faculty committee and show other evidence of academic capability.

### **The Petrie School of Music Scholarships:**

Several awards are given each year to incoming students who show exceptional promise as musicians. Students must be planning to major in music or double major in music and another field.

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### **OTHER MERIT-BASED AND NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS**

The College has a number of other merit and need-based scholarships available for award to qualified students. The Office of Scholarships and Financial Assistance will automatically consider these sources of funding when putting together financial aid packages. Following is a list of these scholarships which currently have at least \$10,000 in their endowment:

**Hazel B. Abbott Memorial Scholarship**  
**The Susie Mathews Abney Scholarship**  
**Anne Lathan Allen '29 Endowed Fund**  
**Aeolian Music Club Scholarship**  
**Alice Fitzgerald Lockhart Bates Scholarship**  
**Ladson H. Beach Endowed Fund**  
**Belk General Scholarship**  
**Sandra Sherard Bethea Scholarship**  
**Claudia Howell Bissell Music Scholarship**  
**Elizabeth Lyles Blackwell Endowed Fund**  
**Anne P. Blythe Scholarship Fund**  
**Jane Love Bratton Endowed Scholarship**  
**Broyhill Family Foundation Music Scholarship**  
**Faith Courtney Burwell Music Scholarship**  
**The Jean Stafford Camp '43 Scholarship**  
**Louise B. Carlisle Gavel Scholarship**  
**The Agnes Callison Page Carstarphen '62  
Endowed Scholarship**  
**The Marion Rivers Cato Endowed Scholarship Fund**  
**The Lillian Caldwell Cecil Endowed Scholarship**  
**Rebecca Gilbert Chancellor Scholarship**  
**Anne Morrison Chapman Study Abroad Experience**  
**Min Murray Haselden Cheves Memorial  
Scholarship**  
**Class of 1938 Scholarship**  
**Clifton-Converse Foundation Scholarship**  
**Close Scholarship in Deaf Education**  
**Mary Chambless Dryer Cloud Scholarship**  
**Elizabeth & Joseph Conklin Scholarship**  
**Kathleen Elura Jones Copeland Scholarship**  
**Crescent Scholarship**  
**Annabel Hamilton Cribb Scholarship**  
**Sara Gossett Crigler Scholarship**  
**Edward S. and Irene W. Croft Scholarship**  
**Antoinette Walker Denny Scholarship**  
**Kathryn Lemmon Dibble Endowed Scholarship  
Fund**  
**Margaret Andrews Helmus Eagan Scholarship**  
**W. Hayward Ellis Memorial Theatre Scholarship**  
**Faculty Memorial Scholarship**  
**Ruby and Albert Flaccoe Endowed Fund**

**Elaine Finklea Folline '58 Endowed Fund**  
**Felder Frederick Forbes Scholarship**  
**Fullerton Foundation Scholarship**  
**Mary Wilson Gee Scholarship**  
**The Marsha H. Gibbs Endowed Scholars Fund**  
**Virginia Mae McCall Gore Scholarship**  
**Eva Gentry and Mack Hall Griffin Scholarship**  
**The Vernon B. Hallman and Everiell Ivey  
Hallman '38 Scholarship Fund**  
**Hamilton-Jones-Powers Memorial Scholarship**  
**Jeanne Smith Harley Endowment**  
**Mary Anderson Craig Harris Scholarship Fund**  
**Louise Salley Hartwell Scholarship**  
**Mildred Johnston Hay Scholarship**  
**William Randolph Hearst Endowed Scholarship**  
**Martha Jane McWhite Heath Scholarship**  
**Florence Andrews Helmus Music Scholarship**  
**Florence Andrews Helmus Scholarship**  
**Neville Holcombe Americanism Scholarship**  
**Elsa Ezell Holman Scholarship**  
**Mary Emily Platt Jackson Music Scholarship**  
**Marian Ritchie Johnson '48 Endowed Scholarship**  
**John Edward Johnston Scholarship**  
**Lola Rosborough Johnston Scholarship**  
**Rose Montgomery Johnston Scholarship**  
**Julia B. Klumpke Scholarship**  
**Jean Harris Knight Scholarship**  
**Ada Smith Lancaster Endowed Scholarship**  
**Serena Lee Scholarship**  
**Louise Williamson Winslow Lewis Scholarship**  
**R.J. Little Family Scholarship**  
**Evelyn Hicks Littlejohn and Broadus Richard  
Littlejohn, Sr. Scholarship**  
**Wallace W. and Nelia Willard Littlejohn Scholarship**  
**Genevieve Parkhill Lykes Memorial Scholarship**  
**Robert L. Maclellan Music Scholarship**  
**Robert L. Maclellan Undergraduate Merit  
Scholarship**  
**The Beatrice and Thomas Maybank Endowed  
Scholarship**  
**Mayes Family Scholarship**  
**Rachelle Ellison Mickel Endowed Scholarship**  
**Evelyn Johnston Mims Scholarship**  
**Betty James Montgomery Scholarship**  
**Rose Cornelson Montgomery Scholarship**  
**Radiana Pazmor Scholarship from PI KAPPA  
LAMBDA**  
**Elizabeth Patterson Perrin Scholarship**  
**Martha Phifer Memorial Scholarship**  
**Caroline M. and Robert O. Pickens, Jr. Scholarship**

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Frank Platt Scholarship Fund  
Sara Routh Plyler Scholarship  
Alice Freeze Poole Scholarship  
Margaret F. Porter Scholarship  
Nancy McCall Poynor Endowed Scholarship  
Presidential Leadership Scholarship  
Callie Rainey Music Scholarship  
Henry Edmund Ravenel Scholarship  
Retired Faculty Scholarship  
Strom Thurmond and Holly Richardson  
Public Service Scholarship  
H. McLeod and Mildred Kimberly Riggins  
Merit Scholarship  
Martha Robinson Rivers Scholarship  
Camille Chappell Sample Memorial Scholarship  
Lucille Hawkins Seixas Scholarship  
Mary F. Smith Memorial Scholarship  
Mary Lowndes Barron Smith Endowed Scholarship  
South Carolina State Fair Endowed Scholarship  
Glenn C. Stables Scholarship  
Mary Andrews Stables Scholarship  
Lynn Stephens Scholarship  
Alice A. Suiter Scholarship  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Howard Suitt, Sr.  
Scholarship Fund  
Algernon Sydney Sullivan Foundation Scholarship  
Nancy Reep Tait Voice Scholarship  
Paul Calvert and Josephine Alexander Thomas  
Music Scholarship  
The Bradley-Turner Foundation Endowed  
Scholarship  
E. Craig Wall, Sr. and Mazie Howard Wall '31  
Scholarship  
Lucie Lorenz Watkins Scholarship  
Eugenia Tinsley Webb Scholarship  
John Wiley and Rowena Eaddy Williams  
Scholarship  
S. Clay Williams Music Scholarship  
Winged Victory Scholarship  
Carolyn Worth Music Scholarship  
Frances Council Yeager Scholarship

### **OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIPS**

Converse College also awards scholarships which are funded annually by individuals, foundations, and corporations to provide merit or need-based support to qualified students. Following is a list of the annual scholarships funded during 2000-2001.

Advance America Scholarships  
Central Carolina Bank Leadership Scholarship  
Coca-Cola First Generation Scholarship  
Dorothy Horner Colvin Piano Scholarship  
Extended Stay America Scholarships (2)  
First Federal Bank of Spartanburg Scholarship  
Peggy Thomson Gignilliat Music Scholarship  
James R. Hilton Memorial Piano Scholarship  
Henry Janiec Symphony Scholarship Fund  
Mary Hart Law Scholarship  
Music Foundation of Spartanburg Scholarship  
Olney Scholarships  
Palmetto Statesmen Scholarship  
Theodore Presser Music Scholarship  
D.L. Scurry Foundation Scholarship  
Spartanburg County Foundation Scholarship  
Spartanburg Philharmonic Music Club  
Walter Spry Piano Scholarship  
Mary Mildred Sullivan Scholarship  
United Commercial Travelers Scholarship  
Lettie Pate Whitehead Foundation  
Scholarship  
**SOUTH CAROLINA FINANCIAL AID  
OPPORTUNITIES**

The State of South Carolina offers several financial aid programs to residents who are attending in-state colleges and universities.

### **S.C. Tuition Grants Program:**

This is a need-based grant program for SC residents who attend one of the 20 in-state private colleges or universities on a full-time basis. To qualify, the student must meet the academic criteria of the program: rank in the upper 75% of high school class, or score 900 on the SAT (19 on the ACT). The applicant must also show need as determined by filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The deadline for applying is June 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **S.C. Palmetto Fellows Scholarship:**

These scholarships are awarded by the SC Commission on Higher Education to academically outstanding SC residents who attend an in-state college or university. Need is not a factor, however, the student must meet the academic criteria of the program and apply by January 15<sup>th</sup> of her senior year. Additional information and applications are available through the high school guidance office.

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### **S.C. LIFE Scholarships:**

Available to SC residents who attend an in-state college or university. Students must meet two of three criteria: score a minimum of 1100 on the SAT (24 ACT), have a 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) cumulative grade point average at high school graduation, rank in the top 30% of their high school graduating class. Need is not a factor.

### **S.C. Teachers Loan Program:**

Residents who plan to teach in the public sector in SC upon graduation from college may apply for this loan. Students must meet the academic criteria of the program. Need is not a factor.

### **FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS**

Converse College participates in the following federal financial aid programs: The Federal Pell Grant Program, the Federal Supplemental Grant Program, the Federal Perkins Loan Program, the Federal Work Study Program, and the Stafford Loan and Parent Loan Programs. Details on each of these programs are available on the U.S. Department of Education's website at: [www.ed.gov/studentaid](http://www.ed.gov/studentaid). In order to qualify for any of the federal programs, the student and her family must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The paper version of this form is available beginning in December in the high school guidance office, or the form may be filed electronically at: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

### **NOTE:**

Federal regulations require that colleges limit federal funds to those students who are in good academic standing and making satisfactory progress. For the full-time student, satisfactory progress requires the student to earn a minimum of 24 semester hours per academic year, and maintain a cumulative grade point average above the disqualification level listed on **page 36** of the 2002-04 *College Catalog*. The requirement of hours earned will be prorated for the part-time student based on the student's enrollment status (half-time, three-quarter time, etc.). Moreover, College policy restricts the awarding of campus-based federal aid to a maximum of five years to full-time students. Students who can document extenuating circumstances may appeal the withdrawal of aid by filing a written request with the Director of Financial Assistance within ten days of receipt of notification of ineligibility for financial aid.