



Please mail this completed form to:
Student Financial Services
580 East Main Street
Spartanburg, SC 29302

OR Scan this form to:
financialaid@converse.edu

2025-2026 South Carolina State Aid Certification Form

Required for receipt of the S.C. Tuition Grant and/or Palmetto Fellows, LIFE or HOPE Scholarships

The S.C. General Assembly imposed certain eligibility requirements on students awarded funds from the following State aid programs: S.C. Tuition Grant, Palmetto Fellows Scholarship, LIFE Scholarship and HOPE Scholarship. You must complete this certification form annually and return it to our office prior to disbursing any funds to your account in the Converse University Student Billing Office.

I, _____
Please **print** full name _____
Converse ID Number

Certify that I:

- Am a U.S. Citizen or U.S. Permanent Resident with a Permanent Resident Card (I-551), and
- Am not in default on any Federal Title IV or State of South Carolina educational loan, nor do I owe a refund on a Federal Title IV or State of South Carolina student financial aid program, and
- Have never been adjudicated delinquent or been convicted or pled nolo contendere to any felonies. Further, I certify that I have not been convicted or pled guilty or nolo contendere to any second or subsequent alcohol or drug related misdemeanor offenses under the laws of this or any other State 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 plead guilty or nolo contendere to any felonies or any alcohol or drug related misdemeanor offenses under the laws of this or any other State, I agree to notify Converse University Student Financial Aid by the start of school, and I understand that I will lose eligibility for the 2025-2026 S.C. Tuition Grant and/or the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship, LIFE Scholarship, and HOPE Scholarship, and

Anyone who has been convicted of any of the above offenses should list those convictions here:

Conviction 1: _____ Date: _____ Jurisdiction: _____

Conviction 2: _____ Date: _____ Jurisdiction: _____

By signing this certification, 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.

- Am a legal resident of the State of South Carolina, and
- Will be enrolled as a full-time student (minimum of 12 credit hours) at the time funds are disbursed, and
- *For purposes of determining my LIFE Scholarship grade point average (GPA), I have submitted previous and current official transcript(s) for **ALL** post-secondary institutions I have ever attended. I also affirm that if I take courses after signing this document, I will submit any additional transcripts to Converse University. I understand that this information will be used to determine my LIFE Scholarship GPA only and will not be used for my institutional academic standing or for graduation purposes.*

Any false information provided by the student or any attempt to expend any scholarship funds for unlawful purposes or any purpose other than in payment or reimbursement for the cost of attendance at the institution authorized to award the scholarship and/or grant will be cause for immediate cancellation. Any student who has obtained a 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 scholarship and/or grant.

Student's Signature

Date

If you are unable to sign this certification for any reason, please notify Student Financial Aid in writing that you do not want to receive S.C. Tuition Grant and/or the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship, LIFE Scholarship or HOPE Scholarship. **Please note – an original signature is required. Typewritten and electronic signatures cannot be accepted.**