

# STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES

## 2020 - 2021 LIFE SCHOLARSHIP

### CERTIFICATION AND AFFIDAVIT



- ☐ **Status 1: Initial College Enrollment** – a first-time student who enrolls into a post-secondary educational institution after high school graduation, or shows completion from an approved home school program.
- ☐ **Status 2: Transfer Student** – Students transferring from one institution to a participating institution, who may be eligible to receive a LIFE Scholarship, must submit an official transcript from the transferring institution. Students who received the scholarship and transferred mid-year to this institution may be eligible to receive the scholarship for the spring term. The student must submit an official document from the transferring institution to verify that he/she met the requirements for continued eligibility at the beginning of the academic year prior to the transfer. The transcript(s) must provide evidence of current credit hours earned and cumulative grade point average.
- ☐ **Status 3: Continued Eligibility** – a student who has completed a minimum of 30 credit hours of 101 level or above by the end of the academic year/15 credit hours for mid-year students.
- ☐ **Status 4: Seeking Eligibility** – a student who is currently not eligible; who has completed 30 credit hours or 15 credit hours if beginning mid-year at the 101 level or above; who has earned at least a 3.0 GPA; and who would like the Student Financial Services Office to review their academic history for possible LIFE eligibility.

The LIFE Scholarship regulations require every recipient to certify he/she has not been legally judged to be a delinquent, been convicted of or pled guilty to any felonies or any second or subsequent alcohol/drug related offenses, within the past academic year, under the laws of South Carolina, or any other state or under the laws of the United States. The legislation also states that a student in default on a federal or state student loan or who owes a refund of a federal or state grant is not eligible.

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 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. I further understand that I agree to the terms and conditions as outlined in the policies and procedures for disbursing Title IV aid. I also affirm that I am presently not in default on any federal or state student loans nor do I owe any refunds to any federal or state financial aid programs.

Your award may be adjusted without prior notice if new information is discovered. New information that may cause your award to be adjusted includes, but is not limited to, conflicting documentation, failure to maintain satisfactory academic progress, change in your enrollment status, and GPA. You will be notified if your award changes. You may be held personally responsible for any liability that may result from the change. You may also check your award online at [MyMTC.MIDLANDTECH.EDU](http://MyMTC.MIDLANDTECH.EDU). We recommend you check your award and balance due prior to the fee payment deadline on your schedule.

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, convicted or pled guilty or nolo contendere to any felonies or any second or subsequent alcohol/drug related offenses under the laws of this or any other state or under the laws of the United States, I agree to notify the Student Financial Services 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.

If you have previously attended a college or university, all official transcripts must be submitted to the Admissions office. Eligibility will be based on a LIFE GPA which will be calculated from all grades and credits earned at any eligible institution (in-state and out-of-state), including courses that do not transfer based on the institution's policy and college courses taken while in high school. I understand that non-degree credit hours will not be used in calculating the "LIFE GPA" or credit hour requirement if I am enrolled in an Associate Degree or higher.

- ☐ I have submitted all transcripts from all Colleges or Universities attended to be considered in my LIFE GPA calculation.

High School Attended Year(s) Attended

College/University Year(s)

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High School Attended Year(s) Attended

College/University Year(s)

Printed Name

Student ID

Student Signature

Date

Phone Number

## LEGISLATIVE INCENTIVE FOR FUTURE EXCELLENCE (LIFE) SCHOLARSHIPS INFORMATION SHEET FOR MIDLANDS TECHNICAL COLLEGE 2020 -2021

### SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA FOR ALL STUDENTS

- > Must be a legal resident of South Carolina
- > Must be a United States citizen or a permanent resident
- > Must be a graduate from high school in South Carolina, or successfully completed a home school program as prescribed by law, or graduated from a preparatory high school outside South Carolina, while a dependent of a parent or guardian who is a legal resident of South Carolina and has custody of the dependent
- > Must be admitted, classified as a degree-seeking student and enrolled full-time (non-developmental/non-remedial hours of coursework)
- > Must be working toward a first undergraduate degree
- > Must use the LIFE Scholarship for tuition and fees and other educational costs at Midlands Technical College
- > Have not defaulted and do not owe a refund or repayment on any federal or state financial aid
- > Have not been adjudicated delinquent, convicted, or pled guilty or nolo contendere to any felonies or any second or subsequent alcohol/other drug related offenses under the laws of this or any other state or under the laws of the United States within the past academic year
- > All students must submit transcripts from all other colleges or universities previously attended

### ENTERING FRESHMAN

- > Must have a 3.0 cumulative grade point average based on the SC uniform grading policy
- > Must be enrolled full-time in courses at the 101 level or above (non-developmental/non-remedial hours of coursework)
- > Your final high school transcript must reflect a 3.0 cumulative GPA calculated based on the SC uniform grading policy received by the college prior to a final LIFE Scholarship award

### RENEWAL/CONTINUING STUDENTS

- > Must maintain a 3.0 cumulative college grade point average on a 4.0 scale
- > Complete a minimum of 30 credit hours by the end of the academic year/15 credit hours for mid-year students at the 101 level or above, excluding developmental and remedial course work during the previous award year (2019-20) – to include credit hours earned in summer 2020. LIFE eligible students do not qualify for S.C. Lottery Tuition Assistance in the same award year
- > Must renew LIFE eligibility status at the end of Spring 2021 to determine if Summer enrollment is needed
- > Enroll full-time during the period of scholarship disbursement
- > Continuing students may not exceed 60 credit hours attempted prior to the start of the award year

## TRANSFERRING STUDENTS

- > Transfer students must comply with all standards for continued eligibility as defined above for continuing students, including the cumulative 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale from the transferring institution.
- > Students transferring from one institution to a participating institution, who may be eligible to receive a LIFE Scholarship, must submit an official transcript from the transferring institution. This transcript must provide evidence of current credit hours earned and cumulative grade point average.
- > Students who received the scholarship and transferred mid-year to this institution may be eligible to receive the scholarship for the spring term. The student must submit an official document from the transferring institution to verify that he/she met the requirements for continued eligibility at the beginning of the academic year prior to the transfer

## LENGTH OF ELIGIBILITY

- > The LIFE Scholarship is limited to two (2) semesters for a one-year certificate or diploma program and four (4) semesters for a two-year program. The number of eligible semesters for scholarship funding is based on the time of initial college enrollment.
- > Students may not receive the LIFE scholarship if they have earned an associate or bachelor's degree. Furthermore, students cannot receive the scholarship if they have earned a certificate or diploma and have not matriculated into an associate program of study.

## HOW TO RECEIVE YOUR LIFE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:

- > An award notification will be sent to those who qualify
- > Return the LIFE Scholarship Affidavit to the Student Financial Services Office

LIFE Eligible Sample Schedule	
Course	Credit Hours
ENG 101	3
COL 105	3
MAT 110	3
HIS 101	3
Total Credit Hours	12
Total LIFE Eligible Hours	12

LIFE Eligible Sample Schedule	
Course	Credit Hours
ENG 100	3
CPT 101	3
COL 105	3
MAT 110	3
HIS 101	3
Total Credit Hours	15
Total LIFE Eligible Hours	12

LIFE Ineligible Sample Schedule	
Course	Credit Hours
ENG 100	3
RDG 100	3
COL 105	3
MAT 110	3
HIS 101	3
Total Credit Hours	15
Total LIFE Eligible Hours	9