

**RETURN COMPLETED FORM WITH PROPER DOCUMENTATION TO THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE.**

**DEADLINE: SEPT. 12, 2008, 1st semester; JAN. 16, 2009, 2nd semester. Please print.**

Legal name: \_\_\_\_\_ BJU ID:# \_\_\_\_\_  
last (family) first middle

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ College classification:  Fr  So  Jr  Sr

High school name: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ High school graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

Home school name: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

BJU faculty/staff child:  Yes  No Student's Campus Box #: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever attended another college/university other than BJU?  Yes  No

Have you previously received the LIFE or HOPE Scholarship at BJU?  Yes  No

## Eligibility Requirements

Students must

- Be a South Carolina resident and a U.S. citizen
- Have graduated from a S.C. high school\* (S.C. home school graduates, see reverse for additional requirements.)
- Be a full-time student (12 hours excluding correspondence courses)
- Certify that there has been no conviction of any felonies or alcohol or drug-related offenses
- Certify that there is no default on federal or state financial aid programs
- First time eligible recipients provide proof of parents' residency—see below for acceptable documents

Freshmen students must meet two of the following requirements for the LIFE Scholarship

- Have graduated from a S.C. high school with a minimum of a 3.0 cumulative grade point average on the Uniform Grading Scale
- Receive a score of at least 1100 on the SAT or 24 on the ACT. Test must have been taken by the National Test date in June.
- Rank in the top 30% of your graduating class. **(Please make sure your high school supplies this.)**

Students previously enrolled must (\*\*NOTE: Totals in parentheses are for students who begin college in the spring semester)

- Have a minimum 3.0 cumulative collegiate grade point average on a 4.0 scale
- Have earned a minimum of 30 credit hours the previous academic year for second-year eligibility (15\*\*)
- Have earned a total of 60 credit hours for third-year eligibility (45\*\*)
- Have earned a total of 90 credit hours for fourth-year eligibility (75\*\*)

For the HOPE Scholarship (available for the freshman year only) the student must have graduated from a S.C. high school with a minimum of a 3.0 cumulative grade point average on the Uniform Grading Scale.

## Acceptable Documents for Proof of Parents' Residency (First-time eligible recipients)

Select two from the following list. **(The documentation must prove residency for 12 months prior to beginning college.)**

- Copy of the 2007 South Carolina state tax return
- Copy of South Carolina driver's license that is **at least a year old**
- Copy of vehicle registration or paid property tax bill
- Statement of full-time employment giving dates of employment (not a pay stub)
- Military record designating South Carolina as the state of legal residence
- South Carolina identification card

### OFFICE USE ONLY

<b>Records Office:</b>	HS GPA	ACT / SAT	Class Rank	Current hours
<b>Program:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Associate <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor—4 yr <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor—5 yr	Life GPA	Life hours completed	
<b>Financial Aid Office:</b>	Amount approved <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,400 <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,800 <input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000	Award notification <input type="checkbox"/> LIFE <input type="checkbox"/> HOPE		
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,500 <input type="checkbox"/> \$3,750 <input type="checkbox"/> \$7,500			

\*See reverse if attended high school outside South Carolina.

## \*High School Graduation Requirement

A student who graduated from a preparatory high school outside South Carolina while a dependent of a parent or guardian who is a legal resident and has custody of the dependent may also qualify.

## South Carolina Home School Qualifications

South Carolina home school graduates are eligible for the LIFE Scholarship if they meet one of the following approved home school programs as defined in Sections 59-65-40, 59-65-45, and 59-65-47 of State Statutes:

- 59-65-40 Home schooling programs: Parents or guardians may teach their children at home if the instruction is approved by the district board of trustees of the district in which the children reside. A district board of trustees shall approve home schooling programs according to predetermined standards.
- 59-65-45 Alternative home schooling requirements: Parents or guardians may teach their children at home if the instruction is conducted under the auspices of the South Carolina Association of Independent Home Schools.
- 59-65-47 Alternative home schooling requirements: Parents or guardians may teach their children at home if the instruction is conducted under the auspices of an association for home schools which has no fewer than 50 members and meets the requirements of this section.

*For first-time eligible recipients, a copy of official (documented) verification that one's home school meets one of the above South Carolina specifications must be attached to this form as proof of a S.C. home school high school graduate.*

Sign this section ONLY if you are NOT requesting the full amount for the LIFE Scholarship.

The LIFE Scholarship for 2007-2008 is \$5,000 (\$2,500 per semester). However, I am requesting \$1,000 (\$500 per semester) or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per semester.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Amount Available (You may qualify for only one)

- \$2,800 toward the cost of attendance for the HOPE Scholarship (\$2,500 plus \$300 book allowance) for freshman year only
- \$5,000 toward the cost of attendance for the LIFE Scholarship (\$4,700 plus \$300 book allowance) per year for those in a bachelor's degree program
- \$7,500 toward the cost of attendance for sophomores and above in qualifying majors

## Residency Statement

No person is eligible for in-state residency status unless he/she is domiciled within South Carolina. A person does not acquire domicile in South Carolina until he/she has been a legal resident of the state for 12 consecutive months immediately preceding registration for classes or meets state requirements for domicile. Contact the Financial Aid Office at 864-242-5100 ext. 3040 for information on residency requirements.

How long have you resided in South Carolina? Years \_\_\_\_\_ Months \_\_\_\_\_

Upon whom are you financially dependent?  Self  Parents  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Has the person upon whom you are dependent been employed in South Carolina within the past 12 months?

Yes  No

If yes, complete employer information below.

Employer	City/State	Dates	Full time/Part time
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I understand that the University may find it necessary to request additional information to verify residency in compliance with the regulations regarding the awarding of the LIFE or HOPE Scholarship.

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name (as signed above): \_\_\_\_\_

## Affidavit of Eligibility / Disclosure

- As a LIFE, HOPE, Palmetto Fellows and/or South Carolina Tuition Grant recipient, I certify that I have not been convicted of any felonies. Further, I certify that I have not been convicted of a second or subsequent 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 plead guilty or *nolo contendere* to any felonies or any alcohol-related misdemeanor offenses under the laws of this or any other state, I agree to notify the Financial Aid Office should this status change 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.
- 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.
- For purposes of determining my LIFE Scholarship grade point average (GPA), I certify that I have submitted previous and current official transcript(s) for all institutions I have ever attended. I also affirm that if I take courses after signing this document, I will submit any additional transcripts to my home institution. I understand that this information will be used to determine my LIFE Scholarship GPA and will not necessarily be used for my academic standing or for graduation purposes.

I, the undersigned student, do swear or affirm that the three statements above are true and accurate. I understand that any false statement or failure to reveal any material fact, condition, or circumstances affecting eligibility will be subject to applicable civil or criminal penalties, including loss of scholarship.

Signature:

Date:

Print name (as signed above):