

S.C. LIFE/HOPE Scholarship Certification Form

2026-2027



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Return completed form with proper documentation to the Financial Aid office.

PRIORITY DEADLINE: AUG. 26, 2026, 1st semester; JAN. 13, 2027, 2nd semester (if qualified but not awarded in the fall).

Please print in ink.

Student Legal name _____ BJU ID # _____
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Student SSN (last 4 digits) XXX-XX-_____ College classification (Fall 2026) Fr So Jr Sr

High school name _____ State _____ Graduation date _____

Homeschool name _____ State _____ Graduation date _____

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 or permanent resident.
- Have graduated from a South Carolina high school* (South Carolina homeschool graduates, see reverse for additional requirements).
- Be a full-time student (12 undergraduate hours, excluding repeated courses for which credit has already been earned, audited courses and independent learning work).
- 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 as well as recipients who ceased continuous enrollment need to complete the accompanying South Carolina Residency Evaluation form and provide all four proofs of parents' residency.**

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

- Have graduated from a South Carolina 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 22 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

- 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 South Carolina high school with a minimum of a 3.0 cumulative grade point average on the Uniform Grading Scale.

*See page 2 if attended high school outside South Carolina.

**Note: Totals in parentheses are for students who begin college in the spring semester

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Registrar's Office: HS GPA _____ ACT / SAT _____ Class Rank _____ Current hours _____

Program: Associate Bachelor—4 yr Bachelor—5 yr Life GPA _____ Life hours completed _____

Financial Aid office: Amount approved \$1,400 \$2,800 \$5,000 Award notification: LIFE HOPE
 \$1,000 \$2,500 \$3,750 \$7,500

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 Homeschool Qualifications

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

- 59-65-40 Homeschooling 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 homeschooling programs according to predetermined standards.
- 59-65-45 Alternative homeschooling 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 Homeschools.
- 59-65-47 Alternative homeschooling requirements: Parents or guardians may teach their children at home if the instruction is conducted under the auspices of an association for homeschools 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 homeschool meets one of the above South Carolina specifications must be attached to this form as proof of a South Carolina homeschool high school graduate.

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 degree program
- \$7,500 toward the cost of attendance for sophomores and above in qualifying majors

Affidavit of Eligibility/Disclosure

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- As a LIFE, HOPE, Palmetto Fellows, South Carolina Tuition Grant, and/or SC National Guard College Assistance Program recipient at Bob Jones University for the 2026–2027 academic year, 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 an 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 (please use ink, electronic signatures not accepted)

Date

Print name (as signed above)

South Carolina Residency Evaluation Form

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Student Name: _____ Student SSN (last 4 digits): XXX-XX- _____ Student ID: _____

As a recipient of LIFE, HOPE, Palmetto Fellows, and/or South Carolina Tuition Grant, state regulatory statute requires all recipients to certify that they are South Carolina residents to receive these funds. The student (or the person who provided at least half of the student's support or claimed the student as a federal tax exemption or dependent) must be a South Carolina resident for a period of at least 12 months prior to the start of the term of enrollment. No person is eligible for in-state residency status unless he/she is domiciled within South Carolina for 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the term of enrollment or meets a residency exemption under state law. The burden of proof is on the student. **This completed form, and all required documents, must be submitted to the financial aid office for review.**

1. Who provides at least half of your financial support or claims you as an exemption on a federal income tax return? If you claimed yourself, please list "self" and answer the remaining questions about yourself.

Name Relationship to Student

2. Permanent Physical Home Address (No P.O. Box) of the Person Named in #1.

Street City State Zip

3. How long has the person named in #1 been a resident of South Carolina? _____ Years _____ Months

4. Please provide legible copies of **all four** of the following documents for proof of South Carolina Residency for the person named in #1:

- a. Proof of an established and primary domicile in South Carolina (e.g., Mortgage Statements, Lease Agreement, etc.); and,
- b. Copy of the South Carolina Driver's License, or if a non-driver, a South Carolina identification card, issued within the 45-day requirement as mandated by State law; and,
- c. Copy of the South Carolina Vehicle Registration Card(s) for every vehicle owned or co-owned, issued within the 45-day requirement as mandated by State Law, or if no vehicle is owned or co-owned, a signed statement declaring no vehicle is owned and registered in any state; and,
- d. Copy of the 2025 South Carolina State Income Tax Return.

I certify that all the information given is true and accurate. I understand that if I provide erroneous information in an attempt to qualify for financial assistance programs based on State residency, I must repay the State of South Carolina for funds fraudulently received and will be subject to applicable civil or criminal penalties. I also understand that I may be asked to provide additional information, documentation or clarification.

Signature of Applicant (please use ink, electronic signature not accepted) Date

Signature of Person Named in #1 (if applicable; please use ink, electronic signature not accepted) Date