

# College of Charleston

## Application for Adult Undergraduate Student Grants and Scholarships

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### Grants and Scholarships Available

A copy of your high school and all college transcripts must be attached to your application. If you have more than 30 college credit hours, we do not need your high school transcript. Unofficial transcripts are acceptable. They may be sent by mail or faxed to (843) 953-6322 attention Adult Student Services.

If you qualify for any grants or scholarships listed, please fill out the application form and return it to the Office of Admissions and Adult Student Services by the deadlines indicated. You will be contacted to arrange a college planning session with an academic advisor. Once your application is complete a decision will be mailed to you.

Non-degree status students are not eligible for Federal Financial Assistance. Degree-seeking students should contact the Office of Financial Assistance and Veterans' Affairs for more information about potential funding for college ([www.cofc.edu/~finaid/](http://www.cofc.edu/~finaid/)).

**Grant / Scholarship Application Deadlines:**      **July 1 - Fall Semester**      **November 1 - Spring Semester**

**Office of Adult Student Services  
Undergraduate Admissions  
66 George Street  
Charleston, SC 29424-0001  
843.953.5620      FAX: 843.953.6322  
Email: [adu@cofc.edu](mailto:adu@cofc.edu)**

## INCENTIVE GRANT

Each grant covers the cost of tuition for one three-hour undergraduate course at the College of Charleston. Laboratory fees and books are **not** included. These are the requirements:

- 1) Your long-range goal must include earning an undergraduate college degree. Persons who already have a bachelor's degree are not eligible.
- 2) You must be 21 years of age or older.
- 3) This must be your first semester in school (or back in school), after an absence of at least one year.
- 4) You must **not** be receiving federal financial assistance through the College of Charleston.
- 5) This grant may be renewable for one additional semester depending on available funding. Students must have a minimum G.P.A. of 2.5 to renew this grant.

## LEARNING STRATEGIES GRANT

The grant will pay for the three-credit-hour course, Education 100, Learning Strategies for College Students. Each grant covers the cost of tuition. The credit hours earned in this course are not applicable toward minimum degree requirements. These are the guidelines:

- 1) You must be 21 years of age or older.
- 2) Be enrolled in one or more additional 3-credit-hour classes in which to apply your study skills.

## RETURNING ADULT STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

A \$1000 (\$ 500 per semester) scholarship is available for adult non-degree status students returning to college after at least a one year absence. A minimum 3.0 G.P.A. in previous college or high school courses and a plan to complete a first undergraduate degree at the College of Charleston are required.

## ADULT DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

A \$1000 (\$ 500 per semester) scholarship is available for minority adult students transferring to the College of Charleston from a South Carolina Technical College. Applicants must be eligible for acceptance as a transfer student to the College of Charleston.

## SARAH CAIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

A scholarship is available for female non-degree students returning to college. A minimum 3.2 G.P.A. in previous college courses and a plan to complete a first undergraduate degree at the College of Charleston are required. Preference will be given to students in the College of Charleston non-degree program who desire to transfer to degree-seeking status.

## HARGRAVE SCHOLARSHIP

A \$1000 (\$ 500 per semester) scholarship is available for adult non-degree status students returning to college. A minimum 3.0 G.P.A. in a minimum of 15 credit hours of college courses and a plan to complete a first undergraduate degree at the College of Charleston are required. Preference will be given to students enrolled in the College of Charleston non-degree program.

## THOMAS PALMER SCHOLARSHIP

A scholarship is available for returning adult students beginning or returning to college and intending to earn a first undergraduate degree. A minimum 3.0 G.P.A. or better on transfer or high school courses or current College of Charleston coursework is required. The student must demonstrate financial need.

| Grant/Scholarship Requirements      | Transcripts | Application | SC Resident | SC Transfer Student | Minimum 1 year away from college | Non-Degree Status | Degree-Seeking | Entering GPA | Minimum credit hours enrolled | Minimum Credit hours completed | Other Requirements |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Federal Financial Assistance        |             | ✓           |             |                     |                                  |                   | ✓              |              |                               |                                | call 953.5540      |
| Incentive Grant                     | ✓           | ✓           | ✓           |                     | ✓                                | ✓ or ✓            |                |              | 3                             |                                |                    |
| Learning Strategies Grant           | ✓           | ✓           | ✓           |                     |                                  | ✓ or ✓            |                |              | 6                             |                                |                    |
| Returning Adult Student Scholarship | ✓           | ✓           | ✓           |                     |                                  | ✓ or ✓            |                | 3.0          | 6                             |                                |                    |
| Adult Diversity Scholarship         | ✓           | ✓           | ✓           | ✓                   |                                  |                   | ✓              | 2.6          | 6                             | 30                             | Minority Student   |
| Hargrave Scholarship                | ✓           | ✓           | ✓           |                     |                                  | ✓                 |                | 3.0          | 6                             | 15                             |                    |
| Sarah Cain Memorial Scholarship     | ✓           | ✓           | ✓           |                     |                                  |                   | ✓              | 3.2          | 6                             |                                | Yes                |
| Thomas Palmer Scholarship           | ✓           | ✓           | ✓           |                     |                                  |                   | ✓              | 3.0          | 6                             |                                | Yes                |

# ADULT STUDENT GRANT / SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please check grant(s)/scholarship(s) you are applying for (See descriptions for eligibility requirements):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> INCENTIVE GRANT                     | <input type="checkbox"/> LEARNING STRATEGIES GRANT   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RETURNING ADULT STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP | <input type="checkbox"/> ADULT DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SARAH CAIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP     | <input type="checkbox"/> HARGRAVE SCHOLARSHIP        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> THOMAS PALMER SCHOLARSHIP           |  |

Social Security Number:    -   -

Applying for:  Fall  Spring 200\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Local Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street and Number City/State/Zip

Telephone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Business \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month/Day/Year)

A copy of your high school and college transcripts must be attached to your application. If you have more than 30 college credit hours, we do not need your high school transcript.

In what activities have you been involved since you last attended college (family, career, community involvement, etc.)?

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Have you attended college in the past?  Yes  No If so, where and when?

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Are you planning to earn a college degree?  Yes  No

Indicate major if known \_\_\_\_\_

In what semester do you plan to enroll? \_\_\_\_\_

What specific course(s) do you plan to take during this semester? \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you applied for any other financial aid?  Yes  No

Have you been awarded other financial aid?  Yes  No

The following information is requested for statistical purposes only and is not used in making award decisions:

Sex:  Male  Female

Self Description:  African American or Black  American Indian or Alaskan Native  Asian

Caucasian or White  Hispanic or Latino  Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander  Other

Are you currently employed?  Yes  No Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your employer support your academic goals through:  Flexible Work Hours  Tuition Reimbursement

Career Advancement Opportunities  Other

In the space provided below, please tell us why you are returning to or beginning college now and what your education and career goals are. Please do not attach additional sheets.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please return to:

ATTENTION: Grants Committee  
Office of Admissions and Adult Student Services  
College of Charleston  
66 George Street  
Charleston, SC 29424