



C O K E R C O L L E G E

PALMETTO FELLOWS/LIFE CERTIFICATION/HOPE CERTIFICATION 2016 - 2017

(Required of all recipients receiving state merit funds.)

Complete, sign & return this form to the Coker College Financial Aid Office. We must have this form on file each year in order to certify you to receive state merit funds.

The Legislative Incentives for Future Excellence (LIFE) and the Palmetto Fellows Program require that all recipients certify that they have not been legally judged to be a delinquent, been convicted or pled *nolo contendere* (no contest) or pled guilty to any felony or any alcohol or drug-related offenses under any state or federal law. The legislation also states that a student in default of a federal or state student loan or who owes a refund of a federal or state grant is not eligible.

By my signature below, I certify that I have **never** been adjudicated delinquent or been convicted or pled guilty or nolo contendere to any felonies **and** 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 or under the laws of the United States since one year prior to the first day of classes for the Fall 2016 Semester. If my status changes after signing this affidavit and before the first day of classes for the Fall 2016 Semester, I understand and agree that I must and will immediately report my adjudication, conviction, or plea to my college financial aid office, and that I will lose eligibility for the 2016-2017 Palmetto Fellows, LIFE, HOPE Scholarships.

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 South Carolina 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 only and will not be used for my institutional academic standing or for graduation purposes.

I further certify that I am not in default of a federal or state student loan nor do I owe a refund of any federal or state grant.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Social Security Number: _____ Date: _____

Life Scholarship recipients must maintain a 3.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) and earn 30 hours each academic year to qualify for renewal of their scholarship funds. SC HOPE Scholarship is non-renewable. SC HOPE recipients should work towards LIFE eligibility.