

2026 Annual Accountability Report

Higher Education Tuition Grants Commission

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AGENCY'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The South Carolina Tuition Grants Program, created by the General Assembly in 1970, provides state grant assistance based on documented financial need to help students afford the South Carolina college that best fits their academic goals. The program was specifically designed to narrow the gap between public and independent college tuition, ensuring students have meaningful choice in pursuing higher education.

The Tuition Grants Program remains a significant investment in South Carolina students, independent higher education, and the state's workforce. During FY2026, the Commission administered more than $60 million in Tuition Grant assistance to more than 13,000 students attending the state's 21 participating independent colleges and universities. The average Tuition Grant award was $4,603, and more than 37,000 applications were processed during the award year.

The Commission is recognized for its strong customer-service culture, efficient operations, and responsible stewardship of state resources. Customers include South Carolina students and families, independent colleges and universities, high schools and counselors, members of the General Assembly, and the many state agencies and higher education organizations with which the Commission coordinates.

Over the past year, the day-to-day operation of the South Carolina Tuition Grants Commission has included:

- Processing over 37,000 applications for Tuition Grant assistance;
- Determining eligibility and financial need using applicable federal and state requirements;
- Issuing award notifications and processed appeals and eligibility changes;
- Disbursing over $60 million in Tuition Grant funds accurately and securely to students' college accounts;
- Providing technical assistance, training, and guidance to financial aid administrators and other college personnel;
- Distributing program information and conducted outreach to students, families, high school counselors, colleges, and other stakeholders; and
- Coordinating extensively with state agencies, the General Assembly, the Governor's Office, the Commission on Higher Education, the South Carolina Department of Education, and other higher education partners.

Through this work, the Commission continues to provide efficient administration of a high-volume statewide financial aid program while maximizing the amount of state funding directed to students. The Commission also continued to strengthen its systems, policies, security practices, and organizational capacity to ensure that the Tuition Grants Program remains accessible, accountable, and responsive to the needs of South Carolina students, as well as the expectations of taxpayers.

While much of the Commission's work is reflected in data and performance measures, several other accomplishments from FY2026 also deserve special recognition:

Direct Student Impact: During FY2026, more than 13,000 students received more than $60 million in South Carolina Tuition Grant assistance. The maximum Tuition Grant was $5,000, the highest maximum award in the history of the program, providing additional financial support to eligible students attending South Carolina's independent colleges and universities.

Legislative Oversight and Strategic Leadership: The Commission successfully completed a multi-year House Legislative Oversight review during FY2026. The review required extensive preparation, compilation and analysis of agency information, appearances and sworn testimony before state legislators, and detailed responses to subsequent requests for information and documentation. The Committee's final report was highly favorable to both the Commission and the Tuition Grants Program.

In response to a recommendation from the House Legislative Oversight Committee, the Commission also developed a new five-year Strategic Plan. The plan establishes measurable goals focused on improving program administration and student services, streamlining processes, strengthening legislative advocacy, ensuring fiscal stewardship, protecting information and data, increasing agency capacity, and advancing the Commission's mission of providing need-based assistance to South Carolina students.

Agency Capacity: The Commission successfully secured funding to fill its fifth authorized full-time position. The position had remained vacant since 2001, leaving the Commission to administer a high-volume statewide financial aid program with four full-time employees despite authorization for five. Filling the position will increase the agency's capacity to administer the Tuition Grants Program, respond to workload demands, and strengthen continuity of agency operations.

FAFSA Completion and Student Access: The Commission expanded its use of the myTG Student Information System to support FAFSA completion among South Carolina high school seniors. Through a partnership with the South Carolina Department of Education, the Commission obtains a statewide list of 12th-grade students and matches those students with FAFSA records. Authorized school counselors can securely access information for students at their individual schools and determine whether seniors have submitted a FAFSA, started but not completed a FAFSA, or have no FAFSA on file. Early results indicate that high schools with access to the portal are achieving FAFSA completion rates more than four percentage points higher than the statewide average.

Creation of Online Data Center: During FY2026, the Commission created an online data center, a central hub designed to provide students, families, educators, and policymakers with streamlined access to Tuition Grants Program information, agency accountability, and historical data. The data center provides access to the agency's accountability reports, annual statistical reports, statewide FAFSA completion data, and data dashboards offering information on certain metrics dating back to the 1973-1974 academic year. The new data center reflects the agency’s commitment to modernizing communications and empowering stakeholders with clear, student-centered information. This new tool also enhances transparency and makes it easier for the public to understand how state resources support college access.

Student-Centered Technology: The Commission continued to operate and enhance the myTG Student Information System following its implementation. Working with the system vendor, the Commission refined processes and improved the experience for participating college financial aid offices and students. The system continues to provide more efficient access to information while reducing administrative burdens and supporting more streamlined program administration.

Regulatory Compliance and College Support: In response to regulatory changes, the Commission successfully navigated new state residency requirements applicable to state-based financial aid programs. The Commission developed a model residency policy for participating institutions and required each of the 21 participating colleges to submit its own policy for review and approval. The Commission also conducted training and provided technical assistance regarding nuanced residency determinations to promote consistent application of the new requirements across participating institutions.

Information Security and Privacy: The Commission significantly strengthened its information security and privacy practices in response to recommendations from the South Carolina Division of Information Security. The agency implemented numerous policies, procedures, and safeguards designed to protect confidential student and agency information and strengthen its overall information security posture. The Commission achieved a Cyber Health Score of 5, the highest score available through the State's Risk Profile Program.

Outreach and Communications: The Commission expanded its outreach and communications capacity through the establishment of a college internship opportunity. The Commission also continued outreach to students, families, high school counselors, college personnel, and other stakeholders through presentations, workshops, conferences, direct communication, digital resources, and collaboration with state and higher education organizations. The House Legislative Oversight Committee specifically recognized the Commission's partnerships with state and federal entities, including the South Carolina Department of Education, Commission on Higher Education, U.S. Department of Education, and high schools across the state.

Legislative Relations: The Commission continued advocacy for the Tuition Grants Program and need-based student financial aid through regular communication and engagement with members of the South Carolina General Assembly, the Governor's Office, the Executive Budget Office, the Commission on Higher Education, South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities, and other higher education stakeholders. The Commission provided information concerning program funding, student impact, and agency operations in response to legislative, executive, Commission, and stakeholder requests and continued to identify opportunities to strengthen the financial sustainability of the Tuition Grants Program.

Agency Management and Governance: The Commission continued to maintain effective day-to-day operations while operating with a small staff and substantial annual workload. The agency maintained effective relationships with Commission members, prepared and supported Commission meetings, completed required state and federal reports, monitored expenditures and financial activity, and maintained compliance with applicable state requirements. The Commission also continued to provide professional leadership within the state and national financial aid and higher education communities.

Efficient Stewardship: Of the total state dollars appropriated in FY2026, just 1.6% of the agency’s budget, including salaries, benefits, and information security expenses, was used for administration. The remaining 98.4% of funds were awarded directly to students as need-based Tuition Grants. This ratio underscores the Commission’s commitment to efficiency and maximizing the impact of every taxpayer dollar.

Outside Factors Affecting Measurements

For many years, the Commission has measured success, in part, by tracking the number of students applying for and receiving Tuition Grants. However, these figures are influenced by factors beyond the control of the Commission or any other state agency.

The most significant factor continues to be the changing demographic profile of South Carolina's college-age population. The number of traditional college-bound students has been affected by national demographic trends, which directly influence the potential pool of Tuition Grant applicants and recipients. In this environment, the Commission's focus remains on ensuring that eligible students who choose participating independent colleges have access to available need-based assistance rather than relying solely on growth in the absolute number of applicants or recipients.

Other external factors may also affect participation in higher education and demand for financial aid. Changes in federal financial aid policy, FAFSA design and rollout, economic conditions, tuition and other educational costs, and students' decisions regarding whether and where to pursue postsecondary education can all affect application and enrollment patterns.

The Commission continues to monitor these factors and use available data to assess program performance and future funding needs. Performance measures should be evaluated in the context of these external conditions to provide an accurate picture of the program's effectiveness in expanding college choice and opportunity for South Carolina students.

Risk Assessment and Mitigation Strategies

The primary risk to the South Carolina Tuition Grants Program remains insufficient funding to meet the demonstrated financial need of eligible students. Any reduction in access to Tuition Grants would directly limit higher education opportunities for thousands of South Carolinians and could hinder progress toward the state's educational attainment and workforce goals.

The Commission also recognizes that the continued administration of a high-volume statewide financial aid program with a small staff creates operational capacity risk. During FY2026, the Commission addressed this risk by securing funding to fill its fifth authorized position, which will increase staffing capacity and provide additional support for program administration, customer service, compliance, and agency operations.

Information security and protection of confidential student and financial information also remain critical areas of risk. During FY2026, the Commission substantially strengthened its information security program through the implementation of additional policies, procedures, safeguards, and security practices. Achieving a Cyber Health Score of 5, the highest score available through the State's Risk Profile Program, demonstrates the agency's continued commitment to protecting sensitive information.

The Commission works to mitigate these and other risks through:

- Transparent reporting of student demand, program impact, and funding needs;
- Responsible stewardship of administrative resources;
- Data-informed projections of future funding requirements;
- Continued investment in secure and reliable information technology systems;
- Ongoing review and strengthening of policies and procedures;
- Training and technical assistance for participating colleges and other partners; and
- Collaboration with state and federal education partners to maximize access to financial aid and improve FAFSA completion.

These strategies cannot eliminate all risks affecting the program, but they strengthen the Commission's ability to anticipate challenges, maintain reliable operations, protect student information, and provide policymakers with accurate information needed to support informed decisions regarding the Tuition Grants Program.

Restructuring Recommendations

N/A

Program Needs

The Commission appreciates the continued support of the Governor and the General Assembly for the South Carolina Tuition Grants Program and the investments that have allowed the program to maintain the highest maximum award in the program's history.

The Commission will continue to advocate for stable and sufficient funding to meet the demonstrated financial need of eligible South Carolina students. Sustaining adequate funding is essential to maintaining access to independent higher education, reducing the amount students and families must finance through other resources, and supporting the state's broader educational attainment and workforce goals.

For the FY2028 State Budget cycle, the Commission will request that this $10 million increase be moved from Lottery to Recurring Appropriations. Converting these dollars to a stable recurring base will protect the program's ability to sustain the maximum award, help more students graduate with less debt, and advance the State's goal of having 60% of adults hold a quality postsecondary credential or degree by 2030.

The Commission will also continue to provide policymakers with data and analysis concerning student demand, program participation, the economic value of independent higher education, and the fiscal impact of the Tuition Grants Program. Stable funding will allow the Commission to plan responsibly, maintain the purchasing power of the Tuition Grant, and provide greater predictability for students and participating institutions.

The Commission also continues to recognize the importance of need-based financial aid within the state's overall student aid strategy. Regardless of the type of institution students choose, need-based assistance provides an essential pathway to higher education for students whose circumstances may prevent them from benefiting from merit-based programs. The Commission will continue to advocate for appropriate and sustainable state investment in need-based aid.

Agency Information Technology and Software System Needs (Program-Related):

The Commission's myTG Student Information System remains central to the administration of the Tuition Grants Program. During FY2026, the Commission continued to operate and enhance the system, working with the system vendor to refine processes, improve functionality, and provide participating colleges and students with more efficient access to information.

The Commission also expanded the use of myTG to support FAFSA completion efforts among South Carolina high school seniors. Through the FAFSA Completion Status Information Portal, authorized high school counselors can access secure, school-specific information regarding FAFSA completion status. This initiative allows counselors to identify students who may need assistance completing the FAFSA and provides an additional mechanism for connecting students with available state and federal financial aid.

The Commission will continue to identify opportunities to improve the myTG system and related technology tools to streamline application and award processes, improve the student and college experience, strengthen data management, and support the Commission's broader mission.

The Commission will continue to seek adequate resources to maintain the technology infrastructure necessary to administer the Tuition Grants Program securely, efficiently, and reliably.

Concerns

Disparity in State Funding of Need-based aid versus Merit-based aid:

South Carolina has made a strong commitment to both need-based and merit-based financial aid. However, a significant imbalance exists in how available dollars are distributed between these two types of assistance. Among the recipients of the state's six major student aid programs, the majority qualify for need-based aid, yet the majority of funding is directed to merit-based programs. As a result, many financially needy students, particularly those who do not meet the academic criteria for merit-based scholarships, have access to substantially fewer state resources to help make college affordable.

During the 2024–25 academic year, the state provided approximately $490.7 million in student financial aid through six major programs, serving more than 141,000 recipients. Of this:

- Students receiving merit-based scholarships (Palmetto Fellows, LIFE, and HOPE) received approximately $291 million (nearly 60% of all funds) while representing only 39% of recipients.

- Students receiving need-based aid (SC Tuition Grant, SC Need-Based Grant, and Lottery Tuition Assistance) received approximately $178.7 million (just 36% of total funds) while representing nearly 62% of recipients.

In other words, the distribution of state financial aid is disproportionately weighted toward merit-based assistance. Students receiving need-based aid represent the clear majority of recipients yet receive substantially less funding overall.

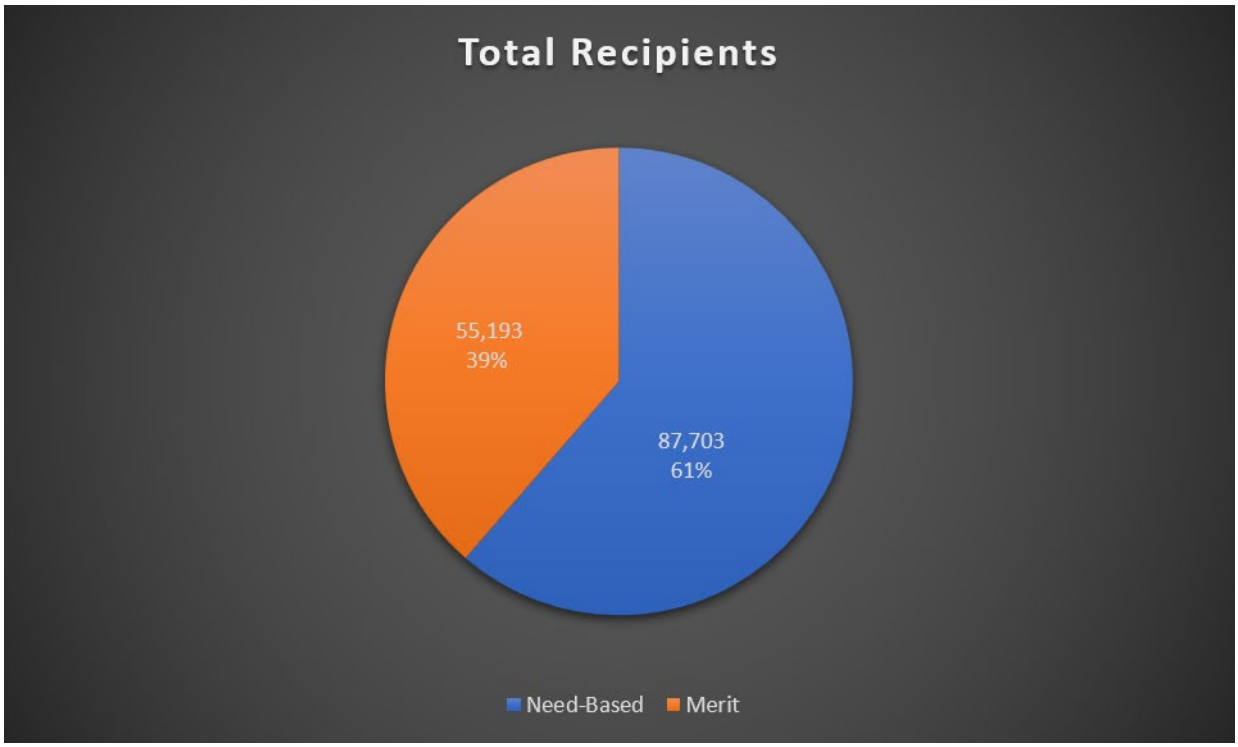
This disparity is particularly significant at South Carolina's HBCUs. Among Tuition Grant recipients at the state's six independent HBCUs, 68.1% received the Tuition Grant without also receiving one of the state's three merit-based scholarships. For these students, need-based assistance is not simply supplemental; it represents their primary source of state financial aid for pursuing a college education.

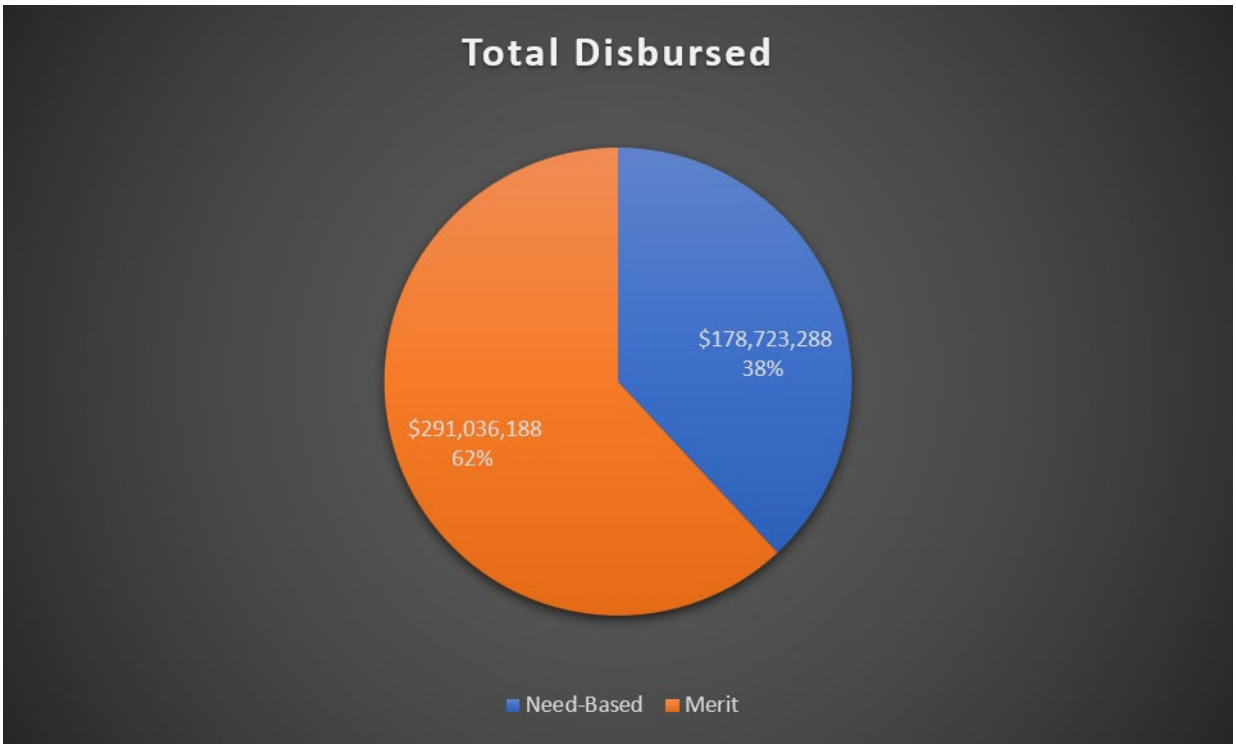
The Tuition Grants Commission strongly believes that South Carolina's investment in higher education should reflect both academic achievement and financial need. Merit-based programs play an important role in encouraging academic achievement; however, strengthening the state's investment in need-based programs would help ensure that financial circumstances do not become a barrier to higher education. A balanced approach to state financial aid can expand opportunity, reduce student debt, and help more South Carolinians earn the postsecondary credentials and degrees needed to contribute to the state's workforce and economy.

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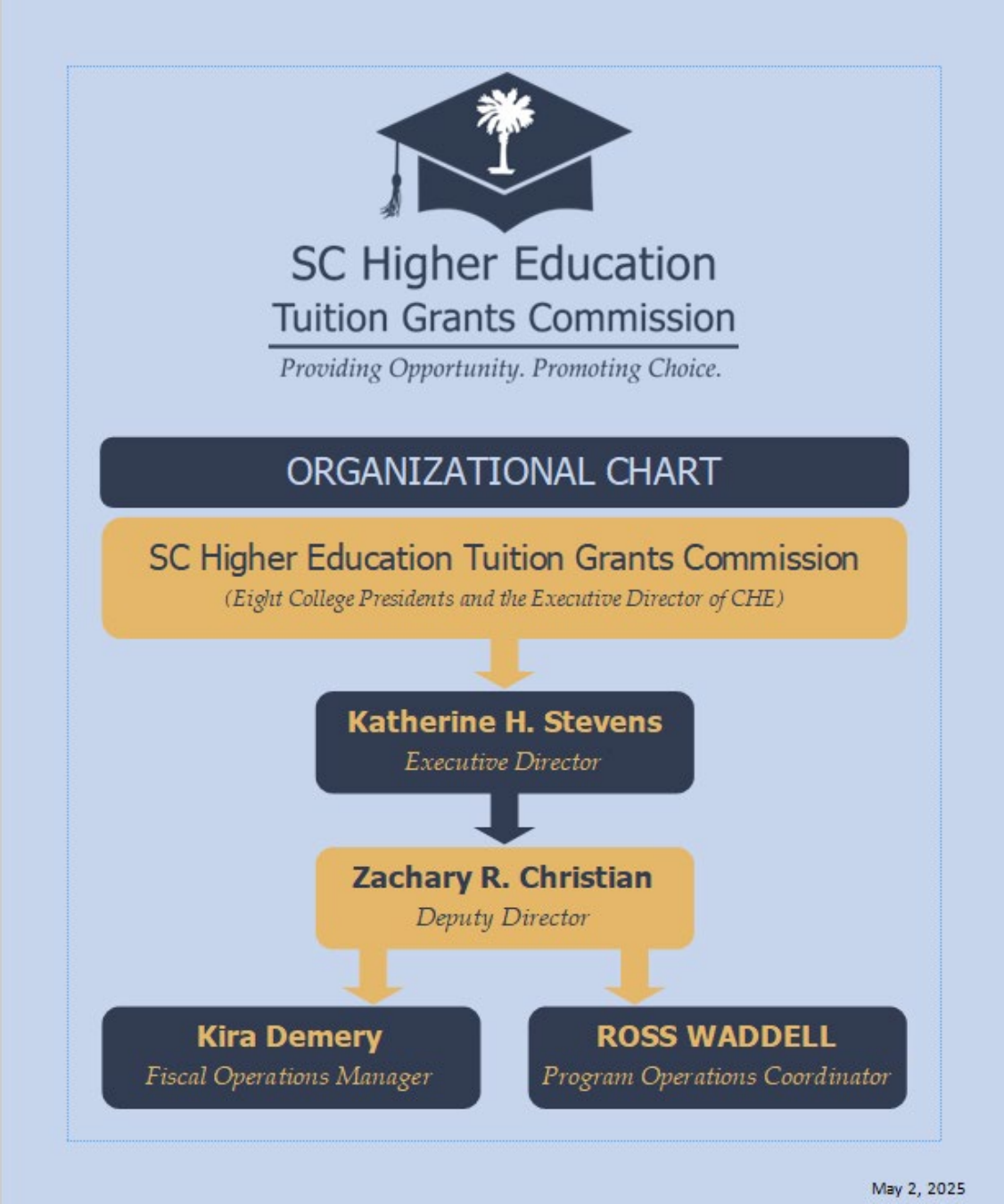
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2024-2025 Academic Year State Aid Program Merit/Need Breakdown





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Reorganization and Compliance

as submitted for the Accountability Report by:

H060 - HIGHER EDUCATION TUITION GRANTS COMMISSION

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Agency Mission	Adopted in:	2023

The mission of the South Carolina Higher Education Tuition Grants Commission is to provide access and opportunity for more South Carolinians to pursue a postsecondary education by providing need-based tuition grants to students who choose an independent higher education.

Agency Vision	Adopted in:	2023

Providing opportunity and promoting choice while supporting South Carolina's postsecondary attainment goals

Recommendations for reorganization requiring legislative change:

None

Agency intentions for other major reorganization to divisions, departments, or programs to allow the agency to operate more effectively and efficiently in the succeeding fiscal year:

None

Significant events related to the agency that occurred in FY2026

Description of Event	Start	End	Agency Measures Impacted	Other Impacts

No significant events directly related to performance measures during FY26; Other activities and events of importance discussed in agency discussion template.				
Is the agency in compliance with S.C. Code Ann. § 2-1-220, which requires submission of certain reports to the Legislative Services Agency for publication online and the State Library? (See also S.C. Code Ann. § 60-2-20).				Yes
Reason agency is out of compliance: (if applicable)				
Is the agency in compliance with various requirements to transfer its records, including electronic ones, to the Department of Archives and History? See the Public Records Act (S.C. Code Ann. § 30-1-10 through 30-1-180) and the South Carolina Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (S.C. Code Ann. § 26-6-10 through 26-10-210).				Yes
Does the law allow the agency to promulgate regulations?				Yes
Law number(s) which gives the agency the authority to promulgate regulations:	**59-113-10**			
Has the agency promulgated any regulations?				No
Is the agency in compliance with S.C. Code Ann. § 1-23-120 (J), which requires an agency to conduct a formal review of its regulations every five years?				Yes
(End of Reorganization and Compliance Section)				

Strategic Plan Results

as submitted for the Accountability Report by:

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Goal 1 Provide increased state economic benefits and a more educated citizenry by enabling more South Carolinians to obtain a college education by providing financial assistance in the form of need-based state tuition grants to qualified South Carolina residents electing to attend on a full-time basis certain eligible accredited South Carolina independent junior and senior colleges.

Goal 2 Provide protection of agency information and data.

Goal 3 Support statewide efforts to provide information and guidance concerning higher education funding options to college-going populations.

Perf. Measure Number	Description	Base	Target	Actual	Value Type	Desired Outcome	Time Applicable	Calculation Method	Data Source	Data Location	Stakeholder Need Satisfied	Primary Stakeholder	State Funded Program Number Responsible	Notes
1.1	**Gain maximum usage of the available independent college facilities located in South Carolina by assisting eligible students afford the cost of the independent colleges and thereby help in the educating of our state citizenry.**									**State Objective: Education, Training, and Human Development**				
1.1.1	Maintain the processing of an appropriate number of grant applications, based on predicted student enrollment targets, to provide aid assistance to eligible college students	33,736	30,000	37,679	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Total applications received from federal processor	Agency Student Information System, Updated Daily	Tuition Grants Commission Server/Internal Records	Determination of eligibility for need-based financial assistance to attend college	South Carolina residents indicating possible enrollment at an eligible independent institution of higher education located in South Carolina	0510.000000.000; 9802.010000.000	Performance measure exceeds target
1.1.2	Provide funding to a number of Tuition Grant recipients based on enrollment data, not to fall 5% below prior year number of recipients	12,975	12,400	13,043	Count	Maintain range	State Fiscal Year	Total eligible applications processed by Commission	Agency Student Information System, Updated Daily	Tuition Grants Commission Server/Internal Records	Financial assistance applied to tuition and fee charges, enabling the eligible South Carolina resident to attend the college or university of their choice	South Carolina residents attending eligible independent institutions of higher education in South Carolina who meet all eligibility and enrollment criteria to receive the Tuition Grant	0510.000000.000; 9802.010000.000	Performance measure exceeds target
1.2	**Help offset the higher education costs of attending South Carolina independent colleges for South Carolina students just as the state offsets the higher education costs of state residents attending South Carolina public colleges.**									**State Objective: Education, Training, and Human Development**				
1.2.1	Increase the value of the Maximum Tuition Grant Award	$4,800	$5,000	$5,000	Dollar Amount	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Dollar amount of Maximum Tuition Grant Award. Calculated based on prior year awards, projected next year awards, and projected appropriations	Commission Meeting Decision in March	Tuition Grants Commission Server/Internal Records; Most recently approved Commission Meeting Minutes also available on Tuition Grants Commission website	Financial assistance applied to tuition and fee charges, enabling the eligible South Carolina resident to attend the college or university of their choice	South Carolina residents attending eligible independent institutions of higher education in South Carolina who meet all eligibility and enrollment criteria to receive the Tuition Grant	0510.000000.000; 9802.010000.000	Performance measure equals target

Perf. Measure Number	Description	Base	Target	Actual	Value Type	Desired Outcome	Time Applicable	Calculation Method	Data Source	Data Location	Stakeholder Need Satisfied	Primary Stakeholder	State Funded Program Number Responsible	Notes
1.2.2	Increase the value of the average Tuition Grant Award	$4,406	$4,500	$4,603	Dollar Amount	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Total dollars disbursed by total recipients	Agency Student Information System, Updated Daily	Tuition Grants Commission Server/Internal Records	Financial assistance applied to tuition and fee charges, enabling the eligible South Carolina resident to attend the college or university of their choice	South Carolina residents attending eligible independent institutions of higher education in South Carolina who meet all eligibility and enrollment criteria to receive the Tuition Grant	0510.000000.000; 9802.010000.000	Performance measure exceeds target
1.3	**Preserve the dual system of public and independent college higher education in South Carolina which provides healthy competition between the two sectors.**									**State Objective:**	**Education, Training, and Human Development**			
1.3.1	Maintain a proportional percentage, within 5% of prior year totals, of SC resident FTEs attending eligible independent colleges	16.45%	15%	15.60%	Percent	Maintain range	State Fiscal Year	Total number of full-time enrolled South Carolina resident students attending eligible independent colleges by total number of full-time enrolled South Carolina resident students attending all institutions of higher education in the state	Enrollment reports obtained from CHE (specifically "Fall XXXX Undergraduate Headcount Enrollment by Geo Origin and Enrollment Status)	Commission on Higher Education Server/Internal Records	Provides evidence supporting the need for the state to continue providing need-based financial assistance to college students choosing to attend an eligible independent college or university	South Carolina residents attending eligible independent institutions of higher education in South Carolina who meet all eligibility and enrollment criteria to receive the Tuition Grant	0510.000000.000; 9802.010000.000	Performance measure exceeds target
1.3.2	Maintain an appropriate percentage of SC FTEs, based on predicted student enrollment targets, attending eligible independent colleges receiving a Tuition Grant	75%	70%	76.90%	Percent	Maintain range	State Fiscal Year	Total number of South Carolina Tuition Grants recipients by total number of full-time, in-state undergraduate students attending eligible independent colleges	Combined CHE and Tuition Grants Commission Data, Updated Annually	Commission on Higher Education Server/Internal Records and Tuition Grants Commission Server/Internal Records	Financial assistance applied to tuition and fee charges, enabling the eligible South Carolina resident to attend the college or university of their choice	South Carolina residents attending eligible independent institutions of higher education in South Carolina who meet all eligibility and enrollment criteria to receive the Tuition Grant	0510.000000.000; 9802.010000.000	Performance measure exceeds target
1.4	**Attract SC residents into the SC independent college sector to save State tax dollars that would have to be appropriated at a higher dollar value via the automatic subsidy to those students if they migrated into the SC public college system.**									**State Objective:**	**Education, Training, and Human Development**			
1.4.1	By effective administration of the Tuition Grants Program, continue to save the State tax dollars that would otherwise subsidize the public college sector by providing need-based financial assistance, at a lower amount than the average public college subsidy, to eligible students attending independent institutions of higher education.	$48,552,450	$20,000,000	$53,215,440	Dollar Amount	Maintain range	State Fiscal Year	Average subsidy per public college (obtained by CHE) minus average TG per recipient times number of TG recipients	Combined CHE and Tuition Grants Commission Data, Updated Annually	Commission on Higher Education Server/Internal Records and Tuition Grants Commission Server/Internal Records	Promote sound fiscal stewardship of state funds that would otherwise be allocated at a higher rate to South Carolina residents attending public institutions of higher education	South Carolina taxpayers	0510.000000.000; 9802.010000.000	Performance measure exceeds target
2.1	**Ensure compliance with State and Federal PII and data security requirements by utilizing all available security and encryption mechanisms and by ensuring all software applications maintain current software updates and security patches.**									**State Objective:**	**Maintaining Safety, Integrity and Security**			

Perf. Measure Number	Description	Base	Target	Actual	Value Type	Desired Outcome	Time Applicable	Calculation Method	Data Source	Data Location	Stakeholder Need Satisfied	Primary Stakeholder	State Funded Program Number Responsible	Notes
2.1.1	Number of security incidents resulting in compromised data	0	0	0	Count	Maintain range	State Fiscal Year	Count of SOC notifications that show compromised data, confirmed by Department of Technology Operations.	Notification Emails to Agency from Security Operations Center (SOC)	Security Operations Center records and agency emails, if applicable	Prevention of identity theft and compromised personal data	Students attending universities located in South Carolina, and all South Carolina residents who completed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) through the US Department of Education, regardless of college location or enrollment status	0100.010000.000	Performance measure equals target
2.2	**Provide information security training for agency personnel and track completion rates to ensure all staff members receive training.**									**State Objective:**	**Maintaining Safety, Integrity and Security**			
2.2.1	Percentage of agency personnel completing information security training	100%	100%	100%	Percent	Maintain range	State Fiscal Year	# of employees who have completed all required Information Security Training / total # of employees	Agency Training Records	MySCLearning through SCEIS	Prevention of identity theft and compromised personal data	Students attending universities located in South Carolina, and all South Carolina residents who completed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) through the US Department of Education, regardless of college location or enrollment status	0100.010000.000	Performance measure equals target
3.1	**Increase awareness of Tuition Grants Program and financial aid application process by participating in a variety of outreach opportunities.**									**State Objective:**	**Government and Citizens**			
3.1.1	Maintain the target number of outreach events and activities (minimum of 10) attended by staff, including high school counselor workshops, financial aid nights, and other events in which information concerning the Tuition Grants Program and the application process can be provided.	10	10	13	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Count of events	Agency Tracking Records	Tuition Grants Commission Server/Internal Records	Provides critical information concerning the Tuition Grant and other financial aid programs, and the financial application process to South Carolina residents intending to obtain a postsecondary credential or degree and other interested parties in support of that population	South Carolina residents intending to obtain a postsecondary credential or degree; K-12 Guidance/School Counselors; College Admissions and Financial Aid Personnel	0100.010000.000	Performance measure exceeds target

Strategic Plan Development

as submitted for the Accountability Report by:

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Goal 1 Provide increased state economic benefits and a more educated citizenry by enabling more South Carolinians to obtain a college education by providing financial assistance in the form of need-based state tuition grants to qualified South Carolina residents electing to attend on a full-time basis certain eligible accredited South Carolina independent junior and senior colleges.

Goal 2 Provide protection of agency information and data.

Goal 3 Support statewide efforts to provide information and guidance concerning higher education funding options to college-going populations.

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1.1	**Gain maximum usage of the available independent college facilities located in South Carolina by assisting eligible students afford the cost of the independent colleges and thereby help in the educating of our state citizenry.**								**State Objective: Education, Training, and Human Development**				
1.1.1	Maintain the processing of an appropriate number of grant applications, based on predicted student enrollment targets, to provide aid assistance to eligible college students	37,679	34,000	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Total applications received from federal processor	Agency Student Information System, Updated Daily	Tuition Grants Commission Server/Internal Records	Determination of eligibility for need-based financial assistance to attend college	South Carolina residents indicating possible enrollment at an eligible independent institution of higher education located in South Carolina	0510.000000.000; 9802.010000.000	
1.1.2	Provide funding to a number of Tuition Grant recipients based on enrollment data, not to fall 5% below prior year number of recipients	13,043	13,000	Count	Maintain range	State Fiscal Year	Total eligible applications processed by Commission	Agency Student Information System, Updated Daily	Tuition Grants Commission Server/Internal Records	Financial assistance applied to tuition and fee charges, enabling the eligible South Carolina resident to attend the college or university of their choice	South Carolina residents attending eligible independent institutions of higher education in South Carolina who meet all eligibility and enrollment criteria to receive the Tuition Grant	0510.000000.000; 9802.010000.000	

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1.1.3	Provide K-12 school counselors with access to the agency's FAFSA Completion Status Information Portal, allowing authorized users to view limited student-level FAFSA Completion information and perform targeted outreach to those students who may need assistance in completing the process. Performance measure is based on the total number of K-12 schools who have requested access to the portal and have at least one authorized user approved by the agency. Since the FAFSA serves as the application for the Tuition Grant and other need-based funding, this strategy should increase the number of successfully submitted FAFSAs, allowing more applicants to gain awareness of programs available to them.	40	60	Count	Equal to or greater than	State fiscal year	Total schools who have completed the process to have authorized users to the FAFSA Completion portal	Agency Student Information System, Updated Daily	Tuition Grants Commission Server/Internal Records	Determination of eligibility for need-based financial assistance to attend college	School counselors and high school seniors navigating the FAFSA process	0510.000000.000; 9802.010000.000	
1.2	**Help offset the higher education costs of attending South Carolina independent colleges for South Carolina students just as the state offsets the higher education costs of state residents attending South Carolina public colleges.**									**State Objective: Education, Training, and Human Development**			
1.2.1	Increase the value of the Maximum Tuition Grant Award	$5,000	$5,000	Dollar Amount	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Dollar amount of Maximum Tuition Grant Award. Calculated based on prior year awards, projected next year awards, and projected appropriations	Commission Meeting Decision in March	Tuition Grants Commission Server/Internal Records; Most recently approved Commission Meeting Minutes also available on Tuition Grants Commission website	Financial assistance applied to tuition and fee charges, enabling the eligible South Carolina resident to attend the college or university of their choice	South Carolina residents attending eligible independent institutions of higher education in South Carolina who meet all eligibility and enrollment criteria to receive the Tuition Grant	0510.000000.000; 9802.010000.000	
1.2.2	Increase the value of the average Tuition Grant Award	$4,603	$4,610	Dollar Amount	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Total dollars disbursed by total recipients	Agency Student Information System, Updated Daily	Tuition Grants Commission Server/Internal Records	Financial assistance applied to tuition and fee charges, enabling the eligible South Carolina resident to attend the college or university of their choice	South Carolina residents attending eligible independent institutions of higher education in South Carolina who meet all eligibility and enrollment criteria to receive the Tuition Grant	0510.000000.000; 9802.010000.000	
1.3	**Preserve the dual system of public and independent college higher education in South Carolina which provides healthy competition between the two sectors.**									**State Objective: Education, Training, and Human Development**			

Perf. Measure Number	Description	Base	Target	Value Type	Desired Outcome	Time Applicable	Calculation Method	Data Source	Data Location	Stakeholder Need Satisfied	Primary Stakeholder	State Funded Program Number Responsible	Notes
1.3.1	Maintain a proportional percentage, within 5% of prior year totals, of SC resident FTEs attending eligible independent colleges	15.60%	15%	Percent	Maintain range	State Fiscal Year	Total number of full-time enrolled South Carolina resident students attending eligible independent colleges by total number of full-time enrolled South Carolina resident students attending all institutions of higher education in the state	Enrollment reports obtained from CHE (specifically "Fall XXXX Undergraduate Headcount Enrollment by Geo Origin and Enrollment Status)	Commission on Higher Education Server/Internal Records	Provides evidence supporting the need for the state to continue providing need-based financial assistance to college students choosing to attend an eligible independent college or university	South Carolina residents attending eligible independent institutions of higher education in South Carolina who meet all eligibility and enrollment criteria to receive the Tuition Grant	0510.000000.000; 9802.010000.000	
1.3.2	Maintain an appropriate percentage of SC FTEs, based on predicted student enrollment targets, attending eligible independent colleges receiving a Tuition Grant	76.90%	70%	Percent	Maintain range	State Fiscal Year	Total number of South Carolina Tuition Grants recipients by total number of full-time, in-state undergraduate students attending eligible independent colleges	Combined CHE and Tuition Grants Commission Data, Updated Annually	Commission on Higher Education Server/Internal Records and Tuition Grants Commission Server/Internal Records	Financial assistance applied to tuition and fee charges, enabling the eligible South Carolina resident to attend the college or university of their choice	South Carolina residents attending eligible independent institutions of higher education in South Carolina who meet all eligibility and enrollment criteria to receive the Tuition Grant	0510.000000.000; 9802.010000.000	
1.4	**Attract SC residents into the SC independent college sector to save State tax dollars that would have to be appropriated at a higher dollar value via the automatic subsidy to those students if they migrated into the SC public college system.**									**State Objective: Education, Training, and Human Development**			
1.4.1	By effective administration of the Tuition Grants Program, continue to save the State tax dollars that would otherwise subsidize the public college sector by providing need-based financial assistance, at a lower amount than the average public college subsidy, to eligible students attending independent institutions of higher education.	$53,215,440	$30,000,000	Dollar Amount	Maintain range	State Fiscal Year	Average subsidy per public college (obtained by CHE) minus average TG per recipient times number of TG recipients	Combined CHE and Tuition Grants Commission Data, Updated Annually	Commission on Higher Education Server/Internal Records and Tuition Grants Commission Server/Internal Records	Promote sound fiscal stewardship of state funds that would otherwise be allocated at a higher rate to South Carolina residents attending public institutions of higher education	South Carolina taxpayers	0510.000000.000; 9802.010000.000	
2.1	**Ensure compliance with State and Federal PII and data security requirements by utilizing all available security and encryption mechanisms and by ensuring all software applications maintain current software updates and security patches.**									**State Objective: Maintaining Safety, Integrity and Security**			

Perf. Measure Number	Description	Base	Target	Value Type	Desired Outcome	Time Applicable	Calculation Method	Data Source	Data Location	Stakeholder Need Satisfied	Primary Stakeholder	State Funded Program Number Responsible	Notes
2.1.1	Number of security incidents resulting in compromised data	0	0	Count	Maintain range	State Fiscal Year	Count of SOC notifications that show compromised data, confirmed by Department of Technology Operations.	Notification Emails to Agency from Security Operations Center (SOC)	Security Operations Center records and agency emails, if applicable	Prevention of identity theft and compromised personal data	Students attending universities located in South Carolina, and all South Carolina residents who completed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) through the US Department of Education, regardless of college location or enrollment status	0100.010000.000	
2.2	**Provide information security training for agency personnel and track completion rates to ensure all staff members receive training.**								**State Objective:**	**Maintaining Safety, Integrity and Security**			
2.2.1	Percentage of agency personnel completing information security training	100%	100%	Percent	Maintain range	State Fiscal Year	# of employees who have completed all required Information Security Training / total # of employees	Agency Training Records	MySCLearning through SCEIS	Prevention of identity theft and compromised personal data	Students attending universities located in South Carolina, and all South Carolina residents who completed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) through the US Department of Education, regardless of college location or enrollment status	0100.010000.000	
3.1	**Increase awareness of Tuition Grants Program and financial aid application process by participating in a variety of outreach opportunities.**								**State Objective:**	**Government and Citizens**			
3.1.1	Maintain the target number of outreach events and activities (minimum of 10) attended by staff, including high school counselor workshops, financial aid nights, and other events in which information concerning the Tuition Grants Program and the application process can be provided.	13	12	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Count of events	Agency Tracking Records	Tuition Grants Commission Server/Internal Records	Provides critical information concerning the Tuition Grant and other financial aid programs, and the financial application process to South Carolina residents intending to obtain a postsecondary credential or degree and other interested parties in support of that population	South Carolina residents intending to obtain a postsecondary credential or degree; K-12 Guidance/School Counselors; College Admissions and Financial Aid Personnel	0100.010000.000	

Budget Data

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State Funded Program No.	State Funded Program Title	Description of State Funded Program	(Actual) General	(Actual) Other	(Actual) Federal	(Actual) Total	(Projected) General	(Projected) Other	(Projected) Federal	(Projected) Total
0100.010000.000	Administration	Director Salary, Classified Personnel Salary, Admin Operating Expenses, Lottery Admin Allowance	$ 764,860.48	$ 69,879.11	$ -	$ 834,739.59	$ 849,945.00	$ 70,000.00	$ -	$ 919,945.00
0510.000000.000	Tuition Grants	Recurring State Appropriations for Tuition Grants, Interest Earnings, and Children's Education Endowment Funds, all used specifically to fund Tuition Grants for students	$ 27,606,798.00	$ 8,512,441.00	$ -	$ 36,119,239.00	$ 27,558,624.00	$ 15,511,376.00	$ -	$ 43,070,000.00
9500.050000.000	State Employer Contributions	Agency's portion of employer benefits expenses	$ 150,423.89	$ -	$ -	$ 150,423.89	$ 160,810.00	$ -	$ -	$ 160,810.00
9802.010000.000	Tuition Grants	Annual Lottery Allocation received by the Tuition Grants Commission to disburse to eligible students as Tuition Grants	$ -	$ 24,072,337.00	$ -	$ 24,072,337.00	$ -	$ 19,930,000.00	$ -	$ 19,930,000.00
9832.02000X000	Capital Reserve	Capital Reserve Funds allocated to the agency to support the purchase of a new Student Information System; These funds were spent for that purpose in FY24 and will not be renewed	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

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Legal Data

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Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
59-112-10	State	Statute	State Residency Statute followed to determine residency eligibility as required by 59-113-20(a)	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
59-112-100	State	Statute	State Residency Statute followed to determine residency eligibility as required by 59-113-20(a)	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
59-112-20	State	Statute	State Residency Statute followed to determine residency eligibility as required by 59-113-20(a)	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
59-112-30	State	Statute	State Residency Statute followed to determine residency eligibility as required by 59-113-20(a)	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
59-112-40	State	Statute	State Residency Statute followed to determine residency eligibility as required by 59-113-20(a)	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
59-112-50	State	Statute	State Residency Statute followed to determine residency eligibility as required by 59-113-20(a)	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
59-112-60	State	Statute	State Residency Statute followed to determine residency eligibility as required by 59-113-20(a)	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
59-112-70	State	Statute	State Residency Statute followed to determine residency eligibility as required by 59-113-20(a)	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
59-112-80	State	Statute	State Residency Statute followed to determine residency eligibility as required by 59-113-20(a)	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
59-112-90	State	Statute	State Residency Statute followed to determine residency eligibility as required by 59-113-20(a)	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
59-113-10	State	Statute	Establishment of the Higher Education Tuition Grants Commission including the make up of the Commission and authority to administer Chapter 113.	Report our agency must/may provide		No Change
59-113-20	State	Statute	Establishes qualifications of applicants for grants.	Report our agency must/may provide		No Change
59-113-30	State	Statute	Establishes students covered by the chapter and the amount of grants.	Report our agency must/may provide		No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
59-113-40	State	Statute	Indicates purpose of grants.	Report our agency must/may provide		No Change
59-113-45	State	Statute	Disbursement requirements for grants and authority to earn interest for grants from State Appropriations.	Report our agency must/may provide		No Change
59-113-47	State	Statute	Mid-year budget reduction exemption.	Funding agency deliverable(s)		No Change
59-113-50	State	Statute	Defines eligible institutions of higher learning for use of the grant.	Report our agency may/must provide		No Change
59-143-30	State	Statute	Directs that a portion of funds be directed to the Tuition Grants Program	Report our agency must/may provide	Section amended as part of CHE's Clean-up Bill during 2026 legislative session	Amended
P117.97 (H. 4025, 2025-2026 General Appropriations Bill; Proviso 117.97)	State	FY25-26 Proviso	Proviso governing data breach notification	Requires a manner of delivery	Previous Proviso (H. 5100, 2024-2025 General Appropriations Bill; Proviso 117.97)	Amended Proviso Number Only
P117.102 (H. 4025, 2025-2026 General Appropriations Bill; Proviso 117.102)	State	FY25-26 Proviso	Proviso governing data agency Information Technology and Information Security plan submission	Requires a manner of delivery	Previous Proviso (H. 5100, 2024-2025 General Appropriations Bill; Proviso 117.102)	Amended Proviso Number Only

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
P117.96 (H. 4025, 2025-2026 General Appropriations Bill; Proviso 117.96)	State	FY25-26 Proviso	Proviso governing information security	Requires a manner of delivery	Previous Proviso (H. 5100, 2024-2025 General Appropriations Bill; Proviso 117.96)	Amended Proviso Number Only
H. 4025, 2025-2026 General Appropriations Bill; Section 3 - H660	State	FY25-26 Proviso	Proviso governing Lottery funds use.	Report our agency must/may provide	Previous Proviso (H. 5100, 2024-2025 General Appropriations Bill; Section 3 - H660)	Amended Proviso Number Only
Higher Education Act of 1965 as amended (HEA) (20 U.S.C. § 1001g; 34 CFR Part 600)	Federal	Statute	Federal statute authorizing the FAFSA as a common application for need analysis and determination of eligibility for aid programs	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

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Services Data

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Description of Service	Description of Direct Customer	Customer Name	Others Impacted by Service	Division or major organizational unit providing the service.	Description of division or major organizational unit providing the service.	Primary negative impact if service not provided.	Changes made to services during FY2026	Summary of changes to services
The Tuition Grant is a state-funded grant based on financial need for eligible college students who choose to attend an independent college in South Carolina	General Public/Tuition Grant Recipients: Avg. Age=20; Minimum Age=16; Maximum Age=72; Dependent=85%, Independent=15%; Traditional=90.6%, Non-Traditional=9.4%; Freshman=38%, Sophomores=23%, Upperclass=39%	Tuition Grant Recipients	General Public	Tuition Grants	The agency's responsibility is to administer a state need-based grant program for state residents attending in-state independent higher education institutions. Program is designed to assist students to afford to attend the institution that best meets their academic needs by helping offset tuition differences between public and independent institutions and to provide full use of all higher education facilities in the state. (Mandated at SC Code 59-113-10 through 50)	The most negative impact on the public would be to reduce access to and affordability of higher education for eligible independent college students and their families. This would hinder the State's goals to increase the educational level of its citizens and would result in a further negative impact on the economic future of the State.	No Change	

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Type of Partner Entity	Name of Partner Entity	Description of Partnership	Change to the partnership during the past fiscal year
Higher Education Institute	21 Eligible SC Independent Colleges	Assists with determination of student eligibility including enrollment and academic eligibility and disburses Tuition Grant funds to recipients	No Change
K-12 Education Institute	All SC High Schools	Distribute Program information and assist students with applications	No Change
Professional Association	CACRAO	Provides opportunities for Program communication to college admissions personnel and high school counselors	No Change
State Government	SC Department of Education (K-12)	Provides data to assist with the FAFSA Completion Status Information Portal to provide an opportunity for public high school counselors to access FAFSA filing status information for their senior class	No Change
State Government	Commission on Higher Education	Provides data to assist with program administration; Original recipient of Children's Education Endowment Funds, of which the Tuition Grants program receives a percentage	No Change
State Government	Department of Technology Operations	Provides agency-wide desktop computer support and secure server environment for agency data; Provides critical security patches and updates to ensure secure computer operations	No Change

Type of Partner Entity	Name of Partner Entity	Description of Partnership	Change to the partnership during the past fiscal year
State Government	Division of Information Security	Assists agency personnel with security-related procedures and provides cybersecurity training for agency employees	No Change
State Government	Enterprise Privacy Office	Assists agency personnel with training and guidance on privacy assessments and protection of sensitive data housed by the agency	No Change
State Government	General Assembly	Provides 100% of Program funding	No Change
Professional Association	NASSGAP	Provides professional training and advocates for State financial aid programs in Washington, DC and nationwide	No Change
Professional Association	SCASFAA	Provides professional training and assistance for employees and provides public information on the Program to high schools and colleges state-wide	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	SCICU	Advocates for Independent Higher Education in South Carolina including federal and state financial aid, assists with communications to students	No Change

Type of Partner Entity	Name of Partner Entity	Description of Partnership	Change to the partnership during the past fiscal year
Non-Governmental Organization	SCISA	Advocates for Independent K-12 Education in South Carolina, assists with communications to students	No Change
Federal Government	U. S. Department of Education-Federal Student Aid Office	Provides applications for students and assists with determination of financial need	No Change
State Government	Comptroller General's Office	Works with agency to process expenditures efficiently, allowing student grant payments to be sent expeditiously	No Change
Professional Association	NASFAA	Provides professional training and leadership development opportunities for agency staff; Advocates for Federal and State financial aid programs in Washington, DC and nationwide	No Change

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Reports Data

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Report Name	Law Number (if applicable)	Summary of information requested in the report	Date of most recent submission DURING the past fiscal year	Reporting Frequency	Type of entity/entities	Method to access the report	Direct access hyperlink or agency contact (if not provided to LSA for posting online)	Changes to this report during the past fiscal year	Explanation why a report wasn't submitted
Agency Accountability Report	§1-1-810	The report "must contain the agency's or department's mission, objectives to accomplish the mission, and performance measures that show the degree to which objectives are being met." Agencies must "identify key program area descriptions and expenditures and link these to key financial and performance results measures."	September 2025	Annually	Governor or Lt. Governor AND Legislative entity or entities	Provided to LSA for posting online	Provided to LSA for posting online	No Change	
Agency Annual Report	§59-113-10	Provide the Governor, General Assembly, and other interested parties with general Commission and Program information, including annual statistics relating to tuition grant recipients	January 2026	Annually	Governor or Lt. Governor AND Legislative entity or entities AND South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on agency's website	https://sctuitiongrants.org/data/annual-reports/	No Change	
Annual Survey Report on State-Sponsored Student Financial Aid		State Aid Awarded	April 2026	Annually	Other	Available on another website	https://www.nassgapsurvey.com/survey_reports.aspx	No Change	
Audit & Certification Agency Quarterly Procurement Report	§11-35-2440	Reports agency's procurement activity (or certification of no activity) for the following procurement types: Sole Source, Emergency, Applied Preferences, Unauthorized, 10% Rule, and Trade-in	June 2026	Quarterly	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic file available upon request	Agency Contact: Zachary Christian	No Change	
CAFR Year-End Reports	§11-7-20(b)	Reports financial information about the agency's operations during the year and describes its financial position at the end of each fiscal year	October 2025	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on another website	https://cg.sc.gov/financial-reports/annual-comprehensive-financial-reports-acfrs	No Change	
Debt Collection Report	Proviso 117.33	Confirmation that agency has no outstanding debt due to the agency	January 2026	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	Agency Contact: Katie Stevens	No Change	
Deficit Monitoring	Proviso 117.76	Monitoring of General and Other Funds expenditures and revenues to avoid an overall agency deficit	January 2026	Quarterly	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Hard copy available upon request	Agency Contact: Katie Stevens	No Change	
Division of Human Resources	Annual Appropriations Act; §9-1-1140 and 9-11-50 (Retirement Incentive); §8-11-192 (Furlough); §8-1-170 (Group Productivity Incentive); §8-11-770 (Leave Transfer); §1-1-970 (Organizational Chart)	Annual reporting of information as required by the General Appropriations Act and SC Code of Laws	August 2025	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	Agency Contact: Zachary Christian	No Change	

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Lottery Expenditures by County		Number of Tuition Grant recipients residing in each county, and the amount of lottery funding each recipient received as a portion of their overall Tuition Grant	October 2025	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	Agency Contact: Zachary Christian	No Change	
Lottery Expenditures by Institution		Number of Tuition Grant recipients, listed by institution, and the amount of lottery funding each recipient received as a portion of their overall Tuition Grant	October 2025	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	Agency Contact: Zachary Christian	No Change	
Small & Minority Business Contracting and Certification MBE Quarterly Progress Report	§11-35-5010	Measures agency's progress toward Small & Minority Business Utilization Plan Goals	April 2026	Quarterly	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	Agency Contact: Zachary Christian	No Change	
State Agency Annual Recycling Report	§44-96-60	Reports on agency's recycling efforts, providing number of pounds recycled in the following categories: mixed recyclables, paper, and toner	September 2025	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on another website	https://des.sc.gov/community/recycling-waste-reduction/state-agency-recycling-responsibilities	No Change	
State Agency Travel Report	Proviso 117.26	Provides a summary describing the type and purpose of agency's travel for the prior fiscal year	August 2025	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on another website	https://cg.sc.gov/financial-reports/travel-reports	No Change	
Tuition Grant Recipients		Provides CHE with a listing of Tuition Grant recipients, by semester, at each participating institution; Aggregate information used by CHE to report total need-based expenditures through the Children's Educational Endowment fund	January 2026	Twice a year	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	Agency Contact: Katie Stevens	No Change	

AGENCY NAME:	Higher Education Tuition Grants Commission		
AGENCY CODE:	H060	SECTION:	12

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SUBMISSION FORM

I have reviewed and approved the data submitted by the agency in the following templates:

- Data Template
  - Reorganization and Compliance
  - FY2026 Strategic Plan Results
  - FY2027 Strategic Plan Development
  - Legal
  - Services
  - Partnerships
  - Report or Review
  - Budget
- Discussion Template
- Organizational Template

I have reviewed and approved the financial report summarizing the agency's budget and actual expenditures, as entered by the agency into the South Carolina Enterprise Information System.

The information submitted is complete and accurate to the extent of my knowledge.

AGENCY DIRECTOR *(SIGN AND DATE)*:	**SIGNATURE ON FILE**	**Signature Received:** 08/28/2026
(TYPE/PRINT NAME):	Katherine Stevens, Executive Director	

BOARD/CMSN CHAIR *(SIGN AND DATE)*:	**SIGNATURE ON FILE**	**Signature Received:** 08/28/2026
(TYPE/PRINT NAME):	Dwaun Warmack	