



SC HOPE Scholarship Affidavit & Certification Form

The South Carolina General Assembly issues the HOPE Scholarship through the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education and requires recipients to complete an annual certification. Students must submit this completed certification to The Citadel Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships prior to fund disbursement. Students attending an eligible four-year public or private college or university will receive up to \$2,800* (including a \$300 book allowance) towards the cost-of-attendance only during the first year. The HOPE Scholarship is divided over two semesters: half is awarded in the fall term and the remaining half in the spring term.

I _____ (Print first and last name on line above) _____ (CWID#) _____ (Academic year)

CERTIFY THAT:

- I am a United States citizen or a permanent resident.
- I am a legal resident of South Carolina at the time of high school graduation and at the time of enrollment at The Citadel.
- I have earned at least a 3.0 GPA based on the Uniform Grading Scale upon high school graduation.
- I am enrolled full-time and classified as a degree-seeking undergraduate student.
- I have not been adjudicated delinquent, convicted, or pled guilty or *nolo contendere* to any felonies or any subsequent alcohol/drug related offenses under the laws of this or any other state or under the laws of the United States within the past academic year. I agree to notify the financial aid office if such event occurs. I provide my permission for a verification background check.
- I am neither in default nor do I owe a refund or repayment on federal or state financial aid.
- I am not a recipient of a LIFE scholarship, Palmetto Fellows scholarship, or Lottery Tuition Assistance.

Please check one:

I have NOT been adjudicated delinquent, convicted, pled guilty or *nolo contendere* to any felonies and/or any alcohol/drug related misdemeanor offenses.

I have been adjudicated delinquent, convicted, pled guilty or *nolo contendere* to the felony (ies) and/or the alcohol/drug related misdemeanor offenses that *I have listed below:*

Conviction 1: _____ Date _____ Jurisdiction _____

Conviction 2: _____ Date _____ Jurisdiction _____

CERTIFICATION SIGNATURE: I understand that any false information provided or any attempt to obtain or expend HOPE Scholarship funds for unlawful purposes or any purpose other than in payment or reimbursement for the cost of tuition, fees, and other educational costs at The Citadel is cause for immediate cancellation of the HOPE Scholarship. I understand that any student who has obtained a HOPE Scholarship through means of a willfully false statement or failure to reveal any material fact, condition, or circumstance affecting eligibility will be subject to applicable civil or criminal penalties, including retroactive loss of the scholarship. I understand that my aid package for attendance at The Citadel may not exceed my cost of attendance. I understand that my HOPE Scholarship is subject to reduction, cancellation, or repayment should my total aid package exceed my cost of attendance. I certify that I meet the requirements listed above to receive the South Carolina HOPE Scholarship. I acknowledge awareness that I can review the most current scholarship eligibility requirements on the SC Commission on Higher Education website at:

<https://www.che.sc.gov/Students,FamiliesMilitary/PayingForCollege/FinancialAssistanceAvailable/ScholarshipGrantsforSCResidents.aspx>

Electronic Signatures are not accepted.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships