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WELCOME

**Office of Financial Aid and
Veteran Affairs**



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What Do We Do?

- **Assist students in filing financial aid applications**
- **Review applications for accuracy**
- **Award Federal, State and Institutional Aid**
- **Award and Manage Scholarships**
- **Award and Manage student loans**
- **Award and Manage Work Study**
- **Process Veteran and Military Education Benefits**
- **Adjust awards based on a student's status**
- **Process many other types of financial aid awards**

Cost of College



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College (costs from 2020)	Tuition and Fees (Annual based on 30 hrs and average fees)	Room and Board (based on average room and 21 meals per week)
York Technical College	\$7580	-
USC Regional Campuses	\$7738	-
USC Columbia	\$12968	\$12184
Clemson University	\$15558	\$11414
Winthrop University	\$15806	\$5880
Coker College	\$30621	\$9604
Furman University	\$50844	\$13776

Books and Supplies \$1200-\$1600 average Personal Expenses \$1000-\$2000

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Degree Type	Year s	Total Est. Cost	Includes
1 Year Certificate/Diploma	1	\$3800-\$6800	Tuition and fees. Each program has different supply requirements.
Associate's Degree/ Technical Degree	2	\$15,000-\$18,000	Tuition, fees, books, supplies
Associate's Degree to Bachelor's Degree	4	\$40,000-\$100,000	Adds in 2 years at Bachelor's degree, and up to 2 years of dorms.
Bachelor's Degree	4	\$50,000-\$160,000	4 years of expenses and up to 4 years of dorms.
Master's Degree	6	\$80,000-\$200,000	4 years Bachelor's Degree and 2 years Grad School
Doctorate Degree	8	\$140,000-\$200,000	4 years Bachelor's and 4 years Grad School

Attending
USC Lancaster
for 2 years,
then transferring
into a 4-year
degree,
will save you
\$40,000
on average.

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Applying for Scholarships



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➤ USCL Scholarships

- Lancer Scholars Due **November 1st, 4.0+ GPA**
- Freshmen Scholarships Due **February 1st, 3.0+ GPA**
- Other Scholarships – Apply Online

[Hispanic Scholarship Fund](#)

[The Gates Millennium Scholars](#)

[Central Carolina Community Foundation](#)

[United Negro College Fund \(UCNF\)](#)

[American Association on Health & Disability](#)

[American Indian College Fund](#)

[FastWeb.com](#)

[Finaid.org](#)

[fftc.org](#)

[bigfuture.collegeboard.org](#)

[schoolsoup.com](#)

[Petersons.com](#)

[ScholarshipAmerica.org](#)

Applying for Financial Aid



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➤ FAFSA

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- www.studentaid.gov
- Available October 1st
- **Priority April 1st**
- Fall semester Deadline August 1st
- Apply for Grants, Work Study, Student Loans

Grants



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➤ Federal Grants

- Pell is for families with incomes < \$90K
- Up to \$7395
- SEOG – limited funds, \$1000 at USCL

➤ SC Need Based Grant

- SC Resident
- SCNBG for SC Residents, up to \$3500

➤ Lottery Tuition Assistance

- SC Residents not receiving LIFE
- Reduces tuition and fees
- Up to \$1920 per year (\$80 per credit hour)



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Palmetto Fellows Scholarships

- **\$6700 1st year, \$7500 2nd year**
- **To qualify:**
 - **SC Resident**
 - **Top 6% Class Rank in 10th, 11th or 12th grade year**
 - **3.5 GPA (SC UGS GPA)**
 - **1200 SAT/25 ACT**
- **OR 4.0 GPA and 1400 SAT/31 ACT**
- **Apply in your Senior year**



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LIFE Scholarship

- **\$5000**
- SC Resident
- To qualify at a 2 year college
 - **3.0 GPA (SC UGS GPA)**
- To qualify at a 4 year college, meet 2 of 3
 - **3.0 GPA**
 - **Top 30% of Graduating Class**
 - **1100+ SAT/22+ ACT**
- **2 Years of potential Eligibility at USCL , 4 Years total**
- **Can earn it going into your 2nd year**



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HOPE Scholarship

- **\$2800**
- SC Resident
- To qualify at a 4 year college only
 - **3.0 GPA (SC UGS GPA)**



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USCL Scholarships

➤ USCL Scholarships

- **Lancer Scholars:** Due Nov 1st 4.0+ GPA \$3500
- **Foundation Scholarships:** Due Feb 1st 3.0+ GPA \$1250-\$2500
- **Late Scholarships:** Due Aug 1st 3.0+ GPA \$750

- **Renewal Requirement:** 3.0 USC GPA and 30 earned hours
- **Renewal Bonus:** 3.5 USC GPA and register by May 1st +\$500
- **Emergency Textbook Scholarship:** Up to \$375 for books
- **Lancaster County Textbook Scholarship:** Covers Online Book Access
- **Lancaster Opportunity Scholars Scholarships:** Summer grant
- **Other Student scholarships:** links on our website

Self-Help Aid



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➤ Work Study

- A job that works around the student's schedule

➤ Stafford Loans

- Loans the student borrows that has no payments until after leaving college

➤ Other Loans

- Loans the student borrows with a cosigner and payment starts immediately

➤ PLUS Loans

- Loans the parent borrows. You can delay payment but not interest



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Who Receives aid

- **98% of USCL students receive some grant or scholarship**
- **The typical SC Resident receives \$7,250 in Scholarships and grants**
- **The typical non-Resident receives \$16,780 in Scholarships and grants**
- **40% of students borrow loans**
- **The average loan borrowed is \$5880**



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Other Benefits

- **Veterans**
- **Vocational Rehabilitation**
- **National Guard and Army/Air Reserves**
- **Lancaster Opportunity Scholars, Scholarships**
- **Outside Scholarships**
- **Tuition Pre-Payment programs**
- **529 Plans**
- **WIA/TAA**
- **Other outside scholarships and awards**



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Financial Aid Staff

➤ **Kenneth Cole**

❖ Financial Aid Director and VA Certifying Official

➤ **Ashley Stevenson**

❖ Financial Aid Counselor for A-K, Scholarship Coordinator

➤ **Tyrie K. Rowell, M.F.A.**

❖ Financial Aid Counselor for L-Z, Loan Coordinator

➤ **Pat Kennedy**

❖ Financial Aid Receptionist and Administrative Assistant

Starr Hall, Rm 127

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<http://usclancaster.sc.edu/finaid/>



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Thank You!