

2012-2013
Piedmont Technical College
LIFE Scholarship
Required Certification and Affidavit

This affidavit is required to determine eligibility for the LIFE Scholarship. In addition, your **final** high school transcript must be on file in the Office of Admissions. Each question must be answered for this affidavit to be complete. If you are unable to complete, please speak with a financial aid counselor regarding your alternatives.

Name: _____ **PTC ID: P** _____
(Print Name)

Are you a graduate of a SC High School or do you have a GED? **YES or NO**

Have you provided a copy of your High School transcript to Office of Admissions & Office of Financial Aid? ****All transcripts must identify SCUGP GPA.**** **YES or NO**

Have you attended another college? **YES or NO**

Have you earned college credits at any other college/university? **YES or NO**

If yes, have you provided PTC with a copy of your college transcript? **YES or NO**

Have you received the LIFE, Palmetto Fellows or Hope Scholarship this academic year? **YES or NO**

Required Certification

This certifies that I, _____ (please print your full name) have not been convicted of any felonies. Further, I certify that I have not been convicted of a second offense alcohol or drug related misdemeanor during the preceding calendar year defined as 12 months from the date of the start of school for the period of this award. If I am adjudicated delinquent or am convicted or pled guilty or nolo contendere to any felonies or any alcohol or drug related misdemeanor offenses under the laws of this or any other state, I agree to notify the Financial Aid Office by the start of school. I hereby give permission for a background check to be conducted to verify the above. I understand that additional information may be requested after the background check has been conducted. I also affirm that I am presently not in default on any Federal or State student loans nor do I owe any refunds to any Federal or State financial aid programs.

Any false information provided by the student or any attempt to expend any scholarship funds for unlawful purposes or any purpose other than in payment or reimbursement for the cost of attendance at the institution authorized to award the scholarship will be cause of immediate cancellation. Any student who obtained a scholarship through means of willfully false statement or failure to reveal any material fact, condition, or circumstances affecting eligibility will be subject to applicable civil or criminal penalties, including retroactive loss of the scholarship.

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

Name **P** _____ **PTC ID** _____ **Date**

LIFE Scholarship Guidelines 2012-2013

As a LIFE Scholarship recipient, I have read the following information on the LIFE Scholarship. I understand that it is my responsibility to seek guidance from the Financial Aid Office should I have any questions regarding the scholarship or should I need further clarification on the eligibility requirements outlined below. I also understand that I will follow up with the Financial Aid Office to ensure that all transcripts from prior institutions (including high school) have been received.

Early High School Graduates:

- In order to be considered for the LIFE Scholarship as an early high school graduate, you must provide the Financial Aid Office with an official high school transcript, a letter from your high school principal indicating completion of all high school graduation requirements, and a LIFE Scholarship Early Graduation Application (available on-line and at any PTC Campus).

To retain the LIFE Scholarship:

- Students must register for at least 12 hours in the fall and spring to receive the scholarship; however, a total of **30 hours**, not to include remedial or non-credit courses, must be earned within the academic year (fall – summer terms.) to retain the scholarship a cumulative **3.0 LIFE GPA** is also required.

The LIFE GPA is determined by calculating all grades earned at all public or independent institutions, including courses that do not transfer based on the institution's policy and college courses taken while in high school. It will be the student's responsibility to submit transcripts from all institutions attended to determine eligibility for the LIFE scholarship. Institutions will verify this information.

If you would like to know your LIFE GPA, please notify the Financial Aid Office.

- If the LIFE Scholarship was not received in the fall semester, 15 credit hours (not to include remedial or non-credit courses) must be earned by the following fall with a cumulative GPA of at least at 3.0.
- RDG and ENG 031 and 032 courses **do not** count in the 30 credit hour requirement. The GPA for these courses **does not** count in the required 3.0 GPA. These courses are referred to as remedial courses.
- BIO 100, ENG 100 and RDG 100 credit hours earned and GPA earned **do not count** in the 30 credit hour requirement. The GPA for these courses **does not count** in the required 3.0 GPA requirement. These courses are referred to as non-credit courses.
- Students seeking a certificate or diploma program have 2 terms of eligibility; students seeking an associate degree have 4 terms of eligibility. This is often referred to as the "LIFE Clock".
- A student's "LIFE Clock" begins when the student begins college even if the student does not receive the scholarship.
- The LIFE Scholarship is a fall/spring scholarship only. LIFE recipients are not eligible for Lottery Tuition Assistance for the entire academic year (fall – summer)
- Transfer students need to contact the LIFE Scholarship coordinator to determine future eligibility
- Students who are considering transferring to a 4 year institution need to contact that institution's financial aid office to ensure that the requirements to maintain the scholarship at that institution are being met.

Life Scholarship Enhancements:

Available starting your sophomore year at a four year institution for math/science majors. Must maintain requirements for Life and complete at least fourteen hours in math and science during your freshman year, to include at least 6 credit hours of math and 6 credit hours of physical science including one laboratory course. A list of eligible program majors is available at www.che.sc.gov.

I, _____, **have read and understand my responsibilities in retaining**
(Print Name)
the LIFE Scholarship at Piedmont Technical College.

Student Signature _____ **PTC ID** _____