PIEDMONT Technical College

2015-2016
LIFE Scholarship Certification and Affidavit

PTC ID: _____ Name: _____

Please complete in blue or black ink, only*

As a Life Scholarship recipient, I certify that:

- I am a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen under state residency statutes.
- I was a South Carolina resident at the time of my high school graduation and during the period of award.
- I graduated from a South Carolina high school or graduated from a high school outside of South Carolina while the dependent of a parent or legal guardian who is a legal resident.
- I am a full-time undergraduate student seeking a certificate, diploma or associate degree.
- I have not been judged delinquent, nor have been convicted or pled guilty or nolo contendere to any felony in any state.
- I have not been convicted of any second or subsequent alcohol or drug- related misdemeanor in any state within the past academic year.
- I am not in default or owe a refund or repayment on any Federal or State financial aid.
- I have a 3.00 final high school grade point average based on the Uniform Grading Policy or have completed a minimum of 30 credit hours and have earned a 3.0 LIFE GPA by the end of my first academic year.

Cumulative GPA Type--Please check:

- ☐ **First-time College Student** – I am aware that I ***must*** submit a final transcript from my high school, showing my final cumulative high school GPA based on the SC Uniform Grading Policy, and that my grade point average must be a minimum of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- ☐ **Continuing Student** – I have previously attended Piedmont Technical College.
- ☐ **Transfer Student -** I am aware that I ***must*** submit official transcripts from ***all*** colleges attended and that I will have a LIFE GPA calculated to determine eligibility for the LIFE scholarship only.

I certify that I have attended the following college(s):

_____ _____

College or University Year(s) Attended

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 institution 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 my graduation purposes.

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 cause for immediate cancellation.

By signing below, I certify that I have read and understand my responsibilities in earning and retaining 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.

If I receive Life Scholarship during the summer term, I am authorizing Piedmont Technical College to provide my summer Scholarship information to other institutions for determination of continued eligibility for the LIFE Scholarship.

****Electronic signatures cannot be accepted****

Student Signature _____ Date_____

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LIFE Scholarship Criteria

- Must be a legal resident of South Carolina
- Must be a United States citizen or a permanent resident
- Must be a graduate from high school in South Carolina, or successfully completed a home school program as prescribed by law, or graduated from a preparatory high school outside South Carolina, while a dependent of a parent or guardian who is a legal resident of South Carolina and has custody of the dependent
- Must be admitted, classified as a degree-seeking student and enrolled full-time (non-developmental/non-remedial hours of coursework).
- Must be working toward a first undergraduate degree
- Must use the LIFE Scholarship for tuition and fees and other educational costs at Piedmont Technical College
- Have not defaulted and do not owe a refund or repayment on any Federal or State financial aid
- Have not been adjudicated delinquent, convicted, or pled guilty or nolo contendere to any felonies or any second or subsequent alcohol/other 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.

Entering Freshman

- Your final high school transcript must reflect a 3.0 cumulative GPA calculated on a 4.0 scale.
- Must enroll full-time (12 credit hours) in non-developmental/non-remedial hours of coursework.

Renewal/Continuing/Transferring Students

- Must Maintain a 3.0 LIFE GPA. 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.
- Complete a minimum of 30 non-remedial/non-developmental credit hours by the end of the academic year/15 credit hours for mid-year students - to include credit hours earned in summer.
- Enroll full-time (excluding remedial/developmental courses) during the period of scholarship disbursement.
- The following courses do not count into the required GPA or Credit Hours for the LIFE Scholarship: MAT, RDG and ENG 031 and 032; BIO 100; ENG 100; RDG 100.
- If I have meet continued eligibility for LIFE Scholarship for 2016-2017 by the end of spring 2016, I am eligible to receive LIFE Scholarship for the summer term 2016. I have to be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours and it counts as one of my 4 terms of eligibility and may not lead to early graduation. I will not receive LIFE in the spring 2017 semester and will not be eligible for Lottery Tuition Assistance in the spring or summer semesters.

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).

Length of Eligibility

- The LIFE Scholarship is limited to two (2) semesters for a one-year certificate or diploma program and four (4) semesters for a two-year program. The number of eligible semesters for scholarship funding is based on the time of initial college enrollment.
- Students may not receive the LIFE scholarship if they have earned an Associate or Bachelor's degree. Furthermore, students cannot receive the scholarship if they have earned a certificate or diploma and have not matriculated into an associate program of study.
- LIFE Scholarship is available in the summer term to students who have met continued eligibility for 2016/17 by the end of spring term 2016. LIFE eligible students do not qualify for S.C. Lottery Tuition Assistance in the same award year.