State law requires a student receiving the South Carolina Need Based Grant (SCNB) must certify he/she has no criminal record, has never been convicted of a felony as defined under State Statute Section 16-1-10 and is of good moral character by submitting a signed affidavit to the institution. The student must sign this affidavit.

SCNB shall be awarded annually for no more than a total of eight full time equivalent semesters of part time or full time study. Award decisions are made annually and are not automatically guaranteed.

REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS

- I am a legal resident of South Carolina
- I have completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- I am of good moral character
- I have not been convicted of any felonies and have not been convicted of any drug-related misdemeanor offenses
- I do not owe a refund or repayment on a State Grant, a Federal Pell Grant, or a Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (SEOG)
- I am not in default on any State or Federal Loan
- I am enrolled part time or full time as a degree seeking student in an eligible program of student
- I am enrolled in a program that leads to a first diploma or first certificate or first associate’s degree
- I do not have an Associate or Bachelor Degree
- I will use the South Carolina Need Based Grant funds for appropriate educational purposes.

For continued eligibility students must reapply each academic year and certify:

- I am maintaining a GPA of 2.0 or above
- I am making Satisfactory Academic Progress
- I do not have an Associate or Bachelor Degree
- I earned at least 24 credit hours as a full time student at the end of the regular academic year
- I earned at least 12 credit hours as a part time student at the end of the regular academic year
- I earned 18 credit hours as a part time student for one semester and full time student the other semester at the end of the regular academic year

Check one of the following:

_____ I hereby certify that I meet the above bulleted requirements.

_____ I decline the South Carolina Need Based Grant. (Do not meet above requirements.)

Any false information provided by the student or any attempt to expend any grant 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 grant will be cause for immediate cancellation. Any student who obtained a grant 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 grant.

**Electronic signatures cannot be accepted.**

Student’s Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________