



Office of Financial Aid

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PALMETTO FELLOWS CERTIFICATION & AFFIDAVIT 2025–2026 Academic Year

Student's Last Name	First Name	MI	Lander ID (L#)
Street Address	City	State	ZIP

The Palmetto Fellows Scholarship regulations issued by the S.C. Commission on Higher Education on behalf of the S.C. General Assembly require recipients to complete this document prior to scholarship funds being officially disbursed. Please complete this form and submit it to the Financial Aid Office as soon as possible. **Your signature is required on the back of this page.**

RENEWAL CRITERIA FOR THE PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP

In order to retain the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship, you must:

- Earn a **3.0 LANDER GPA (transfer credits are not included in the LU GPA); and**
- Earn a **minimum of 30 credit hours during EACH academic year (fall, spring, and summer terms). Transfer credit hours within the year can be used to meet this requirement.**
- Sign an affidavit with the Financial Aid Office **each** year.

ADDITIONAL CRITERIA AND INFORMATION

- Palmetto Fellows Scholarship recipients must be a US citizen or legal permanent resident.
- Palmetto Fellows Scholarship recipients must be a SC resident.
- Palmetto Fellows Scholarship recipients must enroll full-time (at least 12 hours per semester) in order to receive any scholarship funds. Students dropping below full-time status after the beginning of the semester may be required to return Palmetto Fellows Scholarship funds.
- Palmetto Fellows recipients are not eligible to receive the LIFE or HOPE Scholarships.
- Students receiving grant or scholarship aid in excess of tuition, fees, books, and supplies may be required to report the excess funds when filing federal and state taxes.
- Repeated coursework and developmental coursework hours will not be counted toward the enrollment status or toward the renewal criteria for Palmetto Fellows Scholars.

CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

State law requires that a student receiving the **Palmetto Fellows Scholarship** must certify he/she is not in default and does not owe refunds on any Federal or State financial aid, including the S.C. Need-Based Grant, Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Federal Perkins Loan, or Federal Stafford/Federal Direct Student Loan(s). This affidavit must be signed by the student. Any false information provided by the student or any attempt to obtain, expend, or attempt to expend any **Palmetto Fellows Scholarship** funds for unlawful purposes or any purpose other than in payment or reimbursement for the cost of tuition and fees and other educational costs at the institution authorized to make the scholarship will be cause for immediate cancellation of the **Palmetto Fellows Scholarship**. Any student who has obtained a **Palmetto Fellows Scholarship** through means of a 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 the loss of the scholarship.

(Signature Required on the Back of This Form)

APPEALS

If an extenuating circumstance has caused a student to fail to meet the academic requirements (cumulative grade point average and/or credit hours) for regaining or renewing a Palmetto Fellows Scholarship, the student may file an appeal with the Commission on Higher Education. Students wishing to file an appeal must thoroughly read the Appeal Guidelines and submit all materials by the established deadline. The maximum of 8 terms for a 4-year undergraduate degree cannot be appealed. The appeal guidelines and application are available at [Student Scholarship Appeals | CHE](#) .

DISCLAIMER

All state awards for the 2025-2026 academic year, including the S.C. LIFE Scholarship, the S.C. HOPE Scholarship, the S.C. Palmetto Fellows Scholarship, and the S.C. Need-Based Grant, are based on Lander University's current understanding of the legislative actions and intent of the S.C. General Assembly. If, at any time, the actions of the General Assembly require changes to your award, your awards will be changed to comply with state requirements. You will be notified of any changes to your award. We apologize for any difficulty this may cause and assure you that we will communicate any changes to you as soon as possible.

REQUIRED CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that I have never been adjudicated delinquent, convicted, or pled guilty or *nolo contendere* to any felonies or any second or 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 understand that if I have been adjudicated delinquent, convicted, or pled guilty or *nolo contendere* of an alcohol or drug related misdemeanor offense, I will be ineligible for one academic year from the date of the adjudication, conviction or plea. This is to certify that I will use the **Palmetto Fellows Scholarship** solely for educational expenses at Lander University. I am not in default on a Title IV educational loan. I further certify that I do not owe an overpayment on a Title IV educational grant. I will notify the school if I do owe an overpayment or if I am in default. I have read all of the information on this document, and I understand and affirm the terms set forth herein.

Student's Signature

Phone #

Date

DATA ENTRY	Financial Aid Office Use Only (Circle one)	COUNSELOR REVIEW
RRAAREQ	Signed = S and place in to be scanned file Incomplete (missing signature)= M (mailed), ROAMESG set, RHACOMM, copy in file Special Note = N and forward to counselor for review	RRAAREQ
Initials/Date		RPAAWRD
Fwd to CNSLR Date		ROAUSDF FIELD 10 as needed
		RHACOMM