Congratulations! You have been nominated for possible participation in a special college preparation program sponsored by Clemson University. The primary purpose of the Clemson University Emerging Scholars Program is to help students who have the ability to succeed in college but either have not worked to their full academic potential during their first nine years of schooling or are not sure about college in general. Most students selected for this program would require financial assistance to attend college. If you successfully complete the three summer programs and follow the recommendations of the program directors regarding your high school preparation, you will be assisted in the admission process to any college or university of your choice.

If selected, there are several obligations you need to be aware of. You will need to attend the following:

- One week residential program at Clemson University from June 7th - June 15th, 2017
- Two week residential program at Clemson University during the summer of 2018
- Three week residential program at Clemson University during the summer of 2019
- Weekly after school club meetings in your school
- Mandatory workshops at USC-Salkehatchie in Allendale, SC throughout the academic year
- Parents are expected to attend Parent Weekend June 9th-11th, 2017

There will not be any cost to you throughout the program. However, you will need to do the following to guarantee your participation every year:

- Attend all summer programs and workshops
- Attend all college access workshops and college tours
- Attend 15 hours a semester of after school sessions
- Maintain an average no lower than a C
- Have no outstanding discipline issues at your school
- Update program staff of any changes in contact information
- Not be a part of any other college access program (i.e., Upward Bound)

If you are interested in this unique opportunity, carefully complete the enclosed application, the questionnaire and ask someone other than a family member, guidance counselor, or peer to complete the recommendation form (Examples include teachers, religious leaders, employers, or community leaders). Return all of these things to your high school guidance counselor by Friday March 17th, 2017. Successful candidates will be selected on the basis of their thoughtful responses to the questions on this application as well as other information provided by your guidance counselor.

IMPORTANT: Prior to applying to this program, please consider that this is a very competitive application process. Every year more students are nominated than we can accept. As a result of this, we ask that you only apply if you are genuinely interested in participating. If you are selected and drop out, your slot will not be replaced and you will have PREVENTED another student from participating in this unique program. Again, please do not apply for this program unless you are genuinely interested in participating. THIS IS A THREE YEAR PROGRAM, NOT A SUMMER CAMP. Also, if you do not return for every summer portion of the program, you will no longer be a participant.

** Keep this page for future reference!**

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Family’s adjusted gross income as reported on your parent’s following 2013 or 2014 Federal Income Tax forms: Form 1040, Form 1040A or Form 1040 EZ. Please include a copy of the W-2 with the application. (NOTE: This information will be kept strictly confidential):

- Less than $10,000
- $10,000 to $14,999
- $15,000 to $19,999
- $20,000 to $24,999
- $25,000 to $29,999
- $30,000 to $34,999
- $35,000 to $39,999
- $40,000 to $44,999
- $45,000 to $49,999
- $50,000 to $59,999
- $60,000 to $74,999
- $75,000 to $99,999
- $100,000 to $124,999
- $125,000 to $149,999
- $150,000 to $199,999
- $200,000 or more

Highest education level of any parent/guardian:
- Some high school
- High school diploma
- GED
- Associates degree
- Bachelors degree
- Masters degree
- Doctoral Degree
- Other:________________

Highest education level of any sibling over age of 18:
- Some high school
- High school diploma
- GED
- Associates degree
- Bachelors degree
- Masters degree
- Doctoral Degree
- Other:________________

How many people are living in the same household as the student? (including the student)
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7 or more

What is the student’s race? (Optional question. Please check ALL that apply.)
- White
- Black, African
- American
- Mexican, Mexican
- American, Chicano
- Hispanic/Latino
- Other:________________
- Puerto Rican
- Cuban
- Other: Spanish/
- American Indian
- Native Hawaiian
- Other:___________
- Asian Indian
- Chinese
- Filipino
- Guamanian or Chamorro
- Japanese
- Samoan
- Pacific Islander
- Alaska Native
- Vietnamese
- Other:___________

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STUDENT QUESTIONS
Each student should answer the following questions. If you need more space, you may use the back of the paper or attach your answers.

1. Consider the type of student for whom this program is designed. Why do you believe you were nominated?

2. Describe a community or school project you have participated in. What did you learn as a result of this experience? If you have not participated in a community project, please do not respond to this question.

3. Do you plan on going to college? Why or why not?

4. Twenty years from now, what would you like to be doing to earn a living?

5. Why do you feel you deserve to be a participant in the Emerging Scholars program?

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AGREEMENT
By signing this application you agree to the following:

• I will attend the one, two and three-week college readiness programs during the summers of 2017, 2018, and 2019.
• I will attend the mandatory informational meeting in May at USC- Salkehatchie.
• A parent/guardian will attend the Parent Awareness Weekend on June 9th- June 11th, 2017.
• I will attend all planned workshops at USC-Salkahatchie and complete all academic year work.
• I will attend 15 hours a semester of after school sessions through the Emerging Scholars After School Club at my school.
• I understand that I may be dismissed from the program by the Program or Assistant Director if I fail to actively participate in all planned program activities.
• I give permission to the Emerging Scholars Partnership Program to obtain grade report information, PACT scores, PSAT/SAT scores and a copy of my high school transcript from the School District. I understand that this information is to be used only for general program information and no names will be published.
• To my knowledge, all information on this application is updated and true.

| Signature of Applicant | Date | Signature of Parent/Guardian | Date |

You must return this completed application to your Guidance Counselor by **Friday, March 17th, 2017**. Also remind your teacher to turn in his/her form. All applications will be sent to the Assistant Director by the Guidance Counselor.

The following must be completed for the application to be considered:

- Guidance Counselor recommendation
- Recommendation #2
- Student application
- Copy of high school transcript
- Copy of PACT scores
- Student questions

### 2017 Important Dates:

- **Friday, 3/17:** Applications due to guidance counselors
- **Monday, 4/17:** Decision letters mailed to student
- **May TBA:** Mandatory meeting for all participants
- **Wednesday, 6/7:** Students arrive at Clemson
- **Friday, 6/9 – Sunday, 6/11:** Parent Awareness Weekend
- **Thursday, 6/15:** Students return home

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