## Clemst nLIFE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

# Student Application Packet 2022-2023

ClemsonLIFE

Postsecondary Transition Program Suite G-01 Tillman Hall 101 Gantt Circle Clemson University Clemson, SC, 29634 864.656.0501

Completed Application Deadline is December 10, 2021



#### Application for Admission

This is a comprehensive program of study for unique learners who are motivated young adults whose disability is characterized by significant limitations both in intellectual functioning and in adaptive behavior as expressed in conceptual, social, and practical adaptive skills.

In order to be sure that the ClemsonLIFE Program at Clemson University is the best match for our applicants, we require an application packet be completed for each student. Upon entering, it is expected that students will demonstrate the following minimal requirements:

- Basic functional understanding of literacy (writing/composition) and reading skills
- Basic mathematics understanding and ability to use a smart phone
- Ability to function independently for a sustained period of time
- No severe behavior or emotional problems
- Can handle and adapt to change; is not overly stressed when things change
- Potential to be successful in competitive employment situations
- Desire and motivation to complete a postsecondary program
- Be between the ages of 18-26 at the start of the program

Letters of recommendation from teachers are extremely important, too, as these describe current levels of performance across many areas.

Applicants will have typically received extensive special education services in their secondary schools, graduating with an occupational diploma or certificate of attendance, and would have considerable difficulty succeeding in a traditional college degree program.

This is a certificate program (not an accredited college degree program) and exiting students will receive a certificate of completion, **NOT** a degree from Clemson University.

Note: Because of space limitations, not all applicants who complete the application and meet the "criteria for admission" will be granted an interview and/or be accepted in ClemsonLIFE; however, these students are welcome to reapply. All materials submitted to ClemsonLIFE will become property of ClemsonLIFE and will not be returned or duplicated for other purposes.

Please email <u>clemsonlife@clemson.edu</u> or call (864) 656-0501 if you have any questions.



#### **Application Selection Process**

An Application Screening Committee will review applications and select students for admission. <u>You will</u> <u>be notified regarding the receipt and completion of application documents and will later be notified if you are granted an interview.</u>

Note: A limited number of applicants will be admitted each year; therefore, a submitted application of interview does not guarantee acceptance to ClemsonLIFE.

The decision to offer or deny admission to the program will be made by the Screening Committee in their best judgment and in the best interest of the applicant.

Admission will be based on the following criteria:

- Applicants must be between the ages of 18-26 upon acceptance.
- The applicant must have a significant cognitive and/or developmental disability that interferes with their academic performance according to the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD).
- The applicant must have sufficient emotional and independent stability to participate in all aspects of ClemsonLIFE.
- The applicant should be able to safely function independently for at least 2 hour blocks of times including Academic Course Work, Extracurricular Activities, etc.
- The applicant must demonstrate the ability to accept responsibility for his/her actions and maintain respect for him/herself and others and have no history of disruptive or aggressive behaviors. Note: ClemsonLIFE does not have the personnel necessary to manage behavioral issues.
- The applicant must be independent in handling his/her own medication, specialized dietary and/or medical needs, as well as maintaining personal hygiene. <u>Note: There is no personnel available to manage/administer medication. The ClemsonLIFE staff takes no responsibility for specialized diets or medical needs.</u>
- The applicant must demonstrate the desire to attend ClemsonLIFE and adhere to the ClemsonLIFE policies regarding attendance and participation in the ClemsonLIFE coursework and traditional Clemson University classes.
- The applicant must have the potential to successfully achieve his/her goals within the context of the ClemsonLIFE program's content and setting.

Please complete all sections of this application. It is acceptable for the applicant to receive support, if needed in completing the application. You may attach additional information and pages for writing space if needed. All information is confidential and will not be shared with any outside agencies unless written agreement is provided by those filling out the application. Information will not be returned or duplicated for any purposes.



#### **Program Costs**

Tuition and fees for the 2022-2023 Academic Year

#### ClemsonLIFE Program Fees\*

Program Fees Covers the costs associated with daily program operations	\$12,000 per semester
Student Budget Expenditures Covers apartment groceries, attendance at sporting or theater events, field trips, personal entertainment, etc.	\$1,550 per semester

On-Campus Housing Covers all rent, utilities, cable and internet	\$4,933 per semester
<u>Academic Fee</u> Covers tuition fee for 1 credit hour class (additional fees may apply for labs and leisure skills ranging from \$100-\$300)	\$633/per credit hour for SC residents \$1,633/per credit hour for non-residents
<u>Meal Plan</u> Students and families may select a meal plan of their choice for dining hall access (the program typically recommends the Block 75 option)	\$2,413 Unlimited + 300 paw points \$2,313 Unlimited + 200 paw points \$2,213 Unlimited + 100 paw points \$1,860 Block 175 + 125 paw points \$1,166 Block 75 + 300 paw points
<u>Health Fee</u> Covers professional services of physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses and health promotion professionals; counseling and psychological services, reduced costs of pharmaceuticals, immunizations, laboratory and x-ray services; after hours nurse line and emergency planning and response	\$182 per semester
<u>Miscellaneous Fees</u> Covers additional fees including required gym membership- campus rec (\$90), activity fee (\$4), matriculation fee (\$5), technology fee (\$10), and software fee (\$21)	\$130 per semester

#### Clemson University Fees\*

\*Clemson University program fees, academic tuition, housing and meal plans fees are subject to change annually. \*Rates are based on the 2021-2022 school year.

Please see our website for financial aid information: http://www.clemson.edu/education/research/programs/culife/index.html



#### **Application Checklist**

Applicant Name:

Once your completed application has been submitted, you will be notified of receipt of completed application by letter. **NOTE: Applications will not be considered until** <u>ALL</u> requested information is received.

The applications can be typed and/or printed neatly. Include all information below. Letters of Recommendation must be included in a sealed envelope with signature across the seal.

Please **mail** application materials to:

ClemsonLIFE G-01 Tillman Hall 101 Gantt Circle Clemson, SC 29634

#### Application Checklist:

- 1. 
  Student Application Fee paid through payment portal on ClemsonLIFE website
- 2. 🔲 Release and Exchange of Information Form
- 3. D Student and Family Information/Emergency Contact Information Employment
- 4. 🛛 History
- 5. Housing Needs
- 6. D Medical History/Medical Insurance/Physical Examination Form Education
- 7. 🛛 History
- 8. 🔲 Official High School Academic Transcript
- 9. D Behavior Records (if student has no record, send a letter from high school stating there is no record)
- 10. 
  Current or most recent IEP and any postsecondary program record(s)
- 11. A documented comprehensive and individualized evaluation that includes:
  - IPsychological evaluation, including IQ testing within the past three years
  - **I** Adaptive behavior scores within the past three years
  - □ Social-emotional functioning within the past three years
- 12. D Personal Support Inventory Family/Guardian Completed
- 13. 
  Student Questionnaire Student Completed (indicate if scribe is used)
- 14. 
  Letters of Recommendation

Letters of Recommendation should be submitted by three persons who have known the applicant for one year or longer. The recommendations should represent each of the following areas:

- 1. Education
- 2. Vocational/Employment
- 3. Community Involvement

Letters must be submitted using the Recommendation Forms included in this packet and must be returned with the application packet in sealed envelopes as directed on the form.



#### **RELEASE AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION**

ClemsonLIFE Postsecondary Program

Clemson University treats and regards all written documentation obtained to verify a disability and plan for appropriate services as well as all documented services and contracts with the Office of Student Disability Services as confidential. However, it may be necessary for our staff to exchange some information about you with the Clemson University faculty and staff in order to provide educational opportunities and experiences on and off campus. This exchange will occur only with your written permission, as given in this document below, and with the understanding that only information necessary for the purposes of accommodation and academic progress will be communicated.

I (name), \_\_\_\_\_

give permission to exchange information about me with the offices/individuals indicated below: \_\_\_\_

School District(s)

School Personnel

Department of Vocational Rehabilitation Office

Department of Disability and Special Needs Office

Admissions Office

Course Instructors

Financial Aid Office

Parents/Guardians

Registrar's Office

Tutor/Mentor

Other

I agree, as part of the application process, to waive my right to access the student recommendation form.

I agree, as part of the application process, to waive my right to access, duplicate or withdraw sections of the application to use for any other purposes.

Signature of Student or Guardian: \_\_\_\_

Date:



### STUDENT INFORMATION/BACKGROUND

To be filled out by: Parent/Family/Guardian/SupportPerson



#### STUDENT INFORMATION

Last Name	First Name		Middle Name						
Home Phone	Student Cell Phone		Student Cell Phone		Student Cell Phone		Student Cel		
Address									
City		State	Zip Code						
Birth Date	ate								
Disability		Full Scale IQ Sco	re						

\*Your IQ/Disability is confidential and under federal law it is protected and will not be disclosed to unauthorized parties. Disclosures may be authorized for the purpose of available financial aid, academic transcripts or accountability research.

Student receives support or services from: (please check those that apply)



Supplemental Security Income



Division of Developmental Disabilities



Medical Assistance



Social Security Disability Insurance Division of



Vocational Rehabilitation Special



Education Services (IDEA funding)



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s student his/her own guardian? Yes No			
no, please list student's guardian(s):			
Mother/Guardian			
Last Name	First Name		MI
Home Phone	Cell Phone		
Address			
City	State	Zip Co	ode
Occupation/Employer		Work Phone	
Email Address			
<u>Father/Guardian</u>			
Last Name	First Name		MI
Home Phone	Cell Phone		
Address			
City	State	Zip Co	ode
Occupation/Employer		Work Phone	
Email Address			
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<u>Siblings</u>

Name	Age
How did you hear about ClemsonLIFE? (Please circle the	option that applies to you).
Social Media	
Specify(TV, News, Online News Story):	
ThinkCollege.net	
From Clemson University Alumni Specify:	
Specify: Conference Attendance	
Specify: Conference Attendance Specify:	
Specify: Conference Attendance Specify: Transition Fair	
Specify: Conference Attendance Specify: Transition Fair Specify:	
Specify: Conference Attendance Specify: Transition Fair Specify: Other:	



#### **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

Work/Internship Experience				
Employer Contact Info.	Job Responsibilities	Paid work or internship?	Dates at this Job	Reason for Leaving

Volunteer Work Experience				
Employer/Contact Info.	Job Responsibilities	Dates at this Job	Reason for Leaving	



#### HOUSING

Do you have any limitations or support needs that require ADA accessibility to housing? Please describe.

The ClemsonLIFE program uses on-campus housing (with an independent living assistant) from which students walk and/or use public transportation to and from campus, as well as other activities.

Do you have any limitations, support needs, or other related issues to public transportation? Please describe.



#### MEDICAL HISTORY

Please attach results of a current (within 1 year) physical exam (see included form).

Please give a brief description of your medical history <u>including any disability diagnoses</u> that you may have:

Please list any significant medical or physical conditions and history, <u>including severe allergies</u>, seizures, and surgeries:

If applicable, how may the above affect your participation in classroom, social, or recreational activities on campus?:

Please list any current medications and indicate for what purpose the medications are taken: Note: If the applicant must take medications while at ClemsonLIFE, he/she must be independent in administering his/her medications. Clemson University and ClemsonLIFE do not have the personnel or facilities to administer medications. This capability is not included in any of the LIFE program or college services.

Do you currently receive private therapeutic services, such as physical therapy, occupational therapy, psychiatry, speech therapy, behavioral therapy? Yes No If so, please indicate which services.

Are you independent in self-care such as toileting and bathing? List	Yes	No
any limitations:		

Females only:	_	
Are you independent in basic hygiene including handling all	Yes	L No
aspects of your monthly cycle?		



#### PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FORM

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MEDICAL	Normal (Check)	Abnormal Findings (Please Specify)	Initials/Date		
Appearance					
Eyes/Ears/Nose/Throat					
Hearing					
Lymph Nodes					
Heart Murmur					
Pulse					
Lungs					
Abdomen					
Genitourinary (males)					
Skin					
Musculoskeletal					
Neck					
Back					
Shoulder/Arm					
Elbow/Forearm					
Wrist/Hands/Fingers					
Hip/Thigh					
Knee					
Leg/Ankle					
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#### **EDUCATION HISTORY**

Name	City, State	Years Attended	Reason for Leaving

Did/will you receive a high school diploma?	Yes	No	Date Received:
Did/will you receive a high school certificate?	Yes	No	Date Received:



#### **EDUCATION HISTORY**

Describe what skills you have learned in the following areas:
Independent Living:
Employment:
Social:
Have you participated in general education classes at your school?
If yes, list inclusive subjects:
Were any accommodations used? Yes No
If yes, please explain:
Was additional adult support present in the classroom?  Yes No
If yes, please explain:



#### ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPT REQUEST

#### ClemsonLIFE Postsecondary Transition Program

To the applicant:

Use this form to request that a copy of your high school transcript be sent to the ClemsonLIFE program at Clemson University by sending the form, along with your high school's transcript forwarding fee, to your high school guidance/advising office.

To the guidance/advising office:

High School			
Street Address	City	State	Zip
Please send one (1) copy of my high school transcript	to:		

ClemsonLIFE G-01 Tillman Hall 101 Gantt Circle **Clemson University** Clemson, SC 29634 864-656-0501

Amount enclosed:\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Please contact high school to determine transcript fee prior to mailing this form.)

Last Name	First Name	First Name		
Social Security #				
Address	City	State	Zip	
Dates of Attendance:	I			
Signature:	C	Date:		
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To be filled out by: Parent/Family/Guardian/SupportPerson

\*\*Please rate the levels thoughtfully and honestly so that we can determine the best placement and level of support for your son/daughter.



To be completed by: Family Member or Guardian

Completed by:

(Parent/Family Member/Guardian/Support Person)

Please rate the applicant in the following areas. If you are unsure about a skill, please indicate by selecting the "?" box.

Independent Living Skills	Requires complete assistance	Needs moderate assistance	Needs some assistance	Needs minimal assistance	Completely independent	?
Negotiating/finding way around campus and community						
Ordering and purchasing from a restaurant, café, or store						
Caring for personal hygiene and grooming needs						
Handling personal affairs: laundry						
cooking						
cleaning						
managing personal belongings						
Using good judgment skills in an emergency						
Coping well with stress and anxiety						
Adjusting to new situations or environments						

Comments:

Social Skills and Communication	Requires complete assistance	Needs moderate assistance	Needs some assistance	Needs minimal assistance	Completely independent	?
Communicating needs in an appropriate manner						
Relating to others in a socially appropriate manner						
Handling conflict with another person						
Respecting persons in authoritative positions						
Using a smart phone to communicate						
Sending and receiving text messages						
Using email						
Using social networking sites: Facebook, Instagram, etc.						
Verbalizing and/or writing personal information: name, address, phone number, SSN, etc.						

Comments:



To be completed by: Family Member or Guardian

Academic Skil	ls	Requires complete assistance	Needs moderate assistance	Needs some assistance	Needs minimal assistance	Completely independent	?
Understanding the value of money							
Handling debit card to make purchas	ses						
Handling cash to make purchases							
Staying within a budget							
Using technology (computer, tablet, s							
Navigating the internet and smart ph	ione apps						
Following verbal directions							
Following written directions							
Demonstrating motivation to learn a tasks	nd persist on new						
Maintaining and following a daily scl	nedule						
Remembering and keeping up with c assignments	lue dates,						
Studying given information							
If yes, what?							
voice recognition	alarms on dev	ice		iPac	l/iPhone	Apps:	
laptop							
calculator							
calendar on device							
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To be completed by: Family Member or Guardian

Additional Comments: Please list/discuss any physical, intellectual, social, or emotional conditions that may need to be considered when participating in a postsecondary experience.



## STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE

This section is <u>to be hand-written by applicant</u> and may include additional pages. Please indicate if a scribe is used. This is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate writing skills, critical thinking skills and creativity!



#### STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Why do you want to be a ClemsonLIFE student?

Describe what skills you would like to learn in the following areas:

Independent Living – \_\_\_\_\_

Employment –

Social –

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Transportation
Do you have a:
Learners permit Yes No
Driver's license 🗌 Yes 🔲 No
Have you ever done the following independently:
Flown in a plane Yes No
Used public transportation 🗌 Yes 🗌 No
Uber Yes No
Bus Yes No
Biking Yes No
Walking Yes No
What kind of jobs are you interested in after you leave high school or college?
What do you like to do in your free time?
What is your favorite sport?
What is your favorite musical group or favorite singer?

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Do you spend time with friends outside of school? Yes If yes, what do you like to do with your friends?	No
Discuss two of your goals for the future upon completion of this provide the future of the future upon completion of the provide the provide the future upon completion of the provide the future upon completion of the provide the future upon completion of the provide the provide the future upon completion of the provide the provide the future upon completion of the provide the providet the providet the providet the pr	
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Please use this space to provide us with any additional information to share.	about yourself that you wish



ClemsonLIFE Postsecondary Transition Program Student Recommendation Form



#### LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Please submit 3 Letters of Recommendation from persons who have known the applicant for one year or longer. The recommendations should represent each of the following:

- 1. Education
- 2. Vocational/Employment
- 3. CommunityInvolvement

Make three copies of the Student Recommendation Form and give one copy to each of the evaluators for them to complete.

Letters must be submitted using the Student Recommendation Forms in this packet and must be returned with the application packet in sealed envelopes with the evaluator's signature across the flap.



**Postsecondary Transition Program** To be completed by: Personal Reference

The above named individual is applying for admission to the ClemsonLIFE Postsecondary Transition program at Clemson University. ClemsonLIFE offers a collegiate experience that prepares young men and women with intellectual disabilities for competitive employment and independent living through a combination of academic coursework and career exploration. These students are motivated young adults who have received extensive educational services in either public or private schools and would likely have considerable difficulty succeeding in a traditional college degree program. Students should have a strong desire to become an independent adult and must possess emotional stability and maturity to participate successfully in this program. You can find out more information about ClemsonLIFE online at <a href="https://www.clemson.edu/culife">www.clemson.edu/culife</a>.

With the above information in mind, please answer the following questions to the best of your ability and complete a Personal Support Inventory (attached). Attach additional pages as needed. Please return this form to the applicant *in a sealed envelope and sign across the seal*. The applicant has agreed as part of the application process to waive access to the recommendation form. The applicant will submit all letters of recommendation as part of their completed Student Application Packet. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

(Contact information of individual completing the recommendation.)

Last Name	First Name	MI

Organization Name	Phone #	
Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Email Address	I	I



**Postsecondary Transition Program** To be completed by: Personal Reference

- 1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?
- 2. Please describe why you feel the applicant would benefit from a postsecondary education experience.

- 3. How likely is it that the parent/family/guardian of this applicant will support the philosophy and goals of the Clemson LIFE program?
  - Unlikely

Likely

Highly Likely

4. Please describe the strengths and challenges that the applicant may possess that will impact his/her candidacy for this program? (Use the back of this page or attach additional pages as necessary).



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To be completed by: Personal Reference

Please complete the following Personal Support Inventory. Should you not be familiar with the applicant in a particular area, please indicate by selecting the "?" box.

Independent Living Skills	Requires complete assistance	Needs moderate assistance	Needs some assistance	Needs minimal assistance	Completely independent	?
Negotiating/finding way around campus and community						
Ordering and purchasing from a restaurant, café, or store						
Caring for personal hygiene and grooming needs						
Handling personal affairs: laundry						
cooking						
cleaning						
managing personal belongings						
Asking for help or clarifications						
Asking questions when needed						
Using good judgment skills in an emergency						
Coping well with stress and anxiety						
Adjusting to new situations or environments						

Comments:

Social Skills and Communication	Requires complete assistance	Needs moderate assistance	Needs some assistance	Needs minimal assistance	Completely independent	?
Communicating needs in an appropriate manner						
Relating to others in a socially appropriate manner						
Handling conflict with another person						
Respecting persons in authoritative positions						
Using a smart phone						
Sending and receiving text messages						
Using email						
Using social networking sites: Facebook, Instagram, etc.						
Verbalizing and/or writing personal information: name, address, phone number, SSN, etc.						

Comments:



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To be filled out by: Personal Reference

Academic Skills	Requires complete assistance	Needs moderate assistance	Needs some assistance	Needs minimal assistance	Completely independent	?
Understanding the value of money						
Handling debit card to make purchases						
Handling cash to make purchases						
Staying within a budget						
Using a computer for word processing						
Navigating the Internet						
Following verbal directions						
Following written directions						
Demonstrating motivation to learn and persist on new tasks						
Maintaining and following a daily schedule						
Remembering and keeping up with due dates, assignments						
Studying given information						

Give an explanation of the applicant's reading abilities (and approximate grade level equivalent):

Give an explanation of the applicant's writing /composition abilities (and approximate grade level equivalent):

Give an example of the applicant's math abilities (and approximate grade level equivalent):

Has the applicant utilized assistive technology (voice recognition, dictation, iPad, etc.)?

If yes, what?



**Postsecondary Transition Program** To be completed by: Personal Reference

Additional Comments: Please list/discuss any physical, intellectual, social, or emotional conditions that may need to be considered when preparing for a postsecondary experience.