Dear counseling friends:

I want to thank you for the many things you do to support and assist students. We especially appreciate the help you provide as these young learners confront the complexities of the college-selection process.

This guide is one of the ways we try to assist you, by providing up-to-date information about Clemson and answering commonly asked questions related to our admissions program. We also use this opportunity to share highlights from our newest freshman class, those who joined us in the fall of 2017.

They are a great group, and we look forward to welcoming even more outstanding students with the next incoming freshman class.

Thank you again for your guidance and expertise, and please don't hesitate to contact my office with questions, feedback or concerns. We are here to support you.

Sincerely,
David Kuskowski
Director of Admissions
There are plenty of reasons to encourage students who are interested in Clemson to pursue our school, but there’s one that stands heads above the rest: Our commitment to making sure the student experience is an exceptional one.

Rigorous academics and a commitment to student engagement have earned Clemson accolades as one of the nation’s top public research universities. But it’s also been lauded as a great return on investment and a “best value” in public colleges.

Then there’s student life here. It’s as idyllic as it gets, surrounded by incredible natural beauty — national forests, beautiful lakes and rolling mountainside all just minutes from campus. No wonder Clemson students are among the nation’s happiest.

Most impressive, though? Nearly nine out of 10 seniors say they would choose Clemson if they were in your students’ shoes — making the decision to attend college here all over again.

Q. I want to apply. What’s next?
Admission to Clemson University is competitive. The final deadline to submit an application for the fall semester is May 1, with a priority deadline of December 1. Students are required to apply for admission electronically. It’s quick and easy to apply online. Find tips, requirements and timelines about admission and acceptance at clemson.edu/admissions/undergraduate. Students can also fill out the Coalition Application by visiting coalitionforcollegeaccess.org.

Q. What are my required high school credits?
Most students accepted to Clemson have taken college preparatory courses in high school. All applicants for freshman admission should have completed the following courses:

- **English** ....................................................... 4 credits
- **Mathematics** .............................................. 3 credits
- **Laboratory Science** ..................................... 3 credits
- **Foreign Language (same language)** ........... 3 credits *
- **Social Science** ............................................. 3 credits
- **U.S. History** ................................................. 1 credit
- **Fine Arts** ....................................................... 1 credit
- **Physical Education/ROTC** ......................... 1 credit

*Students who have completed fewer than three credits of the same foreign language are encouraged to apply. Any documentation provided by the high school guidance staff explaining the reason(s) this requirement could not be fulfilled will be considered when reviewing the student’s application.

Additional requirements are necessary for select majors, including production studies and professional golf management.

Decade of Excellence
Ranked among the Top 25 national public universities by U.S. News & World Report for ten straight years.
Support Services

Clemson invests in student success at every turn, through a wide array of educational, pre-professional, research and service-learning programs, all designed to nurture curiosity, creativity, understanding and accomplishment.

Academic Success Center
Housed in a 35,000-square-foot space, the ASC provides peer-assisted learning, academic coaching and tutoring, and is designed to help students stay in school and maintain their state scholarships. More than 50 percent of freshmen use the ASC during their first semester.

Academic Student Services
The University offers academic advising centers in each college, as well as a variety of other services designed to help you succeed and flourish during college.

• Class of 1941 Studio for Student Communication (clemson.edu/1941studio)
• I LEAD! Integrated leadership and development program (clemson.edu/cbbs/ose/leadership/lead.html)
• Pearce Center for Professional Communication (clemson.edu/centers-institutes/pearce)
• PEER (Programs for Educational Enrichment and Retention) and WISE (Women in Science and Engineering) (clemson.edu/cecas/departments/peer-wise)
• Rutland Institute for Ethics (clemson.edu/ethics)

Q. How much is the application fee?
The $70 application fee must be paid by debit/credit card or electronic check when the student applies online.

Q. Do I have to interview with someone to be admitted?
Clemson does not require an interview for admission; however, students must attend a two-day Orientation program during the summer prior to the beginning of classes. Students may make other visits, with or without an appointment, during normal business hours (Monday–Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

We encourage students to come see our campus! The Visitors Center conducts guided tours during fall and spring semesters Monday through Friday. Contact the Visitors Center at 864-656-4789 to confirm specific dates and times. Or encourage your students to go to clemson.edu/visit where they can discover a variety of visit opportunities and different ways to connect with Clemson.

Q. What if I’m not sure of my major?
Applicants to Clemson are required to choose a major, so that students can then be accepted into one of the University’s seven colleges. The good news is we offer more than 80 cutting-edge degree programs from those colleges. Whether you know exactly what you want to major in or you need some suggestions, Clemson’s degrees website provides a sneak peek into what your future might hold. Check out clemson.edu/degrees to connect your interests with a possible major and future career.

More than half of Clemson classes have fewer than 20 students. The average undergraduate class has 31 students.
At Clemson, we’re committed to world-class undergraduate research. Why? Because it’s one of the best ways to give students the hands-on, real-life experiences they need to succeed.

That’s where Creative Inquiry (CI) comes in. CI is open to every Clemson student, and it’s one of the unique ways that we encourage motivated learners to keep learning. Team-based investigations are led by faculty mentors, and students often find themselves presenting their work at national conferences — fielding questions in front of professors and professionals alike. In 2016-17, 4,802 students participated in 404 Creative Inquiry projects.

clemson.edu/ci
Academic Excellence

At Clemson University students can expect to find state-of-the-art facilities — places where high-caliber learning happens and thrives. Engaging educational opportunities wait at every turn, and influential faculty and experienced professionals are here to help guide the way.

Calhoun Honors College
The Honors College combines the strengths of a public, land-grant university with those of a highly selective small college. Here’s a snapshot of the 2017 freshman honors class:
- 415 students
- 1480 average SAT
- 32 average ACT
- Top 4 percent: average high school class rank
clemson.edu/cuhonors

Center for Career and Professional Development
A variety of services and partnerships with employers, faculty and staff all designed to empower and employ students, including providing access to internships and for-pay cooperative education opportunities.
clemson.edu/career

Co-op
The Cooperative Education Program provides an opportunity for students to alternate semesters of academic study with semesters of paid, career-related, engaged-learning experiences to bridge the gap between academic study and its application in professional practice.
clemson.edu/coop

Study Abroad
Students in a variety of majors have opportunities to enrich their education at the Archbold Center in Dominica; the Daniel Center in Genoa, Italy; the Clemson University Brussels Center in Belgium; and numerous other locations around the globe.
clemson.edu/studyabroad

Q. Does Clemson accept AP credits?
Yes. Advanced Placement (AP) credit is awarded to students earning grades of 3, 4 or 5 on the College Board Examinations. Clemson University strongly endorses the AP program and consistently ranks among top colleges and universities in the nation in the number of students reporting AP grades.

Q. I’ve applied. When do I find out if I’ve been accepted?
Students who apply by December 1 and have all application materials on file by February 1 will receive a decision the week of February 15. Students who apply after December 1 may hear the week of February 15 or as soon as possible thereafter. Students who receive University scholarships may hear earlier than February 15 once the application file is complete.

No. 10. Ranking among universities with the best internship opportunities, according to the 2018 Princeton Review.

No. 1. Ranking of Clemson’s career services program, according to the 2018 Princeton Review.
Head out.
Less than an hour from the Blue Ridge Mountains, next door to the S.C. Botanical Garden and Hartwell Lake, outdoor pursuits abound at Clemson.

Live it up.
All of Clemson’s residence halls and apartment complexes are within a 10- to 15-minute walk to class. For an even more enriching residential experience, check out our nationally recognized Living-Learning Communities. Here, undergraduates with common academic interests and life experiences share residence hall space, staff, programming and resources dedicated specifically to them.

Get involved.
There are more than 400 student clubs and organizations on campus from fraternities and sororities, to international groups, military organizations, religious, service, sports, fitness, performing arts and much more.

Play hard.
As a member of the Atlantic Coast Conference, Clemson boasts 19 NCAA athletic teams. Admission to regular-season events played on campus is included in University fees for full-time students, including football, basketball, soccer, baseball, diving, cross-country, track and field, golf, volleyball, tennis and rowing.

College is where we make our lifelong friends, the ones we grow old with. That’s why, alongside top-ranked academics, Clemson offers a lively and nurturing social environment.

No. 2. Ranking Clemson received among colleges where their students love these colleges, according to the 2018 Princeton Review.

Q. Do I have to live on campus my freshman year?
Yes. Clemson University policy stipulates that all unmarried freshmen who are under the age of 21 at the time of enrollment, who do not live with a parent within a 30-mile radius of campus are required to live in University-owned housing for the fall and spring semesters. Transfer students are housed on a space-available basis.

Q. What about my car? Can a freshman have one on campus?
Freshmen are permitted to have cars on campus at Clemson. Anyone who parks a car on campus must obtain a parking permit from Parking Services and park in designated areas for the permit that is issued. Freshmen who plan to live on campus must know their housing assignment before applying for a parking permit.

No. 5: Top ranking Clemson received among colleges where town-gown relations are great, according to the 2018 Princeton Review.
Financial Aid

Financial aid is usually awarded on the basis of need to supplement the amount you and your parents can contribute to your college expenses. The University also awards some scholarships based entirely on academic merit. For more information, visit clemson.edu/financial-aid.

Clemson Freshman Scholarships
The Office of Admissions automatically reviews each applicant to Clemson for scholarship eligibility (no additional scholarship application required).

Freshman scholarships range from $500 to $15,000 per year. Test scores, class rank and GPA are all considered when awarding scholarships. Incoming freshmen must apply for admission by December 1, with the admissions process completed by December 31 to be considered.

Test scores need to be received by Clemson on or before March 1 for scholarship consideration. The high school transcript submitted for admission evaluation will be the same transcript used to determine merit scholarship eligibility.

Resident Merit Scholarships
South Carolina residents who rank in the top 10% of their high school class and score a minimum of 1270 SAT or a 27 on the ACT composite will receive a renewable $2,500 scholarship. Selected students from independent schools are also awarded the Clemson Scholars Scholarship.

Palmetto Pact Scholarship
All students (except those already identified as Clemson Scholars) who enroll at Clemson and are awarded the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship will receive a renewable $1,500 scholarship from Clemson.

Please note students may receive only one of the three scholarships listed above.

Presidential Scholarship
Students with the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship who score a minimum of 1450 on the SAT or a 32 on the ACT composite will receive an additional renewable scholarship of $1,500.

Presidential Grant
Clemson Scholarships
The top student at each South Carolina public high school, as ranked at the end of the junior year, is awarded a renewable $2,500 Clemson Scholars Scholarship. Selected students from independent schools are also awarded the Clemson Scholars Scholarship.

Non-Resident Merit Scholarships
Domestic out-of-state students who are ranked in the top 10% of their high school class and score a minimum of 1360 SAT or a 29 on the ACT composite will receive a merit scholarship. Scholarships range from $7,500 to $15,000 annually.

To maintain eligibility for non-resident merit scholarships, students must earn a 3.0 Clemson GPA and earn 24 credits per year (fall, spring, summer). These non-resident merit scholarships will be reduced or removed for students who do not maintain academic requirements.

Clemson Non-Resident Grant
A $2,500 grant is available to domestic out-of-state students who meet the following criteria:
- Score a minimum of 1360 on the SAT or a 29 on the ACT composite
- Earn a 3.0 GPA at Clemson University
- Earn a 3.5 GPA on the uniform grading scale

Alternative criteria for Palmetto Fellows Scholarship are:
- Score a minimum of 1400 SAT or a 32 on the ACT composite
- Earn a 4.0 GPA on the uniform grading scale

In order to renew the scholarship, students must:
- Earn 30 credit hours each academic year (fall, spring, summer).
- Earn a 3.0 GPA at Clemson University
- Complete the full-time course load.

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE SCHOLARSHIPS
All requirements for eligibility, renewal and enhancement are under review by the SC General Assembly and are subject to change.

Palmetto Fellows Scholarship
The Palmetto Fellows Scholarship is the state’s premier scholarship, valued at $6,700 for the freshman year and $7,500 for subsequent years. In order to receive the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship, students must apply through their high school guidance counselor and meet all of the following academic requirements:
- Be ranked in the top 6% of the high school class
- Score a minimum of 1200 SAT or a 27 on the ACT composite
- Earn a 3.5 GPA on the uniform grading scale

Application Timeline
Fall: Deadline to take the SAT if the student hasn’t already done so. The student should list Clemson to receive his or her scores. (Clemson’s institutional code for SAT is 5111; the code for ACT is 3842.)

December 1: Application deadline for fall admission to ensure February 15 notification.

December 15: Application deadline for spring admission (January enrollment).

December 31: Deadline for completion of application file to receive consideration for academic recruiting scholarships for the fall semester.

Mid-February: Admission decisions mailed to students who applied for admission by December 1. Students who applied after December 1 may receive a decision at this time or shortly thereafter.

March 1: Priority FAFSA filing deadline for need-based aid.

May 1: Final deadline to apply for fall admission.

* We will notify students via email when we receive their application and keep them updated on their status while it is under consideration. Students will receive a Clemson application number via email; as well. They should use this number in any official correspondence with the University.

Q. When can I apply for a scholarship at Clemson?

The Office of Admissions automatically reviews each freshman applicant to Clemson for scholarship eligibility. No additional application is required.
PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Students can learn about the availability of private scholarships by checking with high school guidance counselors, religious institutions, community organizations and their parents’ employers. There are also a number of private scholarship resources available online at clemson.edu/financial-aid/types/scholarships/private-scholarships.html. Students can continue to search for private aid throughout the year.

Federal Direct Loans

Federal Direct Loans are educational loans for which the student is the borrower.
- Maximum loan amount is $5,500.
- Part of the amount can be subsidized (interest accrues after graduation) which is based on financial need as determined by the FAFSA; the rest will be unsubsidized (interest accrues during school).
- Interest rate for 2017-18 is 4.45%.
- Borrower must complete entrance counseling and sign a master promissory note online at studentloans.gov.

Federal Direct PLUS Loan

Federal Direct PLUS Loans are educational loans for which the parent is the borrower.
- Maximum loan amount is up to $57,500.
- Parent must be creditworthy, complete an application and sign a master promissory note online at studentloans.gov.

LIFE Scholarship

The LIFE Scholarship is valued at $5,000 per year. In order to receive the LIFE Scholarship, students must meet two out of the following three academic requirements:
- Graduate in the top 30% of their high school class
- Score a minimum of 1,100 SAT or a 24 on the ACT composite
- Graduate with a minimum 3.0 GPA on the uniform grading scale

There is no application process for the LIFE Scholarship. Students will automatically be reviewed and awarded the scholarship by Clemson. To renew the LIFE Scholarship, students must:
- Earn an average of 30 credit hours per academic year (fall, spring, summer) from all colleges attended. AP/IB classes do count in credit hours for renewal.

Hope Scholarship

The Hope Scholarship is valued at $2,800 and is non-renewable. In order to receive the Hope Scholarship, students must graduate with a minimum 3.0 GPA on the uniform grading scale. After the initial award year, eligibility may be established for the LIFE Scholarship.

AP/IB classes will count toward the enhancement requirements (but not the credit renewal requirements for Palmetto Fellows Scholarship).
- Palmetto Fellows Scholarship will increase to $10,000 per academic year.
- LIFE Scholarship will increase to $7,500 per academic year.

Palmetto Fellows/LIFE Scholarship STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Enhancement

Students may qualify for the enhancement after their freshman year if they complete 14 credit hours of approved math and science courses prior to the start of their second year. Students must also be in an approved STEM Enhancement major. AP/IB classes do count toward the enhancement requirements (but not the credit renewal requirements for Palmetto Fellows Scholarship).
- Palmetto Fellows Scholarship will increase to $10,000 per academic year.
- LIFE Scholarship will increase to $7,500 per academic year.

Federal Direct PLUS Loan

Federal Direct PLUS Loans are educational loans for which the parent is the borrower.
- Maximum loan amount is up to $57,500.
- Parent must be creditworthy, complete an application and sign a master promissory note online at studentloans.gov.

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Talk with admissions.
Open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. No appointment necessary. clemson.edu/admissions or call 864-656-2287

Meet with a faculty member.
While your students are on campus, they can contact the department they are interested in directly. Find specific majors by visiting our website at clemson.edu/degrees.