



# Scholarship Deferral Guidance for the 2020-2021 Academic Year

## Fall Deferral and the Effect on University Scholarships

Students eligible to receive University Scholarships for the 2020-2021 academic year, can choose to not enroll during the Fall 2020 semester for COVID-19 related reasons and not lose a semester of scholarship eligibility. However, students who enroll part time (less than 12 hours) would forfeit their fall semester of scholarship eligibility.

For the students who choose Fall 2020 deferral, they must enroll full time and will be expected to renew for the next academic year based on their academic performance during the spring 2021 semester. For most scholarships, this will be a 3.0 cumulative Clemson GPA and 12 earned credit hours during the spring semester. **Renewal requirements for all scholarships can be viewed in Terms and Conditions as well as fund messages found in iROAR.** Eligible scholarship recipients, who did not enroll for the fall semester, and enroll full time at Clemson for the spring 2021 semester can expect to receive their second stipend of University scholarships if they elect to enroll as a full-time student during the summer term.

## Revised Guidance for State Scholarship Recipients

Recently, SC CHE has issued flexibility in current state scholarship regulations which will allow eligible students to sit out for the fall semester due to "COVID-19 related reasons". Students who opt out of fall enrollment will not have the period of non-enrollment count against them. They can enroll in the spring and receive their state scholarship stipend. **Students will still have to meet annual renewal requirements without the benefit of receiving a summer scholarship stipend (this would have to be changed by the General Assembly).** More information can be found in the [SC CHE Memorandum](#).

***\*\*State renewal requirements are different than this amended University policy. In-state students who receive Palmetto Fellows, LIFE or HOPE should read carefully and understand the SC CHE guidance.\*\****