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Review and Update on the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 Award Years

2025-26 Review:

During the 2025-26 Award Year, there was a total of **\$60,756,469** in appropriated and allocated monies available to disburse South Carolina Tuition Grants: **\$27,558,624** in State Recurring Appropriations; **\$12,947,845** in Children's Education Endowment received from the Commission on Higher Education; **\$250,000*** in State Funds Interest earned; and **\$20,000,000** in State Lottery Allocations.

While final figures will not be made available until after the close of FY26, as of June 9, 2026, **13,064 (+0.68% change)** grants were realized out of the **25,805 (+7.18% change)** commitments made. This demonstrates a show-up rate of **50.62% (decrease of 2.15%)**. The maximum grant was \$5,000 with an average grant of \$4,607. With an application deadline of August 1, 2025, **36,453 (+9.10% change)** applications were received.

2026-27 Update:

For the 2026-27 academic year, the agency is projected to receive a total of **\$51,608,624** in appropriated and allocated monies to be made available to disburse South Carolina Tuition Grants. The two main differences in available funds will come in the form of received allocated Children's Education Endowment funds received from the CHE, to be determined based on the percentage of fall 2025 Independent College Full-Time Enrollment for South Carolina residents on the state-wide total in August 2026, along with the statutory updates to §59-143-30. Another funding change is realized in the total State Funds Interest available. For the 2026-27 Award Year, the authority to spend is set at \$250,000 regardless of the actual interest amount received or available cash on hand. Agency staff can request an increase in this authority for the 2026-27 award year, if needed, through the Executive Budget Office. While this is a decrease in appropriated and allocated funding, the agency continues to work to spend down carryover funds from several years of Lottery and Children's Endowment disbursements received late in the academic year.

As of June 9th, the Commission has received **31,363 (+6.47% change) Tuition Grants Applicants**, of which **24,236 (+12.96% change)** are currently tentatively eligible, compared to this time last year.

**The Commission's authority to spend Interest Funds was \$250,000 for 2025-26. \$476,519.65 in Interest Funds "cash on hand" available as of June 9, 2026.*