



Frequently Asked Questions: SCC's Free Tuition Initiative

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WHAT is SCC's Tuition Free Initiative?

SCC is our community's college. For the past 58 years, our residents have supported SCC in our mission to educate students for careers and degree attainment and as leaders in workforce and economic development. Now, it's our turn to give back to the communities we serve by relieving the financial burden of attending college. This fall, Spartanburg Community College will offer tuition-free institutional scholarships to all college-eligible students throughout the 2021-2022 academic year.

Our focus is **retention** and **re-engagement**: we will **retain** our current students to complete their educational goals, and we will **re-engage** individuals who have delayed their educational plans due to the pandemic, financial barriers, etc.

As our community bounces back from the COVID-19 pandemic, SCC is partnering with community organizations, local businesses and key partners to provide this opportunity for anyone to attend college and advance their personal goals. The faculty and staff of Spartanburg Community College are ready to make dreams of college, new jobs and new careers a reality for everyone. The pathway to college at Spartanburg Community College is more affordable than ever before.

WHO is eligible for SCC's free tuition?

- Free tuition at SCC is available to anyone with a desire to begin or continue their education, including...
 - Adults with some college
 - Adults with no college
 - Recent high school graduates
 - Dual enrolled high school students
 - Career changers
 - Anyone who needs a do-over - start college again.
- All college-eligible students who enroll at SCC for a minimum of six credit hours (typically two courses) are eligible for SCC's free tuition for the 2021-2022 academic year (begins fall 2021 term).
- To qualify for SCC's free tuition, students must complete a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and have exhausted all other grants, aid, scholarships, etc. Assistance may include but is not limited to grants (Federal Pell Grants, Federal Supplemental Opportunity Grant, S.C. Needs-Based Grant); and scholarships, SC Lottery Tuition Assistance Program (LTAP), etc.
- If you have already applied for fall 2021 term, you do NOT need to reapply. Please be sure your 2021-2022 FAFSA has been completed.

WHO are College-eligible students?

- Anyone who enrolls at SCC and takes a minimum of six credit hours (typically two courses)
- Includes full-time and part-time students
- Online and in-person
- South Carolina residents
- Out-of-state residents
- DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals)
- International students
- Dual enrolled high school students

WHAT about non-credit courses?

- The free tuition initiative does not include Corporate & Community Education (CCE) non-credit classes but funding is frequently available. Give them a call at 864-592-4900.

WHEN does the free tuition initiative begin? SCC's free tuition is available throughout the 2021-2022 academic year - fall 2021- spring 2022, summer 2022 semesters - to all college-eligible students.

WHY is SCC offering free tuition?

- Free tuition is SCC's gift to the communities we serve, relieving the financial burden of college debt.
- Free tuition is SCC's investment in the future economic prosperity of our community.

WHY is OneSpartanburg Inc. & the Bringing Back the Burg Business Recovery Task Force involved in this initiative?

- Our community partners - OneSpartanburg, Inc., the Bringing Back the Burg Business Recovery Task Force, and Spartanburg Academic Movement (SAM), and so many others - recognize that education is key to our citizens' well-being *and* the economic prosperity of our community. Educational attainment in Spartanburg County must continue growing in order to attract higher-wage jobs in diverse industries. And to grow, we must continue our partnerships, working together to educate our citizens and provide businesses an educated and skilled workforce.

WHAT are the benefits of free tuition to the Upstate community, economy?

- Economic growth requires a well-trained and educated workforce, and SCC's free tuition will allow more of our citizens to attain jobs in the community and long-term career success.

WHAT are the benefits of free tuition to students?

- SCC's free tuition initiative offers students a direct pathway to college that is affordable and accessible and lifts the financial burden of accrued college debt for one year.
- Tuition-free = little or no college debt.
- Free tuition opens the door to educational attainment, offering citizens opportunities to:
 - to earn a degree, diploma, certificate;
 - improve their station in life;
 - begin or change careers;
 - provide for their family;
 - experience pride of academic, professional achievement.

HOW does someone take advantage of free tuition?

- Visit the www.SCCgoesFree.com for more information.

HOW is SCC able to launch free tuition?

- SCC has dedicated the institutional portion of HEERF II (Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II) funds to make college affordable for students. Additional funding sources that can offset tuition may also include grants (Federal Pell Grants, Federal Supplemental Opportunity Grant, S.C. Needs-Based Grant); SC Lottery Tuition Assistance Program (LTAP), SC Wins funding, and scholarships, etc.

For more information

- Visit www.SCCgoesFree.com
- Email admissions@sccsc.edu

We look forward to seeing you on one of SCC's campuses this fall!