



**Early High School Graduation Application**  
**For SC LIFE Scholarship or SC HOPE Scholarship**  
**Deadline: March 1, 2025**

Students who complete all requirements for high school graduation prior to the official graduation date in May/June may be eligible to receive the SC LIFE Scholarship or SC HOPE Scholarship for Spring 2025 if they meet all initial and general eligibility criteria. Please refer to the Scholarship guidelines posted on the Commission on Higher Education's (CHE) website at <https://www.che.sc.gov/>.

**Early Graduation Documents**

In order to be considered for Early Graduation, the following **must** be submitted to the Financial Aid Office at Lander by the deadline date:

1. Original and completed Early Graduation Application signed by student (Part I);
2. Original letter, on school letterhead, from high school administrator (Principal or Guidance Counselor) indicating student **has completed** all high school requirements by the established December/January deadline;
3. Original high school transcript(s) must be in an officially sealed envelope. Transcript must include all grades through December/January and include a cumulative GPA based on the SC Uniform Grading Policy;
4. Official ACT or SAT scores

**All documents must be received by Lander University's Financial Aid Office no later than 5:00 pm on March 1, 2025. Incomplete documents and documents not received by the deadline date will not be considered.**

**PART I - Student Section (Must be completed by student.)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

High School(s) \_\_\_\_\_

I will be enrolling at **Lander University** as a full-time, degree-seeking student during the Spring 2025 term. For the LIFE/HOPE Scholarships, I understand that this term will count against my eight terms of eligibility.

I understand that I am responsible for ensuring that all required documentation is submitted to the institution's Financial Aid Office by the established deadline for a complete application and that all submitted information is true and accurate. I understand that institution staff is **not** responsible for ensuring that my Early Graduation Application is complete for review and that institution staff will not contact me, my parents/guardians or the institution concerning documentation that is missing and/or incorrect in my application. I also understand that final decisions regarding my application will be based only on the documentation/information received by the deadline.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Student's Signature (required)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

***I agree that any information regarding my application may be shared with my parents or legal guardians. If this is not signed, then the application will only be discussed with the student.***

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Student's Signature (optional)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

**PART II – Institution Section (To be completed by Lander University Financial Aid Office)**

I hereby certify that the above student is enrolled as a full-time degree-seeking student who meets **all** the eligibility requirements to receive \_\_\_ SC LIFE Scholarship or \_\_\_ SC HOPE Scholarship as stipulated by the guidelines governing the program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Financial Aid Administrator

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

SC LIFE

All documents must be submitted to:

SC HOPE

\_\_\_\_ 3.0 or higher UGP GPA AND

Financial Aid Office

\_\_\_\_ 3.0 or higher UGP GPA AND

Lander University

320 Stanley Ave

\_\_\_\_ 1100 SAT or 22 ACT

Greenwood, SC 29649

\_\_\_\_ < 1100 SAT & <25 ACT

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(cannot use RIC for Early HS grad)

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