

## **Memorandum of Understanding- Student Success Grant**

The following information outlines the eligibility requirements and conditions for the Student Success Grant (The “Grant”). This grant is designed to assist students who were unable to complete their educational program and are seeking to return to South University. Eligible students must have an out of school balance due to a previous enrollment at South University. South University understands that students who were unable to complete their program may have a balance owed the University and may experience financial hardships when seeking to return. This Grant is designed to provide financial assistance to students who wish to return to South University and owe a balance for the prior enrollment. Please note, the Anesthesia Science, Physician Assistant, and Pharmacy programs are excluded from the Student Success Grant.

For returning students seeking to enroll in a graduate program, the student must have been out of school for six months or more (180 days) from their prior last date of attendance.

All requirements are student driven, and are not subject to a committee.

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- (1) Must be a withdrawn student with a prior enrollment history who is accepted into the program and begins classes on or after April 23, 2024 – November 26, 2024.
- (2) Students must be in good academic standing to be eligible for the grant. Undergraduate students must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 at the time of disbursement. Graduate students must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 at the time of disbursement.
- (3) Graduate students must have been out of school for the period defined above.
- (4) For eligible students whose prior balance is **not** in a bad debt write off status and still has the remaining balance after meeting with financial aid and after all applicable funding is applied, is eligible to receive the grant for the lesser of the balance owed or \$3,000. The total Grant amount is based on the remaining balance owed to South University at the time of re-admission from the prior enrollment after all eligible funding is applied and will not exceed a maximum Grant amount of \$3,000 unless the student has 2 or less quarters remaining. If a student has 2 or less quarters remaining, the maximum Grant amount is \$3,000, or less depending on credits remaining.
  - The \$3,000 is maximum one-time eligibility award amount and requires full-time enrollment (12 or more credits per quarter/term) in an undergraduate program.
  - Undergraduate students attending half time to three quarter time (6 to 11 credits per quarter/term) the grant is capped at \$1,500.
  - Undergraduate students attending less than half time (less than 6 credits) are not eligible to receive the grant.
  - For graduate students a full-time enrollment (8 or more credits) is required to receive the full grant amount of \$3,000.
  - Graduate students attending less than full time (4-7credits) would have their grant capped at \$1,500.
- (5) For both undergraduate and graduate level students, an exception is given when the student is at the end of their program or due to course availability. In these instances, the grant will be awarded at \$84 per credit taken in each quarter.
- (6) For eligible students whose prior balance is in a bad debt status and still has the remaining balance after meeting with financial aid and after all applicable funding is applied, is eligible to receive a Student Success Grant up to 50% of their bad debt balance owed. The total grant amount will not exceed 50% of the bad debt write off balance owed to South University at the time of re-admission from the prior enrollment after all eligible funding is applied.
- (7) The Grant will be disbursed after the successful completion of each quarter of enrollment. The total grant amount will be disbursed evenly in each of the 3 (three) quarters. In the event a student has 2 (two) or less quarters remaining, the Grant amount will be disbursed in only those quarters in which the student is taking classes.
- (8) In the event the student withdraws or ceases enrollment, the student is ineligible for any future disbursements of the Grant. The Grant can only be awarded one time up to \$3,000 or 50% of a bad debt write off balance. The award is a one-time eligibility award and students are ineligible for any remaining funds from the grant upon a future re-entry.
- (9) If the student is eligible for and elects to receive a loan(s), the student’s loan(s), in combination with all other financial aid/benefits and the Grant, cannot create a credit balance during the student’s loan period or academic year. In the event the student is borrowing less than the maximum annual amount of loan(s) for which she or he may be eligible, the student will authorize such at the time she or he signs and dates the Federal Direct Loan Request for Reduced or No Borrowing institution form that accompanies her or his financial aid estimated award letter with the institution.
- (10) The Grant has no cash value and any credit from this Grant will not result in a stipend to the student. The amount of the Grant is applied upon disbursement to the prior enrollment balance. This Grant is never applied to the current or future enrollment charges.
- (11) The following programs are excluded from the Student Success Grant: Anesthesia Science, Physician Assistant, and Pharmacy
- (12) Student must have the Memorandum of Understanding completed, signed, dated, and on file with the institution in order for the Grant to be disbursed.
- (13) Students must continue to make positive academic progress by meeting and maintaining satisfactory academic progress and program progression (if applicable). CGPA requirement for undergrad is 2.0 at the end of each term and 3.0 CGPA for graduate level students. Failure to meet satisfactory academic progress will result in the loss of the Grant.
- (14) Employees or eligible family members participating in the South University Tuition Voucher Program are not eligible to participate in the Grant program.

**General Conditions:**

(1) South University reserves the right to determine student eligibility, and to cancel, suspend and/or modify the Grant program at any time. If the Grant is terminated, South University may, in its sole discretion, determine the final Grant recipients from among applications received from eligible students up to the time of such termination action using the eligibility procedures outlined above. In the event South University exercises its discretion to cancel, suspend, and/or materially modify the Grant program, South University will provide written notice to the student's email address with the institution (stu.southuniversity.edu), or other preferred email address on record with the institution, at least thirty (30) before implementing any such cancellation, suspension, and/or material modification. The student is responsible for assuring the institution has a valid email address on record to which it may send such written notice.

(2) South University, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to disqualify any otherwise eligible students who are in violation of student responsibilities as outlined in South University's Academic Catalog and Addenda and Student Handbooks.

**Limited Liability:**

(1) South University is not responsible for:

- a. Any incorrect or inaccurate information whether caused by the student, printing typographical or other errors or by any of the equipment or programming associated with or utilized in the Grant.
- b. Printing, typographical, technical, computer, network or human error which may occur in the administration of the Grant, the uploading, the processing or the announcement of the Grant or in any grant-related materials.

(2) Disputes: Except where prohibited, eligible students agree that all disputes, claims and causes of action arising out of or connected with this grant program shall be resolved individually, through the Student Affairs Department at South University.

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### Student Acknowledgement

By signing this Memorandum of Understanding, I agree that:

- (1) I understand I have chosen to accept the Student Success Grant.
- (2) If I fail to meet any of the eligibility requirements in an academic term, the Student Success Grant for that academic term will not be disbursed and I will be responsible for paying any outstanding tuition and fee balance.
- (3) I understand all of the eligibility requirements as outlined.
- (4) I understand that South University has the right to change the terms, conditions, or requirements of the Grant, as well as to cease offering the Grant. I understand South University will provide 30-day advance notice of the change.
- (5) My plan reflects the maximum grade level funding. and I may be eligible for additional funds through PLUS loans (Parent or Grad) up to my cost of attendance. Amounts may not exceed eligibility maximums as outlined in federal and state regulations. I can accept, adjust (decrease/increase – if eligible), or deny any of the funds contained within my plan. If I decrease or deny funds within my package, my out of pocket balance due will increase.
- (6) I have read and agreed to the above terms and conditions of the Student Success Grant and I understand the nature of the Grant and the extent of my obligations.
- (7) This form may be executed by facsimile, Adobe Sign. A facsimile, Adobe Sign may be used in lieu of an original signature. In such instance, said facsimile, Adobe Sign shall be valid and enforceable in all aspects as the original signature.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_

If signatory/student is under the age of 18, the Parent or Legal Guardian must also sign below. By signing below said Parent or Legal Guardian represents that he/she has the legal right to and does consent to the terms and conditions of this Grant. Said Parent or Legal Guardian further certifies to the best of his/her ability; the information contained in this application is accurate.

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address (If different from students) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Daytime Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: \_\_\_\_\_

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