

Palmetto Boys' State Scholarships 2026

The following colleges have agreed to provide scholarships for graduates of Palmetto Boys' State. Listed below are participating colleges and their scholarship requirements.

Anderson University

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Description: The Palmetto Boys' State Scholarship given by Anderson is valued at \$4,000 (\$1,000 per year for four years) and will be awarded to eligible students who enroll full-time at Anderson University and live on campus.

As the host campus for Palmetto Boys State, we also offer the Sinclair and Betty Lewis Presidential Boys State Scholarship of \$40,000 (\$10,000 per year for four years) to one Palmetto Boys State graduate. To be considered, candidates must be accepted for admission to Anderson University, complete an Anderson University Boys State Scholarship application, and submit designated supplemental materials. Please contact the Anderson University Office of Admission to obtain the link to this scholarship application.

Qualification: To be eligible, recipients must graduate from Palmetto Boys State and be enrolled full-time as an incoming freshman. All PBS Citizens accepted for admission to Anderson University will automatically receive the \$1,000 per year scholarship. There is no additional application necessary to receive this scholarship. To be considered for the \$10,000 per year Sinclair and Betty Lewis Presidential Boys State Scholarship, eligible students must complete the PBS scholarship application on their Admission Portal.

Charleston Southern University

Contact: Kary Tejada, Director of Financial Aid and Veterans Services

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www.charlestonsouthern.edu

Description: The Palmetto Boys' State Scholarships of \$1,000 per year for 4 years will be awarded to eligible students who enroll full-time at Charleston Southern University.

Qualifications: To be eligible, recipients must graduate from Palmetto Boys' State, be accepted for admission to Charleston Southern University, be enrolled full-time as an incoming freshman, and have a 3.0 minimum high school grade point average. The student must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress per academic year to continue to receive the scholarship. Students must provide documentation of their participation and completion of this program. Scholarships are not awarded above direct costs which include tuition, room and board and books for on campus students and tuition and books for off campus students.

The Citadel

Contact: Joshua Haugh, Director of Financial Aid

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Description: The Citadel will award at least one scholarship, \$1,000 for 4 years, to the Palmetto Boys' State participants - Junior Counselors are considered first.

Qualifications: The student must apply to and be accepted by The Citadel. The recipient is selected based on scholarship, leadership and service

Clemson University

Contact: Cole Laffidy, Student Financial Aid

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www.clemson.edu

Description: Clemson University will award a Palmetto Boys' State Scholarship to one student in the incoming freshman class. This award is worth up to \$3,500 for the freshmen year only. To be considered, students must be graduates of Palmetto Boys' State and serve as a Junior Counselor. No separate scholarship application is required. Recipient will be notified through their iROAR account by April 1.

Qualifications: Palmetto Boys' State graduates are considered based on high school grades and SAT or ACT scores along with service as Junior Counselor.

Coastal Carolina University

Contact: Caroline H. Madden, Director of Merit Awards, Compliance & Residency

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Description: Coastal Carolina University will select two recipients for the 2026-2027 CCU Palmetto Boys' State Award from the Palmetto Boys' State participants enrolling in the incoming freshman class.

Recipients receive a \$1,000 award, which may be stacked with a University Merit Award. Awards are renewable for up to a total of eight semesters, provided annual renewal requirements are met.

Qualifications: Students must apply and be accepted to Coastal Carolina University. Eligible students will be automatically considered based on overall academic competitiveness, including cumulative grade point average and SAT or ACT scores, if applicable. Students must be enrolled full-time as incoming freshmen and must be South Carolina residents. Students must meet annual renewal criteria for renewal of the scholarship. Students can receive the scholarship for a maximum of 4 years (8 semesters). To be considered, students must have a complete admissions application by February 1.

Coker University

Contact: Felicia Miller, Director of Financial Aid

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(843) 383-8054

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Description: Coker University will award to all Palmetto Boys' State participants a scholarship of \$2,000 (\$500 per year).

Qualifications: All graduates of Palmetto Boys' State who enroll at Coker College will qualify for this scholarship.

Columbia College

Contact: Lola Kennedy, Senior Director of Financial Aid

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(803)-786-3883

www.columbiasc.edu

Description: Columbia College will award to all Palmetto Boys' State participants the Leadership Award of \$4,000 (\$1,000 per year).

Qualifications: Graduates of Boys' State are qualified for this scholarship. Each recipient must enroll at Columbia College to receive this award.

Columbia International University

Contact: Jada Stroud, Assistant Director of Undergraduate Admissions

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Description: Columbia International University will award a scholarship for all Palmetto Boys State graduates of up to \$1,000 per year for up to four consecutive academic years. The final amount awarded is based on other institutional aid offered and CIU scholarships cannot exceed the cost of tuition.

Qualifications: To receive this award, students must be admitted to Columbia International University, submit a copy of their Palmetto Boys State certificate, and enroll as a full-time degree seeking student. Students must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress for renewal of this scholarship. The application for admission will be used to select the recipients.

Converse University

Contact: Matt Cash, Director of Admissions

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Description: Converse University will award Palmetto Boys' State participants a scholarship of \$4,000 (\$1,000 per year)

Qualifications: All graduates of Palmetto Boys' State who are admitted and enroll at Converse University full-time will qualify for this scholarship.

Erskine College

Contact: Paul Bell, Director of Admissions

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Description: Erskine College will award up to a \$5,000 scholarship (\$1250 per year) to each student who graduates from Palmetto Boys' State and attends Erskine College. Final amount is based on other institutional aid offered.

Qualifications: The student must maintain a cumulative 2.0 GPA for renewal and complete a minimum of 24 credit hours each academic year. Final amount is based on other institutional aid offered and is not stackable with all types of aid, including aid offered for participation on Erskine Athletic teams and programs.

Hampden-Sydney College

Contact: Mark Meitz, Senior Associate Dean of Admission

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Description: The HAMPDEN-SYDNEY COLLEGE BOYS' STATE PARTICIPANT SCHOLARSHIP is valued at \$100,000 (\$25,000 per year for four years). All Boys' State graduates who are admitted to Hampden-Sydney College are qualified to receive this scholarship. There is no additional application for this scholarship.

Qualifications: The student must graduate from Boys' State, and be offered admission to Hampden-Sydney College. Students must be enrolled full-time and live on campus.

Lander University

Contact: Michelle Lodato, Director of Student Financial Aid

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Description: Lander University will award at least two grants valued at \$8,000 (\$2,000 per year) to be applied toward residence hall charges to Palmetto Boys' State participants who attend Lander University. Recipients will be selected based on overall academic competitiveness, including cumulative

grade point average and SAT or ACT scores. No separate application is required. All other students that attend and graduate Palmetto Boys' State will receive a grant valued at \$4,000 (\$1,000 per year up to four years)

Qualifications: Students must apply and be accepted by Lander University. Students must be enrolled full-time as an incoming freshman and live on-campus. Students can receive the grants for a maximum of 8 semesters if they maintain academic eligibility.

Newberry College

Contact: Missy Perry, Director of Financial Aid

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(803) 321-5199

www.newberry.edu

Description: Newberry College will award to all Palmetto Boys' State participants a scholarship of \$1,000 per year (total over 4 years of \$4000).

Qualifications: All graduates of Palmetto Boys' State who enroll at Newberry College will qualify for this scholarship.

North Greenville University

Contact: Katie Lynn Marshall, Director of Admissions

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(864) 977-7001

www.ngu.edu

Description: The Palmetto Boys' State Scholarship of \$1,000 per year will be awarded to eligible students who have attended Palmetto Boys' State. This scholarship is renewable for each year of attendance and can be received in addition to other merit scholarships. The Palmetto Boys State Scholarship is not stackable with North Greenville University athletic aid.

Qualifications: To receive this four-year award, students must be admitted to North Greenville University and submit a copy of their Palmetto Boys' State certificate or a recognition certificate from an American Legion post.

Presbyterian College

Contact: Josh Tyson, Executive Director of Admissions,

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www.presby.edu

Description: Presbyterian College awards all delegates who participate in the 2026 Palmetto Boys State session a scholarship called the Palmetto Boys State Promise. This scholarship is valued at \$120,000 and is awarded as a \$30,000 per year scholarship, for a maximum of four years of undergraduate study at PC. The \$30,000 per year scholarship is a minimum commitment from Presbyterian College and cannot be combined with other PC merit awards.

Qualifications: To be considered for this scholarship, delegates must apply to PC by the Early Action deadline of November 1st and be admitted as a full-time, degree-seeking student. No separate scholarship application is required. Scholarship recipients are expected to live on campus, maintain full-time enrollment, and remain in good academic standing. Students can add any state and federal awards on top of the Palmetto Boys State Promise Scholarship.

Southern Wesleyan University

Contact: Allison Sullivan - Director of Financial Aid

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www.swu.edu

Description: The Palmetto Boys and Girls State Scholarship of \$8,000 (\$2,000 per year, up to four years) will be awarded to all boys and girls who attended and graduated from Palmetto Boys and Girls State.

Qualifications: Participants will be confirmed via the official lists Southern Wesleyan University receives annually from the SC Palmetto Boys and Girls State Organization (PBGSO) and are granted admission to Southern Wesleyan University.

Spartanburg Methodist College

Contact: Kala Hudson, Director of Financial Aid & Enrollment Services

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WWW.SMCSC.EDU

Description: The Palmetto Boys' State Scholarship of \$1,000 per year will be awarded to eligible students who have attended Palmetto Boys' State. This scholarship is renewable for each year of attendance and can be received in addition to other merit scholarships and grants.

Qualifications: To receive this two-year award, students must be admitted to Spartanburg Methodist College and submit a copy of their Palmetto Boys' State certificate. If a student enters the Bachelor Degree program after completing their Associate Degree, the award will be extended for two more years for a total of four years.

University of South Carolina, Aiken

Contact: Michaella Polasek, Scholarship Coordinator

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WWW.USCA.EDU

The University of South Carolina Aiken will award two Palmetto Boys' State Scholarships to students in the incoming fall freshman class. Each award is valued at \$1,500 per year and is renewable for up to three consecutive years. To be considered, students must be graduates of Palmetto Boys' State and be fully admitted to the university. Recipients must be enrolled full-time, maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA each year, and remain continuously enrolled without missing a fall or spring semester. No separate scholarship application is required.

University of South Carolina, Beaufort

Contact: Heather Gann, Scholarship Coordinator

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(843) 540-7253

WWW.USCB.EDU

Description: The Palmetto Boys' State Scholarship of \$1,500 per year will be awarded to eligible students who enroll full-time at the University of South Carolina Beaufort. The scholarship is renewable for up to 4 years and is subject to the availability of funds. Eligible students must have attended Palmetto Boys' State, have a 3.0 GPA at their current high school, and be accepted to USCB. Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, and interested students should contact the University of South Carolina Beaufort at scholarships@uscb.edu for consideration.

Qualifications: Upon meeting initial criteria outlined above, recipients must enroll full-time (12 hours or more) at USCB each fall and spring semester, maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA at USCB, and be in good disciplinary standing at the University.

University of South Carolina, Columbia

Contact: Contact: Michaela Moultrie, Senior Assistant Director for Scholar Recruitment

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WWW.SC.EDU/ADMISSIONS

Description: The University of South Carolina will award Palmetto Boys State Scholarships to two students in the incoming fall freshman class. These awards are worth \$1,500 per year and are renewable for eight consecutive semesters (four total years). To be considered, students must be graduates of Palmetto Boys State, apply to the university by December 1, and be admitted. No separate scholarship application is required, and recipients will be notified in late March. To retain eligibility, students receiving the scholarship must be enrolled full-time and maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA each year.

.Qualifications: Palmetto Boys' State graduates are considered based on academic competitiveness as determined from high school grades and SAT or ACT scores.

Winthrop University

Contact: Megan Rolf, Senior Director of Recruitment Strategy and Engagement

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www.winthrop.edu

Description: Winthrop University will award a renewable \$1000 scholarship per year for 4 years to all Palmetto Boys' State participants who attend Winthrop University.

Qualifications: Students must apply and be accepted by Winthrop University. Students must be enrolled full-time as an incoming freshman at Winthrop University. Students must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress for renewal of the scholarship. Students can receive the scholarship for a maximum of 4 years. To be considered, students must have a completed application by February 1.

Wofford College

Contact: Collins McCraw, Sr. Associate Director of Admission

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Description: The Palmetto Boys' State Scholarship is awarded to at least one entering freshman each year. This award is worth \$100,000 and is payable at \$25,000 per year and is renewable for three years. All graduates of Palmetto Boys' State who are accepted for admission will be considered. The application for admission will be used to select the recipients. There is no additional application required for consideration.

Qualifications: Graduates of Palmetto Boys' State are considered on a competitive basis, based on high school grades, courses, GPA, class rank, activities, and recommendations.