

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
High School Principals

FROM: Abbey Duggins, PhD.,
Chief Academic Officer and Deputy Superintendent of College, Career, and
Military Readiness

DATE: October 6, 2026

RE: Meeting Street Scholarship Fund Expansion

The [Meeting Street Scholarship Fund](#) is expanding statewide this year, giving eligible students in every South Carolina county access to up to \$10,000 to help cover college tuition, housing, food and fees for their first year of college. The expansion is supported by \$18.7 million in recurring funding from the General Assembly and builds on a privately funded model that previously served students in 14 counties.

Nearly 3,000 high school seniors who will graduate in May 2027 are expected to qualify for an award. Students can begin to apply in early November. Applicants will be notified within two weeks if they meet the Scholarship's objective eligibility criteria. There is no limit to the number of students who can receive an award.

Please ensure your high school and counseling leaders are aware of this opportunity and encourage them to reach out to Shila Bair, Director of Admissions, to schedule a time to present to potentially eligible seniors. Shila can be reached at (843) 510-1125 or shila@meetingstreetscholarshipfund.org.

Help spread the word to students and families using the Scholarship Fund's [school district toolkit](#).