

In accordance with section 59-101-430 of the SC Code of Laws, also known as the South Carolina Illegal Immigration Reform Act, those unlawfully present in the United States are prohibited from attending a public institution of higher education in South Carolina. Those unlawfully present in the United States are also prohibited from receiving a public higher education benefit including scholarships, financial aid, grants or resident tuition.

New and continuing students were recently sent an e-mail message notifying them that Clemson University either has or has not verified their citizenship based on FAFSA data provided to the University. Students whose citizenship has been verified need do nothing more. **To ensure that students who have not been cleared may enroll and attend classes in the fall semester 2009, documentation must be provided as described below by September 15, 2009.**

A. US Citizens – the following documents will be accepted as proof of US citizenship:

- (RECOMMENDED) Social Security approval through the Federal Application for Student Financial Aid (FAFSA). (This does not require the student to submit any documentation. The Clemson University Office of Financial Aid can verify the approval through a Department of Education database. The student must simply complete and submit the FAFSA form, which is available at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>). If not yet submitted, the FAFSA option is still available to you.
- South Carolina Driver's License first issued after January 1, 2002
- U.S. Passport
- U.S. or U.S. Territory Birth Certificate
- Certificate of Naturalization
- U.S. government issued Consular Report of Birth Abroad
- Certificate of Citizenship

B. Aliens – You must complete immigration documentation with the Office of International Affairs (E-301 Martin Hall). Lawful presence for aliens will be verified as follows:

- U.S. Permanent Residents – Permanent Residency status will be verified through the SAVE system
- J-1 and F-1 Student Visa holders – Lawful presence in the U.S. will be verified through the SEVIS system
- All other aliens – Lawful presence in the U.S. will be verified through the SAVE system

If the Office of International Affairs cannot obtain verification within 30 days following the first day of class of the student's initial semester of attendance, the student may be given thirty days to provide additional information that the University can submit for verification with the federal government.

You may provide your documentation to any of the following offices:

Admissions (Undergraduate), 105 Sikes Hall – (864) 656-2287
Enrolled Student Services, 104 Sikes Hall – (864) 656-2174
Financial Aid, G01 Sikes Hall – (864) 656-2280
Graduate School, E-108 Martin Hall – (864) 656-4172
Registrar's Office, 102 Sikes Hall – (864) 656-2171
Registration Services, E-206 Martin Hall – (864) 656-2305

During 8/17–8/21/09, those students who are NOT International or Permanent Residents may submit documentation in the first floor lobby of Sikes Hall between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. Students who are handling financial aid or payment matters in Brackett Atrium may also provide their documentation there.