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INFORMATION ON SAMSUNG AMERICAN LEGION SCHOLARSHIP

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Dear Girls State Delegate:

Samsung, a worldwide leader in electronics, endowed a scholarship fund to provide scholarships to descendants of U.S. wartime veterans. The endowment was made to show appreciation to U.S. veterans who came to the aid of Korea during its struggle against communist forces during the Korean War.

Samsung has asked The American Legion to administer this scholarship program. Palmetto Girls State is working with The American Legion National Headquarters to provide information on the Samsung American Legion Scholarship Applications to those individuals participating in Palmetto Girls State. The scholarship may be used for undergraduate study only at an accredited U.S. college or university. Over the past twelve years, over \$3.8 million has been awarded for scholarships from this program. For 2010, The American Legion anticipates that eleven (11) \$20,000 scholarships will be awarded with the remaining finalists each receiving a \$1,000 scholarship.

Eligibility for these scholarships is limited to high school juniors who participate in and complete either an American Legion Boys State or American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program and who are direct descendants of a U.S. veteran who served during a period of war. (For purposes of the Samsung American Legion Scholarship, direct descendant is defined as direct lineage, i.e. child, grandchild, or great-grandchild, etc. or legally adopted children. Step-children are not eligible.)

Only participants in Girls State and Boys State programs who are direct descendants of U.S. wartime veterans are eligible to compete for these scholarships. Each Girls State and Boys State program will select one application to submit to the national level for judging. Of the applications submitted at Palmetto Girls State, one (1) application will be selected to compete on the national level for one of the scholarships to be awarded.

IMPORTANT: The Samsung American Legion Scholarship is seven (7) pages in length. Some thought and work are required to complete the application. In addition to the applicant's work on the application, school personnel must complete a section of the application and documentation showing a relative's military service must be attached. Begin work on the application as soon as possible.

If you are eligible to apply for one of these scholarships, download the application from either The American Legion website or the Palmetto Girls State website, complete the application, attach the required veteran's Certificate of Release or Discharge From Active Duty (Form DD-214) or other government document showing time served on active military duty, and submit the completed application with documentation of the veteran's service upon registration at Palmetto Girls State on June 13, 2010. If you need assistance in obtaining a copy of the veteran's DD-214, contact your local Veterans Service Officer (a Veterans Service Officer is located in each county in South Carolina). Begin work on locating these documents immediately as it may take some time to receive the required documentation.

For applications to be considered, completed applications with all required documents, signatures, and information must be submitted at registration at Palmetto Girls State on Sunday, June 13, 2010. (Please note that this deadline will be strictly enforced.) Applications must be typed. FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE APPLICATION. If you are interested in applying for the Samsung American Legion Scholarship, begin work on the application at once. The required documentation, signatures, and certifications may take some time to acquire.

The application is available on the Palmetto Girls State website at www.palmettogirlsstate.org . In addition, the application file may be found at the website of The American Legion at www.legion.org . On The American Legion's website, look under "How We Serve" just to the right of the Legion Emblem and then "Scholarships" in the drop down box. That will download a page describing various scholarships; scroll down the page to "Samsung American Legion Scholarship." The application is available in a PDF file in Adobe Acrobat in a version which allows the student to save her work.

Good luck.

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

TO: Palmetto Girls State Delegates

RE: College Credit

Congratulations on your selection to attend Palmetto Girls State! Having worked myself with the Palmetto Boys State program in South Carolina for over twenty years, I can assure you that your experience will not only be memorable, but also unforgettable. Expressing that, I also wish to extend to you another unique opportunity: *How would you like to get a head start on your collegiate career while maximizing your experience at Girls State?*

Clemson University has partnered with The ACE Network and the Palmetto Girls State program to offer you college credit in conjunction with your participation this year. The course, titled *Leadership, Citizenship and Community Service (ED 190)*, is a three credit hour course which can be transferred as elective credit to any university that you choose to attend. Understandably, accepted credit is a decision ultimately made by each specific institution. The ACE Network was founded by Girls State and Boys State programs throughout the nation simply to accomplish its namesake purpose to "Advance Citizenship Experiences" of Girls and Boys State participants in every state. This affordable and quality college course is one of the key proud accomplishments for this organization. Over 800 rising high school seniors just like you have taken advantage of this opportunity in the last three years. It is solely offered to Girls and Boys State "citizens."

Clemson University has continued its climb among the nation's best public institutions by placing 22nd in the annual ranking by U.S.NEWS & WORLD REPORT. As part of this partnership, Clemson University is offering the 3 credit course for only \$270. This rate was negotiated down to less than one fifth of the current rate for South Carolina resident students for a 3-hour undergraduate class (\$1,404). In order to meet the requirements of this course, you must fully participate in the Palmetto Girls State Program as well as participate in the online course procedures. Some of the course expectations and assignments will be completed by you during the session while other requirements and assignments will be completed via distance education after you return home. Participation in the course will not detract from nor remove you from participation in any part of the program during the week. A course syllabus and other information can be found at the following link: www.ed190.com.

In order to register for the course, simply access the external website listed above. You may pay on-line using the secured *PayPal* feature. Or, you may complete the application form on the back of this letter and submit your payment via check to:

The ACE Network
PO BOX 2243
Greenville, SC 29602

To participate in the college course, you should complete course registration and payment before or during Palmetto Girls State registration. All coursework must be completed by July 23rd and grades will be posted at the conclusion of the Summer II session (August 6, 2010).

If you or your parents have any questions about the course, please feel free to contact The ACE Network at the web site above or call them at (864) 884-7988. Whether or not you choose to enroll in the course, I know that your week at Palmetto Girls State will be most rewarding.

Sincerely,



David S. Fleming, Ph.D.
Associate Professor





Application for Special Admission Special Student Status

The special student classification is designed for students not interested in pursuing a degree at Clemson University. A maximum of 18 total credit hours is allowed either in a single semester or cumulatively over several semesters or summer sessions. None of the usual credentials supporting an application are required. Your application will be processed within 5-10 working days. It is not necessary to reapply for special student status if you enroll in concurrent semesters. Do not confuse part-time enrollment with enrollment as a special student. Apply for regular admission unless you desire to take a cumulative total of no more than 18 credit hours.

Applicants who have been denied regular admission to Clemson are not eligible to apply as special students.

You are considered a *transient student* if you are currently attending another institution and wish to transfer the credit back to that institution. Transient applications for Maymester and Summer Sessions I & II are available in the Registrar's Office in 102 Sikes Hall. You should apply as a *special student* if you plan to attend Clemson in the fall or spring semester.

1. Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle/maiden _____ Date _____
(Please also print name in right margin)

2. Name by which I am usually known _____

3. Sex: Male Female

4. Social Security number (required) _____

5. Date of Birth _____

6. Ethnic Origin: Are you Hispanic or Latino? yes no
What is your race? Regardless of your answer to question above, please mark one or more races to indicate what you consider yourself to be. White Black or African American Asian
 American Indian or Alaska Native Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

7. Mailing Address (PO Box, RFD, Street) _____ Email Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____

8. Home telephone (area code and number) _____ Business telephone (area code and number) _____

9. I am participating in the following special program of study: (check only if applicable) Summer Scholar Study Abroad
 other: Summer Leadership Course
(specify)

10. I wish to begin my studies at Clemson during Fall Summer Session I
 Spring Maymester Summer Session II

11. I am currently enrolled at _____

12. I have have not applied for regular admission to Clemson. If yes, give dates _____

13. I have have not enrolled previously at Clemson. Give date of last enrollment _____

14. I plan to enroll in the following course(s): ED 190: Leadership, Citizenship, and Community Service

15. In the future, I plan to apply for regular admission yes no

16A. I am a: U.S. citizen Legal Permanent Resident of the United States
 Other (List country of citizenship and current immigration status if in the United States): _____

16B. If a U.S. permanent resident, attach a copy of you alien registration card and give alien registration number: _____

17. I am am not a South Carolina resident. alien registration number _____

18. (FOR SOUTH CAROLINA RESIDENTS ONLY) I have lived continuously in South Carolina since birth or since _____
Month/Year

Action _____
Acceptance _____
Send letter _____
yes _____
no _____
Misc _____
Status _____
Sex _____
Birth _____
EO _____
Entr Date _____
Country _____
State _____
County _____
Resid _____

By my signature below, I certify that I understand that admission as a special student is separate and distinct from regular admission to Clemson University, that I have never been denied regular undergraduate admission to this institution, and that I understand the guidelines for the special student status as outlined for this application.

Signature Date

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)