



UNIVERSITY OF  
**SOUTH CAROLINA**

**Department of Student Life**  
**Jeffrey S. Smolka Rugby Endowed Scholarship**

You'll find that tuition and living expenses at the University of South Carolina compare favorably with select top colleges and universities across the nation. Kiplinger's named South Carolina a best value among public universities in 2014, saying its "abundant financial aid" and "low sticker price" make USC "an overall great value."

Still, investing in a college education can be expensive, but it's well worth it! Researchers at the Moore School of Business found that South Carolina residents with a bachelor's degree earn an average of \$15,000 a year more than residents with a high school diploma. And now, with the unveiling of the **Jeffrey S. Smolka Rugby Endowed Scholarship Fund**, current and incoming rugby players now have an opportunity to pay for college every time they take the pitch!

**Overview**

**Jeffrey S. Smolka Rugby Scholarship**  
**Semester value: \$250 + tuition reduction**  
**Four-year value with tuition reduction: \$54,000 (2014)**

Recipients will receive a \$250 monetary award towards tuition and a departmental rugby scholarship tuition reduction in the value set annually by the University Board of Trustees. (\$6,528.00 a semester based on 2014 tuition rates)

All merit-based scholarships are awarded for a maximum of 4-years. This scholarship is for 1 semester with the option to renew. Recipients will be under constant evaluation. Failure to meet the agreed upon responsibilities may result in the loss of the scholarship indefinitely. The Department of Student Life reserves the right to rescind a rugby scholarship if the recipient fails to fulfill any of the criteria at any time during the academic semester, as determined by the leadership of the Men's Rugby team. This scholarship does not guarantee a roster spot on the University of South Carolina Men's Rugby team.

As previously noted, these scholarships are awarded to both current and incoming freshmen. In order to be considered for one of these awards as an incoming player, you should register with the Men's Rugby team at **USCRugby.org** and apply for admissions early in your senior year, following the application instructions provided by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

**Cost Comparison**

The following is a cost comparison of USC's rates against neighboring institutions. For a more extensive list, and to see how our scholarship can reduce the financial burden of your college career, please visit **USCRugby.org**

	In-State Tuition	Out of State Tuition	Room & Board	Books/Supplies	1 Yr Total (In State)	4 Yr Total (In State)	1 Yr Total (Out of State)	4 Yr Total (Out of State)		
Full USC Rugby Scholarship	\$ 10,316	\$ 15,190	\$ 8,909	\$ 994	\$ 20,219	\$ 80,876	\$ 25,093	\$ 100,372		
Half USC Rugby Scholarship	\$ 10,566	\$ 21,859	\$ 8,909	\$ 994	\$ 20,469	\$ 81,876	\$ 31,762	\$ 127,048	4 Yr Savings w/ USC Half Scholarship	4 Yr Savings w/ USC Full Scholarship
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South Carolina	\$ 10,816	\$ 28,528	\$ 8,909	\$ 994	\$ 20,719	\$ 82,876	\$ 38,431	\$ 153,724	\$ 26,676	\$ 53,352
Tennessee	\$ 11,194	\$ 29,684	\$ 9,170	\$ 1,536	\$ 21,900	\$ 87,600	\$ 40,390	\$ 161,560	\$ 34,512	\$ 61,188
Kentucky	\$ 10,110	\$ 21,192	\$ 10,328	\$ 1,000	\$ 21,438	\$ 85,752	\$ 32,520	\$ 130,080	\$ 3,032	\$ 29,708
Georgia	\$ 10,262	\$ 28,472	\$ 9,246	\$ 916	\$ 20,424	\$ 81,696	\$ 38,634	\$ 154,536	\$ 27,488	\$ 54,164
Vanderbilt	\$ 42,978	\$ 42,978	\$ 14,094	\$ 1,370	\$ 58,442	\$ 233,768	\$ 58,442	\$ 233,768	\$ 106,720	\$ 133,396
Alabama	\$ 9,450	\$ 23,950	\$ 13,156	\$ 1,200	\$ 23,806	\$ 95,224	\$ 38,306	\$ 153,224	\$ 26,176	\$ 52,852
Mississippi State	\$ 6,772	\$ 16,960	\$ 8,647	\$ 1,200	\$ 16,619	\$ 66,476	\$ 26,807	\$ 107,228	\$ (19,820)	\$ 6,856
Auburn	\$ 9,852	\$ 26,364	\$ 11,552	\$ 1,200	\$ 22,604	\$ 90,416	\$ 39,116	\$ 156,464	\$ 29,416	\$ 56,092
Ole Miss	\$ 6,760	\$ 17,728	\$ 9,566	\$ 1,200	\$ 17,526	\$ 70,104	\$ 28,494	\$ 113,976	\$ (13,072)	\$ 13,604
Florida	\$ 6,263	\$ 28,541	\$ 9,520	\$ 1,080	\$ 16,863	\$ 67,452	\$ 39,141	\$ 156,564	\$ 29,516	\$ 56,192

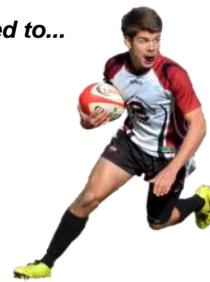
## Athletic Considerations

***In order for a student to qualify for consideration of the award, each student applicant would need to...***

- ✓ Meet USC's Admissions Index for incoming Freshmen, transfer students or continuation
- ✓ Played High School or international equivalent (HS), Under 19 (U19), College or Club Rugby
- ✓ Played at least 1 year select side/all-star Rugby or played in an A-side Rugby match at USC

***Additional consideration and weighting will be given for players that have...***

- ✓ Started an A-side Rugby match at USC
- ✓ Select side/all-star Rugby experience in 15's and 7's
- ✓ Multiple years of select/all-star side Rugby experience
- ✓ Played at least 1 year of Geographical, Territorial, or Provincial select side Rugby
- ✓ Played at least 1 year of National select side Rugby



## Academic Considerations

Students who have excellent high school grades and present competitive scores on the SAT or ACT are considered for this award by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Average high school GPAs and SAT and ACT scores of the previous year's recipients are listed online, however, these averages shift from year to year as those eligible for the award compete among themselves. As a guideline, applicants should have an average SAT score of 1245 (ACT score of 28) and an average weighted high school GPA of 3.70.

***The following Academic considerations are applied to all student applicants...***

- ✓ The recipient must maintain a 3.0 cumulative grade-point average GPA and 15 credit hours per semester in order to keep the scholarship, except in their last semester in preparation for graduation.
- ✓ If the recipient should fall below the 3.0 cumulative GPA or schedule fewer than 15 credit hours per semester, he will not be eligible for this scholarship until his GPA reaches the necessary threshold or the necessary number of hours is scheduled.
- ✓ There is no probationary 'grace period' to allow the recipient to recover while still maintaining their scholarship.

## Player Conduct Considerations

***The following Player Conduct considerations are applied to all student applicants...***

- ✓ The recipient agrees to perform faithfully and industriously, using the necessary abilities and talents to perform all the duties that may be required of him.
- ✓ The recipient shall maintain the highest standard of conduct both on and off campus, reflecting the values and principles of the Carolina Creed while obeying all federal, state and local laws and ordinances.
- ✓ The recipient must be a campus leader and in good standing with the university in all areas (may not be on probation for any academic or non-academic reason).
- ✓ The recipient agrees to abide by all rules, regulations, and guidelines of the university and to provide a cooperative and supportive attitude toward university programs.
- ✓ The recipient agrees to attend classes regularly, to complete classroom and academic assignments, and to observe dormitory regulations of the university.

## Rules For Participation

***The recipient further agrees to follow all Rules For Participation to include...***

- ✓ The recipient will not participate in the illegal use of drugs, alcohol or tobacco, at any time
- ✓ The recipient will not use expletive, offensive or derogatory language at any time
- ✓ Physical or verbal acts of intimidation or violence by the recipient will not be tolerated
- ✓ The recipient is required to attend all team meetings, functions, practices, games and road trips—arriving on time for each
- ✓ The recipient is expected to participate in team community service projects and to work on team fund-raising events
- ✓ The recipient may not participate in a sport other than Men's Rugby, unless given approval by the head coach

