



# F.A.C.E. the FACTS

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## A MESSAGE from SCASFAA

**Happy Spring from SCASFAA!!**  
We are glad to provide you with a new edition of F.A.C.E. the FACTS. In this issue we have an update on the S.C. Teachers Loan Program from SCASFAA President, Mike Fox.

Also, we are spreading the word about a new web page designed to help parents and students weave their way through the maze of financial aid: **SCcollegeaid.org**

We would like to hear from you, the guidance counselor, about ways we can help you and your students! Please send all your comments or suggestions to Vickie Sutton via e-mail at: **suttonv@mtc.mid.tec.sc.us**.

*Vickie Sutton  
SCASFAA,  
Counselor Relations Committee  
Chair*



Let's get the word out:  
**COLLEGE IS  
AFFORDABLE!**

South Carolina students and parents now can get all the financial aid information they need in one location:

**SCcollegeaid.org.**

This web site is a joint effort of the SC Commission on Higher Education, the SC Tuition Grants Commission, the SC Tuition Prepayment Program and the SC Student Loan Corporation. ***We believe higher education is the key to success and want all of South Carolina to know that the opportunity to go to college exists and can be affordable. SCcollegeaid.org provides the key.***

We are excited about this web site and believe it will be a useful tool for both students and parents.

Visit [SCcollegeaid.org](http://SCcollegeaid.org) and let us know what you think. We want your suggestions to make the web site even better! If you have any questions or would like posters to display, you should call Greg Sharpe with the SC Student Loan Corporation at (803) 772-9480.

Thank you for helping get the word out about **SCcollegeaid.org.**



## SC Teacher Loan Program Expands

In an effort to encourage and financially assist professionals in fields other than education to enter the teaching profession the SC Legislature has expanded the Teacher Loan Program. Two new components have been added to the program. The first, dubbed the Career Changers Program, is designed to help those individuals who wish to return to college to obtain their teacher certification. The second is designed to provide assistance to those who wish to become certified to teach through the Critical Needs Certification Program.

The Career Changers Loan program allows borrowers to receive up to as much as \$15,000 a year up to a total of \$60,000 while completing their teacher certification. To be eligible to receive this loan an individual must have held a baccalaureate degree for a minimum of three years (this requirement is waived for individuals employed as instructional assistants in the SC public school system), have been employed for a minimum of three years and promise to teach in a critical subject or geographic area in South Carolina upon receiving certification. Applications are available from the SC Student Loan Corporation (800-347-2752).

Individuals participating in the Critical Needs Certification Program can borrow up to \$2000 per year not to exceed a cumulative maximum of \$5000. The SC Department of Education's web site details the qualification requirement for the Critical Needs Certification Program ([www.scteachers.org](http://www.scteachers.org)). Once an individual is accepted into the Critical Needs Certification Program they are eligible to borrow SC Teacher Loan Funds. Applications are available at the school district personnel offices and the SC Student Loan Corporation (800-347-2752).

All loans received under the SC Teacher Loan Program are subject to forgiveness, meaning the borrower doesn't have to pay them back, if the borrower teaches in a critical area of South Carolina. More details regarding the Teacher Loan Program as well as the list of the critical subjects and geographic area in South Carolina can be found at the SC Student Loan Corporation's web site ([www.slc.sc.edu](http://www.slc.sc.edu)).

Hopefully the financial assistance these programs provide will allow people to follow their dreams to become teachers and allow our school system to take advantage of the talent and life experiences these individuals can bring to the classroom. Please contact the SC Student Loan Corporation (800-347-2752) if you have any questions regarding these programs.

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SC Student Loan Corporation

