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As of June 4, 2008, the South Carolina Illegal Immigration Reform Act (S. C. Code Ann. §59-101-430 (Westlaw 2008)) prohibits those unlawfully present in the United States from attending a public institution of higher education in South Carolina and from receiving a public higher education benefit:

- An alien unlawfully present in the United States is not eligible to attend a public institution of higher learning in this State, as defined in Section 59-103-5. The trustees of a public institution of higher learning in this State shall develop and institute a process by which lawful presence in the United States is verified. In doing so, institution personnel shall not attempt to independently verify the immigration status of any alien but shall verify any alien's immigration status with the federal government pursuant to 8 U.S.C. Section 1373©.
- An alien unlawfully present in the United States is not eligible on the basis of residence for a public higher education benefit including, but not limited to, scholarships, financial aid, grants, or resident tuition.

(Check One): ☐ I am a United States Citizen ☐ I am not a United States Citizen

I or the person who claims me as a tax dependent has lived in South Carolina continuously for the last 12 months. ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what county? ☐ Greenville ☐ Other: _____

If no, what state? _____ Date I/they began residency in South Carolina: _____

By signing this statement, you attest and can prove that you are either a United States Citizen or a Non- United States Citizen lawfully present in the United States. You also attest and can prove your state of legal residency. In addition, Greenville Technical College will require you to submit documentation that supports your claims for lawful presence and legal residency. Any student who is found to be unlawfully present in the United States will be dismissed from the college. Note: This form will not be accepted nor processed without documentation and your signature. Additionally, your documents may be verified through government databases.

Print Full Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Signature: _____ Date _____

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR UPLOAD
Please check the document type(s) submitted:

Click here to print your completed form, then sign, date and submit with your required documentation.

☐ Unexpired DMV-Issued Driver's License/Beginners Permit, State ID, CDL or Photo Identification Card

State: _____ **#**_____ **Date Issued:** _____ **Expiration Date:** _____

NOTE: Since REAL IDs verify one's legal presence, GTC does not require any additional documentation if the DMV-issued driver's license identification is a REAL ID certified. **If the government-issued ID is NOT REAL ID certified, a valid, original birth certificate (or a notarized, officially issued copy) must be presented with the government-issued ID in person at any GTC campus.**

☐ US Birth Certificate Submitted - State of Issuance: _____

☐ United States Passport: Expiration Date: _____

☐ Certificate of U.S. Citizenship (USCIS issued Form N-560 or N-561) **and** a Current Valid Government-Issued Photo ID

☐ Certification of Naturalization (USCIS issued Form N-550 or N-570) **and** a Current Valid Government-Issued Photo ID

Permanent residents must provide one of the following **and** a Current Valid Government-Issued Photo ID:

☐ Permanent Residence Card issued since 1997; Resident Alien Card (I-551) issued before 1997; Alien Registration Receipt Card (I-551) issued before June 1978;
☐ Letter from USCIS documenting that permanent resident status has been approved

Legal immigrant and non-immigrant foreign nationals must provide one of the following and a current valid government-issued photo ID:

☐ Current/valid Visa or Passport
☐ Current/valid Refugee, Asylee, or Parolee documentation
☐ Current/valid Documents for Other Legal Statuses
☐ Deferred Action Recipients: Employment Authorization Card or Approval Letter from USCIS (I797)

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Residency: 1a 1b 2 **Student Type**: REG TRS SRC INT EC

Officer: _____ Date _____