

Dear Mr. Treasurer,

Eligibility & Rules

The ***Dear Mr. Treasurer*** financial literacy activity is sponsored by the **Future Scholar 529 College Savings Plan** (“Future Scholar”). The purpose of this activity is to equip elementary teachers in South Carolina, who are teaching students in grades 3, 4 or 5, with an engaging and thought-provoking classroom activity that emphasizes the importance of saving money. The activity is designed to foster financial literacy by encouraging students to understand the value of saving, set personal savings goals, and make informed choices about money management.

To be eligible to receive a *Dear Mr. Treasurer* classroom kit, teachers must be an elementary school teacher in South Carolina teaching students in Grades 3, 4 or 5. Teachers must also agree, via the registration link, to implement the activity in their classroom during the 2025/2026 school year, send the student letters to the State Treasurer’s Office as described in the activity and ensure student participation in the activity is consistent with their school and district policies.

Classroom kits will be available to the first 500 eligible teachers who register their class online at FutureScholar.com/DearMrTreasurer by 11:59PM ET on December 1, 2025 (“Registration Deadline”). If more than one teacher at a school is participating, each teacher must register to receive a classroom kit.

Student letters submitted as part of the *Dear Mr. Treasurer* activity become the property of the State Treasurer’s Office. Except where prohibited by law, Future Scholar and its designees have the right to publicize the student’s letter (or excerpt thereof) and include the student’s first name and school name, for any commercial use as related to the promotion of financial literacy education and/or the Future Scholar 529 College Savings Plan.

Students who participate in the *Dear Mr. Treasurer* activity with a teacher of a registered class will be eligible to participate in a random drawing to receive a privately funded \$529 grant contribution to a Future Scholar account if they meet the following criteria:

- The student is a South Carolina resident.
- The student’s teacher submits the student’s handwritten letter to the State Treasurer’s Office by March 1, 2026, and the student’s name is listed on the teacher’s *Dear Mr. Treasurer Submission Form*.
- The student’s parent (or legal guardian) is a legal resident of South Carolina, at least 18 years of age and submits an online entry form for the drawing on or before March 1, 2026 (“Drawing Entry Deadline”).

Students do not need to have a Future Scholar 529 College Savings Plan Account to participate, but their parent or guardian will need to establish a Future Scholar 529 College Savings Plan Account for the winning students to receive the \$529 privately-funded grant contribution.

Winner selection:

- On or around March 6, 2026, one potential Winner will be selected in a random drawing from all eligible entries received.
- Winners will be notified by the State Treasurer's Office via email or phone and must meet all eligibility requirements, including responding within five (5) business days of notification and completing any required documents to process the Future Scholar 529 contribution within 30 days after notification.
- Winning a prize is contingent upon fulfilling all requirements set forth in these Official Rules. Odds of winning depend on the number of eligible entries received.
- Employees, their spouses, and immediate families (parent, child, sibling, and any of their respective spouses) and household members (whether or not related) of the Office of the State Treasurer, the Program Manager, or any of its subcontractors performing work on behalf of the Future Scholar 529 College Savings Plan, are not eligible to win.

Questions related to the *Dear Mr. Treasurer* financial literacy activity and corresponding drawing for a Future Scholar grant contribution may be directed to the State Treasurer's Office at (803) 734-2667 or by email at Programs@sto.sc.gov.

The Future Scholar 529 College Savings Plan is administered by the Office of State Treasurer Curtis M. Loftis, Jr. No state funds are used in the marketing of Future Scholar, the Dear Mr. Treasurer financial literacy activity or the college savings grant awarded.

