



GRANTS TO STUDENTS ATTENDING CERTAIN PRIVATE EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

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North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority
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GENERAL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Background

The Grants to Students Attending Certain Private Education Institutions (CPEI) program was created by the General Assembly in 2003 to aid eligible students attending certain private institutions of higher education located within the state of North Carolina. An appropriation of \$420,000 was made by the General Assembly for the 2003-2004 academic year and 170 NC resident students enrolled at eligible private institutions received grants of \$1,800 for a total expenditure of \$306,000. The General Assembly appropriated \$420,000 for the 2004-2005 academic year to be paid in the 2005-2006 year.

Administration

The North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority (NCSEAA) administers the program as the State agency designated by statute. CPEI *Regulations*, adopted in February 2004 by the Board of Directors of the NCSEAA, govern the operation of the program. CPEI *Regulations* establish the definitions, terms of participation, eligibility, procedures, method of payment, refund policy, residence requirements,¹ and rules for program integrity.

¹ A *Manual to Assist the Public Higher Education Institutions of North Carolina in the Matter of Student Classification for Tuition Purposes* (current edition) is Appendix A of the CPEI *Regulations*. The rules of eligibility regarding residency are the same as those, which govern eligibility for the payment of in-state tuition rates at North Carolina public senior and junior colleges and community colleges.

CPEI Award Eligibility and Determination

A student qualifies to receive a CPEI grant for an academic year if, on the certification date for that academic year, the student:

- 1) is a resident of North Carolina for the purposes of tuition payment under the terms and conditions of the *Residence Manual* of The University of North Carolina;
- 2) has not received a bachelors degree or qualified therefore;
- 3) has carried the minimum academic load for credit the entire academic year (school terms consisting of two semester, or equivalent, beginning with the fall term);
- 4) is enrolled at an approved institution on the certification date;
- 5) is not eligible for a similar State grant under another State program for the same academic year;
- 6) has either met the registration requirements of the Military Service Act or is excused in accordance with G. S. § 143B-421.1;
- 7) is not incarcerated in a State or federal correctional facility for committing (i) a Class A, B, B1 or B2 felony or (ii) a Class C through I felony and is not eligible for parole or release within 10 years; and
- 8) is certified by the approved institution as eligible to receive a State grant in accordance with the Act and CPEI *Regulations*.

Grant Amounts and Conditions

The grant shall be paid directly to the student on or after July 1 following the completion of the academic year. The maximum CPEI award during the 2003-2004 academic year was \$1,800 per student paid in August 2004. Funds to support the program are contingent each year upon appropriations made available by the North Carolina General Assembly. In the event that there are insufficient funds to provide the maximum award to each eligible student, each eligible student may be provided with a pro-rata share of funds available for the academic year covered by the appropriation.

Disbursements to the Students

The NCSEAA authorized CPEI grant payments on the basis of institutional requests that were submitted to the NCSEAA according to instructions in the *Regulations*.

CPEI grant funds were issued on August 2, 2004 to students enrolled at the following institutions:

<u>Institution</u>	<u>No. of Students</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
Roanoke Bible College	36	\$ 64,800
<u>Southeastern College at Wake Forest</u>	134	<u>\$241,200</u>
Total	170	\$306,000: