



# **NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS TUITION GRANT**

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

**2004-2005**

**For the period ending June 30, 2005**

**Administered by  
North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority  
10 Alexander Drive  
Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27709**

## **GENERAL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

### **Background**

The 2003 North Carolina General Assembly passed GS 116-238.1, 'Full tuition grant for graduates who attend a State university', creating the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics Tuition Grant to provide encouragement and financial assistance to graduates of the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics (NCSSM) who will be attending one of the 16 campuses of the University of North Carolina (UNC). The North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority (the Authority) is designated to administer the scholarship pursuant to statutes and as directed by the General Assembly from time to time through the appropriation process. Funding of this grant is contingent each year upon appropriations made available to the Authority by the General Assembly. For the academic year 2004-2005 the General Assembly appropriated \$780,000. There was a net expenditure of \$339,349 to 119 students attending 7 of the UNC System institutions. The General Assembly has determined that the 2005-2006 appropriation will be \$1,365,565.

The financial aid administrators of the 16 constituent institutions of UNC participate in the administration of the program by screening, reviewing, and selecting recipients under the criteria and rules established by the Authority, consistent with the intent of the General Assembly.

### **Selection Eligibility**

To be a recipient of a NCSSM Tuition Grant, a student must:

- 1) be a graduate of the NCSSM;
- 2) meet the requirements for in-state tuition under G. S. §116-143.1 or §116-143.3 as those requirements are specified and interpreted in the Residence Manual;
- 3) be enrolled full-time as an undergraduate in one of the 16 campuses of UNC in a degree-granting program; and
- 4) maintain "satisfactory academic progress" as defined by the campus for financial aid renewal.

Students are eligible for the grant for four consecutive academic years, excluding summer sessions.

### **Value of Tuition Grant**

The NCSSM Tuition Grant ensures that graduates of NCSSM receive, at a minimum, a grant equal to the cost of tuition at the campus of the UNC system that he/she enrolls fulltime. The grant is intended to cover tuition only (not fees) and will be reduced if a student receives any other scholarship or grant assistance from another source. However, grants and scholarships that are designated in writing by the donor (at the time of awarding the scholarship) for specific purposes, such as books or fees, do not affect the amount of the tuition grant. Undesignated awards are assumed to be intended for tuition and will reduce the tuition grant amount.

## **THE PROGRAM**

Each year, NCSSM Tuition Grants are awarded to eligible NC residents that are graduates from NCSSM attending one of the 16 campuses of the UNC System. To be considered for an award, a student must complete the NCSSM Scholarship Release Form to the Counseling Services Office authorizing the school and the Authority to release information to the campus identified by the student. If a student decides to attend a different UNC campus after NCSSM has sent the roster to the Authority, the student is responsible for notifying the new campus financial aid office (FAO) of his/her eligibility. The roster will list the student's name, home address, SSN, birth date, and the UNC campus he/she plans to attend.

In May, the Authority will send a roster of graduates to each campus FAO listing those students who plan to enroll at their campus. The FAO will coordinate each student's financial aid package, adjusting the NCSSM Tuition Grant with regard to other known scholarships and grants. Adjustments will be made during the academic year when a student receives additional scholarships/grants funding.

If the FAO determines the student is not eligible for the NCSSM Tuition Grant due to other aid, the FAO will notify the student stating the reason.

No application is required for renewal. Each UNC campus FAO will determine the student's eligibility and the grant amount for the next year after the conclusion of the spring semester.

## **THE 2004-2005 PROGRAM**

It was determined that the appropriation was sufficient to pay the awards presented for the 2004-2005 year.

Procedure for the fall semester.

1. NCSSM transmitted to the Authority a roster of graduating students who designated that they plan to attend one of the 16 UNC campuses. This roster provided the student's name, social security number, birth date, home address and the campus he/she plans to attend.

2. The Authority contacted the student at his/her home address to inform them that:

- ❖ he/she may be eligible for the NCSSM Tuition Grant less any other grants or scholarships received,
- ❖ the FAO at the UNC campus he/she attends will determine the amount of the tuition grant under these guidelines, and
- ❖ notification of the exact amount will be on the student's award letter from the campus FAO.

3. The Authority grouped the students by campus from the NCSSM roster and forwarded a roster to the appropriate campus FAO with instructions that students on the roster are eligible to receive a NCSSM Tuition Grant less any grants or scholarships (need based or non-need based) already received that can be used for tuition. The campus FAO entered the balance of tuition not covered by other grants or scholarships. It is assumed that all grants/scholarships cover tuition first, unless specified by the donor for another purpose. The campus FAO returned the updated roster to the Authority.

4. Once the rosters were received at the Authority from the campus, the Authority requested checks for that campus from UNC Office of the President, Accounting Office.

Procedure for the spring semester.

1. The campus FAO reviewed the fall roster for updates and send the updated fall roster to the Authority for the spring payment. The update added/deleted any student that were eligible/ineligible for the spring semester due to re-instating a lost grant, transfer, or deferment. It was the student's responsibility to notify the campus FAO of his/her eligibility.

2. Once the rosters were received by the Authority from the campus, the Authority requested checks for each campus from UNC Office of the President, Accounting Office.

### **2004-2005 Program Summary**

The following summarizes the allocations made to the seven institutions for the 119 students that received the NCSSM Tuition Grant for 2004-2005 as of June 30, 2005:

Institution	No. of Students Awarded	Total Amount Awarded
Appalachian State University	2	\$ 1,822
NC State University	38	111,752
UNC-Asheville	6	10,188
UNC-Chapel Hill	68	206,287
UNC-Charlotte	1	2,130
UNC-Greensboro	1	564
UNC-Wilmington	<u>3</u>	<u>4,784</u>
	119	\$ 339,349