

**North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics Tuition Grant
Annual Report
June 30, 2007**

Executive Summary

The North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority administers the tuition grant pursuant to North Carolina G.S. §116-238.1 and established rules. For the academic year 2006-2007 the General Assembly appropriated \$2,303,183, of which \$1,864,706 was awarded to 582 students attending thirteen of the UNC institutions.

Funding for the 2007-08 fiscal year is \$2,753,088; the number of recipients and total dollars expended will be available at the conclusion of the academic year.

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.
- 5) 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 an institution in the UNC system. In 2006-07, the grant was reduced if a student received any other scholarship or grant assistance from another source that caused the student to exceed their cost of attendance.

2006-2007 Program Expenditure Summary

| Institution | No. of Students Awarded | Total Amount Awarded |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Appalachian State University | 11 | \$ 24,442 |
| East Carolina University | 12 | 27,876 |
| Elizabeth City State University | 2 | 2,980 |
| NC A&T State University | 1 | 1,994 |
| NC Central University | 14 | 23,396 |
| NC State University | 190 | 637,109 |
| UNC-Asheville | 13 | 27,150 |
| UNC-Chapel Hill | 313 | 1,066,378 |
| UNC-Charlotte | 9 | 18,752 |
| UNC-Greensboro | 8 | 16,156 |
| UNC-Wilmington | 5 | 11,110 |
| Western Carolina University | 3 | 5,712 |
| Winston-Salem State University | <u>1</u> | <u>1,651</u> |
| Total | 582 | \$ 1,864,706 |

116-238.1. Full tuition grant for graduates who attend a State university.

(a) There is granted to each State resident who graduates from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics and who enrolls as a full-time student in a constituent institution of The University of North Carolina a sum to be determined by the General Assembly as a tuition grant. The tuition grant shall be for four consecutive academic years and shall cover the tuition cost at the constituent institution in which the student is enrolled. The tuition grant shall be distributed to the student as provided by this section.

(b) The tuition grants provided for in this section shall be administered by the State Education Assistance Authority pursuant to rules adopted by the State Education Assistance Authority not inconsistent with this section. The State Education Assistance Authority shall not approve any grant until it receives proper certification from the appropriate constituent institution that the student applying for the grant is an eligible student. Upon receipt of the certification, the State Education Assistance Authority shall remit at the times it prescribes the grant to the constituent institution on behalf, and to the credit, of the student.

(c) In the event a student on whose behalf a grant has been paid is not enrolled and carrying a minimum academic load as of the tenth classroom day following the beginning of the school term for which the grant was paid, the institution shall refund the full amount of the grant to the State Education Assistance Authority.

(d) In the event there are not sufficient funds to provide each eligible student with a full grant:

- (1) The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina, with the approval of the Office of State Budget and Management, may transfer available funds to meet the needs of the programs provided by subsections (a) and (b) of this section; and
- (2) Each eligible student shall receive a pro rata share of funds then available for the remainder of the academic year within the fiscal period covered by the current appropriation.

(e) Any remaining funds shall revert to the General Fund.

(f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, no tuition grant awarded to a student under this section shall exceed the cost of attendance at the constituent institution at which the student is enrolled. If a student, who is eligible for a tuition grant under this subsection, also receives a scholarship or other grant covering the cost of attendance at the constituent institution for which the tuition grant is awarded, then the amount of the tuition grant shall be reduced by an appropriate amount determined by the State Education Assistance Authority. The State Education Assistance Authority shall reduce the amount of the tuition grant so that the sum of all grants and scholarship aid covering the cost of attendance received by the student, including the tuition grant under this section, shall not exceed the cost of attendance for the constituent institution at which the student is enrolled. The cost of attendance, as used in this subsection, shall be determined by the State Education Assistance Authority for each constituent institution. (2003-284, s. 9.4(a); 2004-203, s. 47; 2005-276, s. 9.14 (a).)