

Future Teachers of North Carolina Scholarship Loan

Annual Report

2006-07 Academic Year

The Future Teachers of North Carolina Scholarship Loan (FTNC) was established in 2005. The 2006-07 academic year funded 122 full-time students at public and private colleges and universities across the state pursuing initial teacher licensure in math, science, special education, and English as a Second Language at North Carolina four-year campuses. Each student receives \$6500 per year for a maximum of two years and commits to repay the loan by teaching in North Carolina for three years. The program funding for 2006-07 was \$1,625,000.

Table I. Summary Application and Recipient Data

Number of applications	134 (Renewal: 44 & New: 90)
Number of recipients	122 (Renewal: 44 & New: 78)
Average award	\$6,287
Total awarded	\$767,000

Table II. Recipient Breakdown by County of Residence

<u>County</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Number</u>
Brunswick	1	Nash	1
Buncombe	6	New Hanover	8
Burke	3	Onslow	2
Cabarrus	2	Orange	2
Caldwell	1	Pender	1
Carteret	1	Polk	1
Catawba	4	Randolph	2
Chatham	1	Richmond	1
Clay	2	Robeson	1
Craven	1	Rockingham	2
Cumberland	2	Rowan	3
Davidson	1	Rutherford	2
Duplin	1	Sampson	2
Durham	3	Stanly	2
Forsyth	5	Surry	1
Granville	2	Swain	1
Guilford	7	Transylvania	3
Haywood	5	Union	3
Iredell	2	Vance	2
Jackson	2	Wake	7
Johnston	1	Watauga	3
Macon	2	Wayne	2
Madison	1	Wilkes	2
Martin	1	Wilson	1
Mecklenburg	8	Yadkin	1
Mitchell	1		

Total = 122 representing 51 counties

Table III. Recipient Breakdown by Institution

	<u>Number of Students</u>	<u>Percentage of total</u>
Appalachian State University	12	9.8 %
Barton College	1	0.8
Brevard College	3	2.5
Campbell University	4	3.3
Catawba College	2	1.6
East Carolina University	2	1.6
Elizabeth City State University	1	0.8
Elon University	1	0.8
Fayetteville State University	3	2.5
Greensboro College	1	0.8
High Point University	4	3.3
Lenoir-Rhyne College	3	2.5
Mars Hill College	5	4.1
North Carolina A&T State University	5	4.1
North Carolina State University	9	7.4
North Carolina Wesleyan	2	1.7
Peace College	1	0.8
Pfeiffer University	2	1.7
UNC at Asheville	1	0.8
UNC at Chapel Hill	1	0.8
UNC at Charlotte	15	12.2
UNC at Greensboro	5	4.1
UNC at Pembroke	2	1.7
UNC at Wilmington	14	11.5
Western Carolina University	16	13.1
Wingate University	4	3.3
Winston-Salem State University	<u>3</u>	<u>2.5</u>
Total	122	100 %

Recipients at 14 public institutions: 91 (74.6 %)

Recipients at 12 private institutions: 31 (25.4 %)

§ 116-209.38. Future Teachers of North Carolina Scholarship Loan Fund.

(a) There is established the Future Teachers of North Carolina Scholarship Loan Fund. The purpose of the Fund is to provide a two-year scholarship loan of six thousand five hundred dollars (\$6,500) per year for any North Carolina student pursuing a college degree to teach in the public schools of the State. The scholarship loan shall be paid only for the student's junior and senior years. The scholarship loan is available if the student is enrolled in a State institution of higher education or a private institution of higher education located in this State that has an accredited teacher preparation program for students planning to become certified teachers in North Carolina. The State Education Assistance Authority shall administer the Fund and shall award 100 scholarship loans annually.

(b) The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina, in consultation with the State Board of Education and the State Board of Community Colleges, shall develop the criteria for awarding the scholarship loans under this section and shall adopt very stringent standards for awarding these scholarship loans to ensure that only the best students receive them. Additional criteria for awarding a scholarship loan under this section shall include all of the following:

- (1) The student is one who either: (i) maintained a "B" or better average in college and is enrolled as a junior or senior in a teacher preparation program at any of the institutions described by subsection (a) of this section; or (ii) completed a college transfer curriculum at a community college in the State's Community Colleges System, maintained a "B" or better average in the community college courses, and is accepted and enrolled in a teacher preparation program at one of the institutions described by subsection (a) of this section.
- (2) The student agrees to become certified in math, science, special education, or English as a Second Language and teach full-time in that subject area in a North Carolina public school for three years within five years after graduation.
- (3) Any additional criteria that the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina, in consultation with the State Board of Education and the State Board of Community Colleges, considers necessary to administer the Fund effectively.

(c) If a student who is awarded a scholarship loan under this section fails to comply with the provisions of this section or the terms of the agreement awarding the scholarship loan, then the student shall repay the full amount of the scholarship loan provided to the student and the appropriate amount of interest as determined by the State Education Assistance Authority.

(d) The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina, the State Board of Education, and the State Board of Community Colleges shall: (i) prepare a clear written explanation of the Future Teachers of North Carolina Scholarship Fund and the information regarding the availability and criteria for awarding the scholarship loans, and (ii) shall provide that information to the appropriate counselors in each local school system and the appropriate institutions of higher education and shall charge those counselors to inform students about the scholarship loans and to encourage them to apply for the scholarship loans.

(e) The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina shall adopt rules to implement this section.

(f) The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina shall report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by December 1 each year regarding the Fund and scholarship loans awarded from the Fund. (2005-276, s. 9.11(a); 2006-95, s. 2.5.)