

**NORTH CAROLINA
LEGISLATIVE TUITION GRANT
PROGRAM**

ANNUAL REPORT

2010-2011

For the period ending June 30, 2011

**Administered by
North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority
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GENERAL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Established by the 1975 NC General Assembly, the North Carolina Legislative Tuition Grant (NCLTG) program pays a grant to eligible undergraduate North Carolinians enrolled at an approved private institution. An initial appropriation of \$58,269,681 was made by the General Assembly for the 2010-2011 academic year. A total of 36,091 NC students enrolled at eligible private institutions received annual maximum approved grant of \$1,850. Net disbursements as of June 30, 2011 totaled \$57,757,183. The General Assembly has appropriated \$51,102,510 for the 2011-2012 academic year.

Administration

The North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority (NCSEAA) administers the program as designated by statute. *Rules Governing the NCLTG Program (NCLTG Rules)* adopted in August 1975¹ by the Board of Directors of the NCSEAA, govern the operation of the program. The *NCLTG Rules* establish the program's definitions, terms of participation, eligibility, procedures, method of payment, refund policy, residence requirements,² and rules.

To participate in the program, an Institution³ must enter into a Participation Agreement executed jointly by the chief executive officers of the Institution and of NCSEAA which sets forth the responsibilities of each party. Each Institution designates an official, known as the NCLTG Authorized School Official, to manage the program, liaise with NCSEAA and administer NCLTG awards at the Institution.

While continuing to recognize as eligible first-time, full-time undergraduate degree-seekers (known as 'Eligible Students'), the 2007 NC General Assembly expanded the eligibility to students with bachelor's degrees seeking an initial license in teaching or nursing (known as 'Licensure Students'). The General Assembly also expanded eligibility to include part-time students at a prorated award amount.

¹Amended December 13, 1984, July 11, 1985, August 26, 1987, October 26, 1987, September 23, 1994, February 10, 1995, August 21, 1995, February 19, 1999 and July 25, 2006.

²A *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 *NCLTG 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 universities and community colleges.

³ "'Institution' shall mean an educational institution located in this State that is not owned or operated by the State of North Carolina or by an agency or political subdivision of the State or by any combination thereof that satisfies all of the following: a. Is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools under the standards of the College Delegate Assembly of the Association or by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges through its Commission on Institutions of Higher Education. b. Awards a postsecondary degree as defined in G. S. 116-5. c. Is not a seminary, Bible school, Bible college or similar religious institution." [G.S. 116-22(1)]

NCLTG Award Eligibility and Determination

To qualify for a NCLTG award, an Eligible Student must:

- 1) be a NC resident for the purposes of tuition under the terms and conditions of the *Residence Manual* of The University of North Carolina;
- 2) be enrolled full- or part-time at an eligible Institution;
- 3) be certified to NCSEAA by an Institution as eligible and enrolled;
- 4) be an undergraduate student seeking either a first associate or bachelor's degree;
- 5) not be enrolled in a program of study the objective of which is the attainment of a degree in theology, divinity, or religious education or in any other program of study designed for career preparation in a religious vocation; and
- 6) have complied with the registration requirements of the Military Service Act.

To qualify for a NCLTG award, a Licensure Student must:

- 1) be a resident of NC for the purposes of tuition payment under the terms and conditions of the *Residence Manual* of The University of North Carolina;
- 2) be enrolled full-time or part-time in an eligible Institution;
- 3) be certified to NCSEAA by an approved institution as eligible and enrolled;
- 4) have a bachelor's degree;
- 5) be enrolled in a program intended to result in licensure as a teacher or a nurse; and
- 6) have complied with the registration requirements of the Military Service Act.

Determination of eligibility is made by the NCLTG Authorized School Official of the Institution where the NCLTG application is filed. The official's decision to approve or deny an award is final, subject only to any later finding by the SEAA or State Auditor.

Grant Amounts and Conditions

The NC General Assembly sets the annual amount of the award each year and appropriates funding for projected enrollment. If funds are insufficient to award the maximum amount: (1) the Board of Governors is authorized, with the approval of the Office of State Budget and Management, to transfer monies from the State Contractual Scholarship Fund program to the NCLTG program; and/or (2) prorate awards to expend the appropriation.

Establishment of New Off-Campus Degree Programs

The 1987 NC General Assembly required an Institution to obtain prior approval before establishing any new off-campus degree program on or after May 15, 1987. NCSEAA relies upon an adjudication process established by the North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities (NCICU) to resolve any dispute related to off-campus programs if one occurs.

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Maximum Award

Institutions provided NCSEAA with fall term enrollment data for undergraduate NC residents enrolled as of October 1, 2010. Based on that data, historical enrollment patterns and the program budget, NCSEAA determined that the appropriation was sufficient to award the maximum annual grant of \$1,850 to full-time students and \$1,387 to part-time students enrolled as $\frac{3}{4}$ -time students.

Institutional Refunds to the Authority

Refunds occur when an Institution discovers that an ineligible student received a grant or a student withdraws. Each Institution sets policies consistent with both the *NCLTG Rules* and the pro rata refund policy set by NCSEAA in its November 13, 1981 memorandum. As of June 30, 2011, the NCSEAA received refunds for the 2010-2011 academic year totaling \$517,448, and prior year refunds totaling \$172,052.

Private Colleges and Universities with Off-Campus Sites

Eighteen Institutions administer classes at off-campus sites. For 2010-2011, 6,098 students at off-campus sites received NCLTG awards, i.e. 17% of all NCLTG recipients in total and 30% of the 20,475 NCLTG recipients at the 18 Institutions. The \$8,585,421 received by off-campus site students accounted for 15% of total net NCLTG funds awarded and 27% of the \$32,315,057 awarded at the 18 Institutions.

2010-2011 Program Summary (as of June 30, 2011)

Totals are shown both for the net funds disbursed and the number of students aided.

| | |
|---|---------------|
| Appropriation by General Assembly | \$ 58,269,681 |
| Net Refunds for Prior Years | + 172,052 |
| Transfer to 2010-11 SCSF | - 610,065 |
| Total Available | 57,831,668 |
| NCLTG Net Disbursements (as of 6/30/11) | - 57,757,183 |
| Balance | = 74,485 |

Appendix

TABLE 1
NORTH CAROLINA LEGISLATIVE TUITION GRANT (NCLTG)
MADE TO NC ELIGIBLE AND LICENSURE STUDENTS
ENROLLED IN PRIVATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
2010-2011

| NCLTG-Eligible Institutions | 'Eligible' Recipients | | 'Licensure' Recipients | | All NCLTG Recipients | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| | Headcount | Net Disbursed Funds | Headcount | Net Disbursed Funds | Total Headcount | Avg Award Amount | Total Net Disbursed Funds |
| Barton | 852 | \$1,321,114 | 6 | \$4,166 | 858 | \$1,545 | \$1,325,280 |
| Belmont Abbey | 1,169 | \$1,880,558 | 9 | \$12,948 | 1,178 | \$1,607 | \$1,893,506 |
| Bennett | 228 | \$384,100 | | | 228 | \$1,685 | \$384,100 |
| Brevard | 324 | \$531,596 | 1 | \$672 | 325 | \$1,638 | \$532,268 |
| Cabarrus Coll. HS | 298 | \$392,867 | 22 | \$27,518 | 320 | \$1,314 | \$420,385 |
| Campbell | 2,931 | \$4,659,853 | | | 2,931 | \$1,590 | \$4,659,853 |
| Catawba | 1,024 | \$1,701,619 | 22 | \$27,982 | 1,046 | \$1,654 | \$1,729,601 |
| Chowan | 552 | \$882,979 | | | 552 | \$1,600 | \$882,979 |
| Davidson | 390 | \$713,175 | | | 390 | \$1,829 | \$713,175 |
| Duke | 861 | \$1,496,885 | 80 | \$92,471 | 941 | \$1,689 | \$1,589,356 |
| Elon | 1,285 | \$2,261,884 | 2 | \$1,388 | 1,287 | \$1,759 | \$2,263,272 |
| Gardner-Webb | 1,959 | \$3,145,688 | | | 1,959 | \$1,606 | \$3,145,688 |
| Greensboro | 605 | \$983,974 | 44 | \$44,174 | 649 | \$1,584 | \$1,028,148 |
| Guilford | 1,655 | \$2,492,996 | 25 | \$35,149 | 1,680 | \$1,505 | \$2,528,145 |
| High Point | 1,161 | \$1,950,142 | | | 1,161 | \$1,680 | \$1,950,142 |
| Johnson & Wales | 820 | \$1,272,061 | | | 820 | \$1,551 | \$1,272,061 |
| Johnson C. Smith | 471 | \$758,041 | | | 471 | \$1,609 | \$758,041 |
| Lees-McRae | 564 | \$942,574 | | | 564 | \$1,671 | \$942,574 |
| Lenoir-Rhyne | 1,186 | \$1,980,653 | 1 | \$925 | 1,187 | \$1,669 | \$1,981,578 |
| Livingstone | 753 | \$1,211,776 | | | 753 | \$1,609 | \$1,211,776 |
| Louisburg | 495 | \$751,156 | | | 495 | \$1,517 | \$751,156 |
| Mars Hill | 760 | \$1,228,437 | 2 | \$2,775 | 762 | \$1,616 | \$1,231,212 |
| Meredith | 1,509 | \$2,582,230 | 3 | \$3,469 | 1,512 | \$1,710 | \$2,585,699 |
| Methodist | 1,129 | \$1,817,136 | | | 1,129 | \$1,610 | \$1,817,136 |
| Montreat | 596 | \$873,876 | | | 596 | \$1,466 | \$873,876 |
| Mount Olive | 2,805 | \$3,899,030 | | | 2,805 | \$1,390 | \$3,899,030 |
| NC Wesleyan | 1,136 | \$1,706,876 | | | 1,136 | \$1,503 | \$1,706,876 |
| Peace | 692 | \$1,117,849 | 16 | \$25,210 | 708 | \$1,614 | \$1,143,059 |
| Pfeiffer | 741 | \$1,184,684 | | | 741 | \$1,599 | \$1,184,684 |
| Queens | 1,153 | \$1,747,413 | | | 1,153 | \$1,516 | \$1,747,413 |
| Salem | 536 | \$873,191 | 57 | \$55,720 | 593 | \$1,566 | \$928,911 |
| Shaw | 1,723 | \$2,662,751 | 4 | \$5,088 | 1,727 | \$1,545 | \$2,667,839 |
| St. Andrews | 178 | \$301,781 | 5 | \$5,086 | 183 | \$1,677 | \$306,867 |
| St. Augustine's | 796 | \$1,281,224 | 1 | \$925 | 797 | \$1,609 | \$1,282,149 |
| Wake Forest | 1,116 | \$2,018,115 | | | 1,116 | \$1,808 | \$2,018,115 |
| Warren Wilson | 147 | \$245,413 | | | 147 | \$1,669 | \$245,413 |
| Wingate | 1,239 | \$2,155,820 | | | 1,239 | \$1,740 | \$2,155,820 |
| Total | 35,839 | \$57,411,517 | 300 | \$345,666 | 36,139 | \$1,598 | \$57,757,183 |

Notes

All funds are net of returns received by June 30, 2011.

Headcounts of students are unique per school for the academic year.

TABLE 2
NORTH CAROLINA LEGISLATIVE TUITION GRANT (NCLTG)
MADE TO NC ELIGIBLE AND LICENSURE STUDENTS
ENROLLED IN PRIVATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WITH OFF-CAMPUS SITES
2010-2011

| NCLTG-Eligible Institutions with Off-Campus Sites | Total Institutional Recipients (On- and Off-Campus Site Students) | | # of Off-Campus Sites | Off-Campus Site Recipients | | | | | | |
|---|---|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| | | | | 'Eligible' Students | | 'Licensure' Students | | Off-Campus Total | | |
| | Head-count | Total Award Amount | | Head-count | Funds | Head-count | Funds | Head-count | Avg Award Amount | Net Disbursed Funds |
| Belmont Abbey | 1,169 | \$1,880,558 | 2 | 289 | \$459,266 | 8 | \$12,255 | 297 | \$1,588 | \$471,521 |
| Campbell | 2,931 | \$4,659,853 | 4 | 816 | \$1,095,248 | | | 816 | \$1,342 | \$1,095,248 |
| Catawba | 1,024 | \$1,701,619 | 1 | 17 | \$14,801 | | | 17 | \$871 | \$14,801 |
| Chowan | 552 | \$882,979 | 1 | 28 | \$28,841 | | | 28 | \$1,030 | \$28,841 |
| Gardner-Webb | 1,959 | \$3,145,688 | 21 | 629 | \$948,920 | | | 629 | \$1,509 | \$948,920 |
| Greensboro | 605 | \$983,974 | 1 | 33 | \$45,327 | 1 | \$925 | 34 | \$1,360 | \$46,252 |
| High Point | 1,161 | \$1,950,142 | 1 | 472 | \$674,565 | | | 472 | \$1,429 | \$674,565 |
| Lees-McRae | 564 | \$942,574 | 3 | 203 | \$332,075 | | | 203 | \$1,636 | \$332,075 |
| Mars Hill | 760 | \$1,228,437 | 5 | 128 | \$178,341 | 2 | \$2,775 | 130 | \$1,393 | \$181,116 |
| Montreat | 596 | \$873,876 | 2 | 328 | \$425,019 | | | 328 | \$1,296 | \$425,019 |
| Mount Olive | 2,805 | \$3,899,030 | 6 | 1,641 | \$2,155,705 | | | 1,641 | \$1,314 | \$2,155,705 |
| NC Wesleyan | 1,136 | \$1,706,876 | 2 | 475 | \$665,793 | | | 475 | \$1,402 | \$665,793 |
| Pfeiffer | 741 | \$1,184,684 | 3 | 207 | \$305,013 | | | 207 | \$1,473 | \$305,013 |
| Salem | 536 | \$873,191 | 1 | 17 | \$26,825 | | | 17 | \$1,578 | \$26,825 |
| Shaw | 1,723 | \$2,662,751 | 11 | 702 | \$1,076,949 | 1 | \$925 | 703 | \$1,533 | \$1,077,874 |
| St. Andrews | 178 | \$301,781 | 1 | 21 | \$24,743 | 2 | \$2,543 | 23 | \$1,186 | \$27,286 |
| St. Augustine's | 796 | \$1,281,224 | 1 | 31 | \$45,440 | | | 31 | \$1,466 | \$45,440 |
| Wingate | 1,239 | \$2,155,820 | 2 | 47 | \$63,127 | | | 47 | \$1,343 | \$63,127 |
| Total | 20,475 | \$32,315,057 | | 6,084 | \$8,565,998 | 14 | \$19,423 | 6,098 | \$1,408 | \$8,585,421 |

Notes

All funds are net of returns received by June 30, 2011.

Headcounts of students are unique per institution for the academic year.

One Wingate off-campus site is for Ph.D. students only and, therefore, has no NCLTG recipients.