

**Need-Based Scholarships
for Students
Attending Private Institutions
of Higher Education
Program Report**

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Summary

In 2011, the North Carolina General Assembly added Article 34 of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes creating the Need-Based Scholarship (NBS) to provide financial assistance to needy North Carolina residents attending certain North Carolina non-profit colleges and universities and nursing schools. During the 2012-13 academic year, 25,627 students received a total of \$81,680,109 for enrollment in 41 North Carolina institutions.

Administration

The *Rules Governing the North Carolina Need-Based Scholarship*, (NBS Rules) adopted on February 2, 2012, by the Board of Directors of NCSEAA govern the operation of the program. The NBS Rules establish the program's definitions, terms of participation, eligibility, procedures, method of payment, refund policy, residence requirements, and other provisions. As noted in the NBS Rules, each institution must enter into a program participation agreement that denotes the responsibilities and requirements for institutions.

Students apply for the NBS program by completing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) annually. Eligibility for the scholarship is determined for every NC resident who completes a FAFSA and lists a participating institution; institutions bear responsibility for the final determination of eligibility as they must ensure the student has financial need, is a North Carolina resident and is making Satisfactory Academic Progress. After the institutions confirm eligibility and enrollment, funds are disbursed to the institutions for the benefit of recipients and are credited to each recipient's student account.

Award Eligibility

To qualify for an NBS award, an Eligible Student must:

1. Be a legal resident of North Carolina and a resident for tuition purposes under G. S. § 116-143.1 and the *Residence Manual*;
2. Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and have a resulting Expected Family Contribution (EFC) under Federal Methodology that does not exceed an amount set by the Authority pursuant to the Act;
3. Be an undergraduate student in a Matriculated status;
4. Not be in default, or does not owe a refund, under any federal or State loan or grant program;
5. Have complied with the requirement to register under the Military Service Act or be exempt from the requirements;
6. Meet minimum enrollment requirements and not have received the scholarship for more than the maximum number of permitted semesters.

Scholarships

The scholarship amount for each eligible student is determined by enrollment status (full-time or three-quarter time), Federal Expected Family Contribution (EFC), and whether the student is enrolled in a full cost or lower cost program of study at a participating institution. Students who receive NBS funds would also demonstrate financial need if enrolled at any University of North Carolina campus.

2012-13 Summary

For the 2012-13 academic year, scholarships for full-time students enrolled in traditional programs ranged from \$2,100 to \$7,500; part-time students enrolled in 9-11 semester hours received funding equal to 50 percent of the appropriate full-time award.

Report on Recipients

Number of eligible students	25,627
Number of funded students	25,627
Net total funds disbursed	\$81,680,109
Average award	\$3,187

Distribution By Institution

	Student Count	Funds
Barton College	744	2,593,668
Belmont Abbey College	879	1,686,070
Bennett College	233	893,258
Brevard College	264	1,097,990
Cabarrus College of Health Sciences	217	640,625
Campbell University	2,025	6,958,688
Catawba College	771	2,675,373
Chowan University	524	1,962,967
Davidson College	135	607,200
Duke University	239	1,050,379
Elon University	354	1,572,302
Gardner Webb University	1,400	3,800,056
Greensboro College	471	1,449,970
Guilford College	1,139	2,250,837
High Point University	366	1,342,906

Johnson & Wales University	641	2,457,766
Johnson C Smith University	771	2,422,051
Lees McRae College	401	1,177,279
Lenoir Rhyne University	892	3,618,500
Livingstone College	734	2,798,400
Louisburg College	485	1,800,933
Mars Hill College	786	2,838,137
Meredith College	803	3,349,101
Methodist University	788	2,700,800
Mid-Atlantic Christian University	90	328,317
Montreat College	351	859,250
Mount Olive College	2,079	2,903,131
North Carolina Wesleyan College	1,009	1,996,100
Pfeiffer University	552	1,816,203
Queens University of Charlotte	686	2,151,587
Salem College	489	1,321,159
Shaw University	1,263	4,420,823
St Andrews University (Webber International)	167	624,900
St Augustine's University	750	2,808,425
The College at Southeastern	57	174,850
Wake Forest University	366	1,717,767
Warren Wilson College	109	452,967
William Peace University	554	1,873,403
Wingate University	964	4,277,471
Charlotte Mecklenburg Hospital Authority	86	148,125
Mercy Nursing School	<u>34</u>	<u>60,375</u>
Total	25,668	\$ 81,680,109

Student count by institution is greater than the total number of students funded due to mid-year transfers between institutions.