

Longleaf Commitment Grant Program
Interim Report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee

September 1, 2023

The Longleaf Commitment Community College Grant Program was included in Session Law 2021-180, Section 8A.5. The legislation directed the State Education Assistance Authority (SEAA) to administer the grant program for grants to eligible students graduating from high school at the end of the 2021-2022 school year to cover tuition and fees at a community college for up to two years. The goal of the grant program is to help students who graduated from a North Carolina high school during the COVID-19 pandemic recover learning and persist through to degree attainment.

Eligible students are students who meet the following criteria:

- (1) Graduates from high school during the 2021-2022 school year or received a high school equivalency diploma during the 2021-2022 school year.
- (2) Qualifies as a resident for tuition purposes under the criteria set forth in G.S. 116-143.1 and in accordance with the coordinated and centralized residency determination process administered by SEAA.
- (3) Completes the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2022-2023 academic year and, if applicable, renews the FAFSA for the 2023-2024 academic year.
- (4) Has an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) below fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000).
- (5) Enrolls in the Fall 2022 semester and maintains enrollment in at least six credit hours per semester in curriculum courses at a community college.

Grants awarded under the Program are for a minimum amount of \$700.00 per eligible student with a maximum grant of up to \$2,800 per eligible student per year for up to two years, which includes cost of tuition and a fee allowance. The legislation also required the Community Colleges System Office to administer a matching grant program for community colleges to provide student support.

SEAA was directed to submit an initial report on September 1, 2023, and a final report by September 1, 2024, to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on the implementation of the grant program. The report shall contain, for each academic year, the amount of grant funds disbursed and the number of eligible students receiving funds.

For the 2022-23 academic year, SEAA distributed **\$8,050,367** in awards to **12,464** eligible students. The table below details the number of eligible students and average awards by community college.

Community College	Students		Average	Amount	
	Number	Percent	Award	Number	Percent
ALAMANCE COMMUNITY COLLEGE	211	1.69	685.85	144,716.00	1.79
ASHEVILLE BUNCOMBE TECHNICAL CC	187	1.5	515.74	96,444.00	1.19
BEAUFORT COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE	66	0.52	631.87	41,704.00	0.51
BLADEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE	23	0.18	682.00	15,686.00	0.19
BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE	92	0.73	665.80	61,254.00	0.76
BRUNSWICK COMMUNITY COLLEGE	121	0.97	768.48	92,987.00	1.15

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	Number	Percent	Award	Number	Percent
CALDWELL CC AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTE	211	1.69	670.45	141,466.00	1.75
CAPE FEAR COMMUNITY COLLEGE	653	5.23	634.01	414,015.00	5.14
CARTERET COMMUNITY COLLEGE	126	1.01	541.61	68,244.00	0.84
CATAWBA VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE	94	0.75	869.88	81,769.00	1.01
CENTRAL CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE	317	2.54	673.91	213,631.00	2.65
CENTRAL PIEDMONT COMMUNITY COLLEGE	877	7.03	670.62	588,134.00	7.3
CLEVELAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE	160	1.28	628.16	100,506.00	1.24
COASTAL CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE	108	0.86	569.08	61,461.00	0.76
COLLEGE OF THE ALBEMARLE	118	0.94	661.31	78,035.00	0.96
CRAVEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE	111	0.89	664.63	73,774.00	0.91
DAVIDSON DAVIE COMMUNITY COLLEGE	289	2.31	730.57	211,136.00	2.62
DURHAM TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE	279	2.23	513.16	143,172.00	1.77
EDGECOMBE COMMUNITY COLLEGE	55	0.44	502.12	27,617.00	0.34
FAYETTEVILLE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE	335	2.68	595.11	199,362.00	2.47
FORSYTH TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE	624	5	651.69	406,655.00	5.05
GASTON COLLEGE	309	2.47	728.08	224,979.00	2.79
GUILFORD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE	695	5.57	533.31	370,654.00	4.6
HALIFAX COMMUNITY COLLEGE	42	0.33	557.54	23,417.00	0.29
HAYWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE	81	0.64	606.07	49,092.00	0.6
ISOTHERMAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE	151	1.21	604.15	91,228.00	1.13
JAMES SPRUNT COMMUNITY COLLEGE	94	0.75	640.26	60,185.00	0.74
JOHNSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE	222	1.78	664.72	147,570.00	1.83
LENOIR COMMUNITY COLLEGE	152	1.21	652.19	99,133.00	1.23
MARTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE	40	0.32	585.05	23,402.00	0.29
MAYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE	49	0.39	715.87	35,078.00	0.43
MCDOWELL TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE	36	0.28	524.66	18,888.00	0.23
MITCHELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE	188	1.50	654.24	122,998.00	1.52
MONTGOMERY COMMUNITY COLLEGE	37	0.29	652.78	24,153.00	0.3
NASH COMMUNITY COLLEGE	189	1.51	576.14	108,891.00	1.35
PAMLICO COMMUNITY COLLEGE	16	0.12	476.31	7,621.00	0.09
PIEDMONT COMMUNITY COLLEGE	53	0.42	685.35	36,324.00	0.45
PITT COMMUNITY COLLEGE	572	4.58	640.02	366,096.00	4.54
RANDOLPH COMMUNITY COLLEGE	180	1.44	631.82	113,729.00	1.41
RICHMOND COMMUNITY COLLEGE	97	0.77	710.19	68,889.00	0.85
ROANOKE-CHOWAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE	7.00	0.05	1,078.57	7,550.00	0.09
ROBESON COMMUNITY COLLEGE	118.00	0.94	546.49	64,486.00	0.8
ROCKINGHAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE	153.00	1.22	524.93	80,315.00	0.99
ROWAN-CABARRUS COMMUNITY COLLEGE	368.00	2.95	624.39	229,779.00	2.85
SAMPSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE	100.00	0.80	762.49	76,249.00	0.94

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	Number	Percent	Award	Number	Percent
SANDHILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE	225.00	1.80	705.12	158,653.00	1.97
SOUTH PIEDMONT COMMUNITY COLLEGE	155.00	1.24	657.90	101,975.00	1.26
SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE	108.00	0.86	654.06	70,639.00	0.87
SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE	95.00	0.76	576.60	54,777.00	0.68
STANLY COMMUNITY COLLEGE	79.00	0.63	567.77	44,854.00	0.55
SURRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE	189.00	1.51	723.35	136,714.00	1.69
TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE	51.00	0.40	642.35	32,760.00	0.4
VANCE-GRANVILLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE	89.00	0.71	604.17	53,772.00	0.66
WAKE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE	1,897	15.21	684.96	1,299,387.00	16.14
WAYNE COMMUNITY COLLEGE	202.00	1.62	693.79	140,146.00	1.74
WESTERN PIEDMONT COMMUNITY COLLEGE	105.00	0.84	670.61	70,415.00	0.87
WILKES COMMUNITY COLLEGE	204.00	1.63	686.22	139,990.00	1.73
WILSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE	59.00	0.47	573.06	33,811.00	0.41
TOTALS	12,464	100	645.88	8,050,367.00	100