

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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| 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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| 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 |