



# **NC Child Care Grant Program for Community College Students**

**Annual Report to the  
Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee**

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## **SUMMARY**

Since 1993, the North Carolina General Assembly has approved an appropriation of need-based aid to community college students through the North Carolina Community College Child Care Grant. These funds are added to the Community College budget for childcare services to meet the needs of students enrolled at a community college. The North Carolina Community College System administers the NC Child Care Grant Program to assist student-parents with the financial responsibilities for childcare expenses so they may stay enrolled and complete their educational goals. Childcare coordinators and financial aid officers at each college jointly work together to determine the need of student-parents for childcare in coordination with local social services agencies that provide childcare funding for qualified students.

## **BACKGROUND**

The North Carolina General Assembly appropriated \$3,038,215 for childcare services for student-parents enrolled in community college in the 2022-23 fiscal year. For the NC Child Care Grant, a childcare provider is a person, business, or organization that provides child care services to its clients or customers including licensed daycare or individual provider, unlicensed child care provider, student-parents' parent, personal nanny, afterschool programs and summer programs.

In compliance with 115D-40.5, section 6.4, the North Carolina Community College System provides this report to the Senate Appropriations Committee on Education/Higher Education, the House Appropriations Committee on Education, the Fiscal Research Division, and the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on the administration of the North Carolina Community College Child Care Grant Program for the prior fiscal year.

This information is self-reported by each community college and includes at least the following information:

- (1) The number of applications received for grants from the program.
- (2) The amount of grant funds requested from the program.
- (3) The number of applications approved.
- (4) The total amount of grant funds awarded.
- (5) The range of the dollar amount of grant awards to individuals for childcare expenses.
- (6) The types of childcare utilized by students with grant funds, including before-school and after-school services.

## FY 2022-23 COLLEGE REPORT

This report includes an (1) allocation of authorized funds to each college based on a formula: \$20,000 (base) + \$3.88 per curriculum budget FTE, (2) the total amount awarded to students, (3) the unexpended amount not awarded to students, (4) the number of students receiving grants and (5) the average amount awarded to students.

Community Colleges	FY 2022-23 Allocation	Total Awarded	Unexpended Funds	# Students Awarded	Average Award
Alamance CC	\$55,191	\$30,861.00	\$24,330.00	6	\$4,055.00
Asheville-Buncombe TCC	\$73,179	\$52,744.22	\$20,434.78	28	\$1,833.72
Beaufort CCC	\$34,750	\$34,750.00	\$0.00	12	\$2,895.83
Bladen CC	\$31,587	\$31,587.00	\$0.00	11	\$2,871.54
Blue Ridge CC	\$42,593	\$50,002.00	\$0.00	15	\$3,333.47
Brunswick CC	\$34,879	\$34,879.00	\$0.00	6	\$5,813.16
Caldwell CC and TI	\$52,942	\$52,942.00	\$0.00	34	\$1,557.11
Cape Fear CC	\$99,957	\$64,577.50	\$35,379.50	11	\$5,870.68
Carteret CC	\$35,600	\$35,600.00	\$0.00	6	\$5,933.33
Catawba Valley CC	\$58,300	\$11,282.50	\$47,015.50	5	\$2,256.50
Central Carolina CC	\$64,293	\$59,952.89	\$4,340.11	8	\$7,494.11
Central Piedmont CC	\$173,954	\$173,954.00	\$0.00	25	\$6,958.16
Cleveland CC	\$44,163	\$35,429.00	\$8,734.00	10	\$3,542.90
Coastal Carolina CC	\$55,708	\$86,710.41	\$0.00	24	\$3,612.93
College of the Albemarle	\$41,689	\$228.00	\$41,461.00	1	\$228.00
Craven CC	\$44,755	\$44,755.00	\$0.00	21	\$2,131.19
Davidson-Davie CC	\$53,448	\$68,399.19	\$0.00	26	\$2,630.73
Durham TCC	\$62,366	\$40,064.00	\$16,001.98	20	\$2,003.10
Edgecombe CC	\$34,620	\$34,620.00	\$0.00	12	\$2,885.00
Fayetteville TCC	\$114,944	\$114,944.00	\$0.00	23	\$4,997.56
Forsyth TCC	\$89,812	\$71,463.67	\$18,348.33	25	\$2,858.54
Gaston College	\$63,701	\$43,435.10	\$20,265.90	11	\$3,948.64
Guilford TCC	\$112,921	\$90,594.41	\$20,326.59	15	\$6,039.62
Halifax CC	\$28,273	\$38,365.00	\$0.00	16	\$2,397.81
Haywood CC	\$32,373	\$26,046.00	\$6,327.00	6	\$4,341.00
Isothermal CC	\$38,903	\$46,998.00	\$0.00	17	\$2,764.58
James Sprunt CC	\$32,286	\$31,794.18	\$491.82	16	\$1,987.13
Johnston CC	\$56,127	\$33,802.00	\$22,325.00	4	\$8,450.50
Lenoir CC	\$42,324	\$31,589.55	\$10,734.45	9	\$3,509.95
Martin CC	\$26,799	\$26,461.45	\$337.55	5	\$5,292.29
Mayland CC	\$27,036	\$7,092.00	\$19,944.00	2	\$3,546.00
McDowell TCC	\$30,274	\$14,915.00	\$15,359.00	3	\$4,971.66

Mitchell CC	\$44,368	\$16,050.00	\$28,318.00	3	\$9,439.33
Montgomery CC	\$27,790	\$5,138.15	\$22,651.50	5	\$1,027.10
Nash CC	\$43,110	\$31,950.80	\$11,159.20	10	\$3,195.08
Pamlico CC	\$23,335	\$2,032.00	\$21,303.00	1	\$2,032.00
Piedmont CC	\$30,479	\$30,283.44	\$195.56	10	\$3,028.34
Pitt CC	\$88,445	\$82,033.00	\$6,412.00	20	\$4,101.65
Randolph CC	\$41,571	\$40,607.65	\$963.35	17	\$2,388.68
Richmond CC	\$39,613	\$28,358.42	\$17,103.84	14	\$2,025.60
Roanoke-Chowan CC	\$25,110	\$27,744.00	\$0.00	7	\$3,963.42
Robeson CC	\$38,967	\$27,246.82	\$11,720.18	15	\$1,816.45
Rockingham CC	\$34,653	\$22,710.00	\$11,943.00	7	\$3,244.28
Rowan-Cabarrus CC	\$73,717	\$73,517.25	\$199.75	22	\$3,341.69
Sampson CC	\$36,762	\$40,003.35	\$0.00	17	\$2,353.13
Sandhills CC	\$54,847	\$25,408.32	\$29,438.68	7	\$3,629.76
South Piedmont CC	\$42,582	\$22,329.54	\$20,252.46	7	\$3,189.93
Southeastern CC	\$31,931	\$26,970.00	\$4,961.00	11	\$2,451.81
Southwestern CC	\$40,796	\$48,386.00	\$0.00	12	\$4,032.16
Stanly CC	\$39,699	\$49,862.00	\$0.00	14	\$3,561.57
Surry CC	\$45,691	\$43,090.00	\$2,601.00	8	\$5,386.25
Tri-County CC	\$29,898	\$9,248.12	\$20,649.88	7	\$1,321.16
Vance-Granville CC	\$44,046	\$35,108.75	\$8,937.25	8	\$4,388.59
Wake TCC	\$209,661	\$131,523.85	\$78,137.15	28	\$4,697.28
Wayne CC	\$47,854	\$53,203.40	\$0.00	18	\$2,955.74
Western Piedmont CC	\$36,848	\$33,314.64	\$3,533.36	11	\$3,028.60
Wilkes CC	\$41,753	\$36,351.97	\$5,401.03	19	\$1,913.26
Wilson CC	\$34,942	\$37,922.00	\$0.00	13	\$2,917.08
Total	\$3,038,215	\$2,501,231.54	\$638,037.70	744	\$3,593.82

In the fiscal year 2022-23, all childcare grant funds were paid directly to providers including individuals, licensed/unlicensed childcare providers, and before and after school service providers.

During the fiscal year, colleges reported they received 1375 applications for childcare grant assistance. At least 744 students received assistance through the NC Child Care Grant program. However, colleges reported inability to assist at least 631 students for various reasons including students not meeting eligibility or enrollment requirements for the grant, timeliness of the grant to promote to students, and amount of funding for some colleges.

At least twenty of the colleges fully expended and or exceeded their allocation in the 2022-23 fiscal year. A number of colleges reportedly used additional resources including institutional funds such as Student Support Services Grant, state funds such as Longleaf Complete Grant, C-Campus, County Partnership for Children, NC Pre-K, Foundation Trust funds, and federal fundings including the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) to assist students.

## **Conclusion**

The NC Child Care Grant Program is successfully helping student-parents remain in college. Clearly, there is a need for childcare grant assistance. Community colleges continue to review their practices to meet the needs of all students and remove barriers that limit student access to college. Colleges are diligent about utilizing the Child Care Grant Program and similar programs in an effort to obtain a postsecondary degree or credential.