



Tuition and Registration Fee Waiver Report

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

As Required by G.S. 115D-5(b2)

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
Tuition and Registration Fee Waiver Reporting for FY 2022-23

Background: G.S. 115D-5(b2) requires an annual report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on the number and type of tuition waivers granted.

Current Procedures: In summer of 2017, the North Carolina Community College System released a software patch that allows colleges to generate a report with this data from their financial system and transmit it to the System Office. The information contained in the attached report is compiled from the data obtained in this fashion.

Scope: The report contains information about tuition that is waived pursuant to G.S. 115D-5, with the exception that there is no data for the following two groups, as these groups do not have tuition or registration fees charged and therefore have nothing to waive:

- persons not enrolled in elementary or secondary schools who are taking courses leading to a high school diploma or equivalent certificate; and
- trainees enrolled in courses conducted under the Customized Training Program

Although the State Board of Community Colleges is not required to report on tuition waivers granted under the authority of G.S. 115B-2, they have been included in this report. These waivers include waivers for survivors of law enforcement officers, firefighters, volunteer firefighters, or rescue squad workers killed as a direct result of a traumatic injury sustained in the line of duty; spouses and children of such workers who become disabled as a direct result of a traumatic injury sustained in the line of duty; and wards of the State.

Executive Summary:

Tuition and registration fee waivers overall increased 10.7% during FY2022-23 to \$118,657,254. Interest continues to be strong in the popular Career and College Promise program, which allows North Carolina's high school students to be dually enrolled in postsecondary courses while earning their high school diploma. There was an increase in the Career and College Promise program of \$8.4 million over the prior year. This program continues to represent \$72.9 million (61.5%) of all waivers during the reporting year. Training for emergency service workers, such as law enforcement, fire, EMS, rescue, emergency response, and lifesaving personnel increased to \$38.8 million (32.7%) of total waivers. Human resource development waivers increased this year to \$3.5 million (2.9%), and the remaining \$3.5 million (3.0%) of waivers consist of those for corrections employees, CPR courses for elementary and secondary education employees, the youth apprenticeship program, and the waivers granted under G.S. 115B-2, as described previously. The following table provides the amounts and student counts for each waiver type.



Finance and Operations Division
2022-23 Tuition Waiver Analysis

	\$ Waived	# Waivers	# Students
Fire department (volunteer)	\$ 10,420,387	132,529	24,175
Fire department (municipal, county, or state)	\$ 8,530,237	113,214	14,060
EMS or rescue and lifesaving departments (volunteer)	\$ 1,458,489	18,721	5,191
EMS or rescue and lifesaving departments (municipal, county, or state)	\$ 4,102,351	52,669	11,791
Law enforcement, fire, EMS & rescue/lifesaving entities as an eligible lake authority	\$ 420	6	5
Law enforcement agencies (municipal, county, or state)	\$ 14,003,648	152,747	41,017
Radio Emergency Associated Citizen Teams (REACT)	\$ 13,565	182	151
Division of Adult Correction (Department of Public Safety) employees	\$ 2,349,625	29,588	9,578
Division of Juvenile Justice (Department of Public Safety) employees	\$ 5,345	63	61
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians law enforcement, fire, EMS rescue/lifesaving programs	\$ 4,720	58	31
North Carolina Criminal Justice Fellows Program	\$ -	-	-
Fire, EMS, or rescue and lifesaving personnel whose duty station is on a NC military installation	\$ 232,045	3,090	466
Elementary and secondary school employees in first aid/CPR courses	\$ 446,458	6,383	6,314
Human resources development program (eligible enrollees)	\$ 3,463,383	27,206	19,812
High school students (Career and College Promise)	\$ 72,915,641	328,775	83,589
Youth Apprenticeship	\$ 668,882	2,541	581
Eligible survivor ¹	\$ 13,292	60	10
Eligible spouse ¹	\$ 1,756	2	2
Eligible child ¹	\$ 10,839	51	9
Ward of the state	\$ -	-	-
Basic Skills Plus	\$ 16,171	84	58
	\$ 118,657,254	867,969	216,901

¹ Authorized by NCGS §115B-2

Unless otherwise noted, all waivers are authorized by NCGS §115D-5