

January 19, 1999

MEMORANDUM

TO: Selected Financial Aid Directors

FROM: William R. Strickland
Director, Student Development Services

SUBJECT: **NURSE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP
LOAN PROGRAM (NESLP)**

A review of the utilization of the Nurse Education Scholarship Loan Program allocations to your college reveals that as of January 13, 1999, your college has not expended any of the funds allotted for the 1998-1999 academic year. Attached is a copy of the interim report on funds utilization provided by the North Carolina Education Assistance Authority (NCEAA) which administers these funds. Staff from the NCEAA will be contacting you soon to inquire about your fund balance.

The NESLP provides an outstanding opportunity to assist nursing students to achieve their educational goals. Although the funds are provided to the student in the form of a loan, the obligation can be completely repaid through service in North Carolina following graduation. It is important that every effort be made to see that students in need of financial assistance have access to these funds.

The North Carolina Community College System has over the years had the highest utilization rate of these funds of all of higher education in the state. However, in the past two years we have not done as well in taking advantage of this opportunity. We must be concerned about the possibility that our failure to award these funds might be viewed as a lack of need for this student financial assistance.

Please review your nursing students' needs for financial assistance, and where there is genuine need, make every effort to utilize the NESLP funds.

If you have any questions about this program, please call me at your convenience.

Attachment

pc: President
Dr. Elizabeth Johns
Dr. Janyth Fredrickson

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