

January 19, 1999

MEMORANDUM

TO: Selected Financial Aid Directors

FROM: William R. Strickland
Director, Student Development Services

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

Attached is an interim report on the utilization of the NESLP funds allocated to the North Carolina Community College System. As of this date, only nine of our colleges have awarded all of the allocated funds for the 1998-1999 academic year. Colleges which have not yet awarded a significant proportion of their funds will soon be contacted by the staff of the North Carolina Education Assistance Authority which administers these funds.

If your college has not yet awarded all of its allotted funds, please review the financial assistance needs of your nursing students to be certain that all of their needs have been met. As you know, the NESLP, while it provides funds to students in the form of loans, permits students to repay their loans through service in North Carolina. This is an opportunity to assist students which must be utilized to the maximum degree possible.

The North Carolina Community College System has over the years had the highest rate among higher education in the state in the utilization of the NESLP funds. However, in the past two years our rate of awards to students has slipped. I seriously doubt that our nursing students' needs for financial assistance have diminished in that period. We must be concerned that our failure to award these funds might be perceived as a lack of need for this support and could result in placing these funds in jeopardy.

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

Attachment

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Dr. Elizabeth Johns
Dr. Janyth Fredrickson

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