

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES

2009-2010 NC Community College Grant and Projected Lottery Payment Schedule

The official payment schedule for the 2009 - 2010 NC Community College Grant program includes the Lottery Payment schedule. This schedule will provide the amount that each student will receive in the NC Community College Grant funding and the Lottery Scholarship. Approximately \$12.3 million in Community College Grants will be awarded to eligible students using the federal need based criteria. The grant will help students meet the cost of tuition, books, supplies and transportation expenses. Community College Grant awards will be awarded to students whose federal expected family contribution (EFC) is greater than \$900 and less than \$5,000.

The Lottery Scholarship is designed for students who demonstrate need for financial assistance while attending college. The simple philosophy of the scholarship is to provide gift aid to students whose federal expected family contribution is less than \$5,000. The Lottery Scholarship will help to build a “floor” of gift aid for students attending NC Community Colleges. This “floor” totals a maximum of \$4,200 for students who are enrolled full-time with prorated adjustments for students attending half- time or three-quarter time. Students whose EFC contribution ranges from \$1,801 up to \$5,000 will receive a maximum of \$4,200 in federal, state, and lottery scholarship funding. This funding package includes the federal Pell Grant, NC Community College Grant, and the NC Lottery Scholarship. (Example) *A student who has a family contribution of \$1,801 - \$1,900 will receive the following awards: Pell - \$3,200, Community College Grant \$900, and Lottery Scholarship \$100, totaling \$4,200.*

The North Carolina Community College Grant has expanded to increases eligibility for certain independent students to receive Community College Grant funding. Independent students, without dependents, other than a spouse, whose expected family contribution (EFC) ranges between \$5,001 and \$10,000, will now be eligible for the grant funds.

The contract with the NC State Education Assistance Authority provides for the web-based certification of eligible community college students and the distribution of funds to enrolled students, based on the certification by local financial aid officers. College Financial Aid Administrators will use the attached NC Community College Grant and Lottery Payment Schedule to award eligible students (attachment will be available on March 19, 2009).

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