



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

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TO: Community College Presidents, Chief Academic Officers, Chief Business Officers, Chief Continuing Education Administrators, Chief Student Development Administrators, Financial Aid Directors

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SUBJECT: **Workforce Resilience Grant Program (GEER II)**

DATE: January 11, 2023

At its meeting on October 21, 2022, the State Board of Community Colleges approved an allocation of \$5,000,000 to continue the Workforce Resilience Grant Program. This scholarship program helps cover the cost of attendance for eligible, credential aligned programs in Workforce Continuing Education.

Background:

Under the Governor’s Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER Fund), the U.S. Department of Education awards grants to Governors to provide local educational agencies (LEAs), institutions of higher education (IHEs), and other education-related entities with emergency assistance due to COVID-19. Under the “Certification and Agreement for Funding under the Education Stabilization Fund Program Governor’s Emergency Education Relief Fund” (CFDA Numbers: 84.425C), the Governor of NC established the Workforce Resilience Grant for eligible NC Community College students.

Eligibility Criteria:

At a minimum, eligible students applying for this scholarship must:

- Be able to attest they are a resident of North Carolina, employed in North Carolina, or intend to be employed in North Carolina. The Residency Determination Service (RDS) process is not required.
- Be enrolling in Workforce Continuing Education (WCE) pathways/courses leading to an NC Workforce Credential identified as either Essential or Career level. These pathways may consist of a single WCE course or a series of courses. Here is the link to this list:
<https://nccareers.org/credentials>.

Scholarship Award Requirements:

The intent of these funds is to remove access barriers to high-quality, in-demand, sustaining- wage careers for North Carolinians.

- Each college will determine grant award amounts based on student needs, local industry needs, number of eligible students, and cost of the course/pathway, up to either \$750 per course or the total cost of the course fee(s) if the fee(s) exceeds \$750.
- Funds may be used to cover the cost of tuition, fees, books, supplies, credentialing tests, transportation, childcare, and any other components of the total cost of attendance for students.
- Funds may only support instruction provided directly by NC Community Colleges and may not be used to support students pursuing courses provided by third-party instructional providers.

Allocation Award:

Each college is eligible for an allocation determined by the college’s Budget Full-Time Equivalency (BFTE) weighted for each funding Tier, as presented in Table 1.

Fund Availability:

Funding is made available through August 30, 2023.

Coding:

Colleges must use the new Financial Aid coding. Colleges may not use the coding from the previous Workforce Resilience Scholarships.

Required Workflows:

Due to the complexities of administering these funds and the associated state reporting requirements, Colleges shall follow the workflows that will be provided in ServiceNow documentation utilizing the Colleague Financial Aid module. These required processes will ensure correct awarding, coding, and reporting of aid to students, and facilitate data matching at the state-level to comply with the legislation’s reporting requirements. These funds shall not be processed using sponsorship or third-party payer workflows sometimes used for WCE student support programs.

Technical Assistance Webinar:

A webinar will be held January 17, 2023, at 2:00. to provide further guidance for implanting this grant program. A recording will be made available after the meeting. Below is the link to the Teams Meeting:

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Table 1: College Allocation Eligibility

College	Continuing Education 2021-22 BFTE (Weighted by Tier)	Allocation Percentage	Allocation Amount
Alamance CC	320.6	1.41%	\$ 70,069
Asheville-Buncombe TCC	313.5	1.38%	\$ 68,569
Beaufort County CC	240.6	1.06%	\$ 52,569
Bladen CC	161.0	0.71%	\$ 35,069
Blue Ridge CC	265.7	1.17%	\$ 58,069
Brunswick CC	203.5	0.89%	\$ 44,569
Caldwell CC and TI	654.1	2.88%	\$ 143,569
Cape Fear CC	784.0	3.45%	\$ 172,069
Carteret CC	213.8	0.94%	\$ 46,569
Catawba Valley CC	530.1	2.33%	\$ 116,569
Central Carolina CC	436.4	1.92%	\$ 95,569
Central Piedmont CC	465.4	2.05%	\$ 102,069
Cleveland CC	515.8	2.27%	\$ 113,069
Coastal Carolina CC	437.5	1.92%	\$ 96,069
College of The Albemarle	254.6	1.12%	\$ 55,569
Craven CC	480.9	2.11%	\$ 105,569
Davidson-Davie CC	229.2	1.01%	\$ 50,069
Durham TCC	480.7	2.11%	\$ 105,569
Edgecombe CC	276.6	1.22%	\$ 60,569
Fayetteville TCC	3,114.2	13.69%	\$ 684,568
Forsyth TCC	377.4	1.66%	\$ 82,569
Gaston College	153.0	0.67%	\$ 33,569
Guilford TCC	693.3	3.05%	\$ 152,069
Halifax CC	83.7	0.37%	\$ 18,069
Haywood CC	152.4	0.67%	\$ 33,569
Isothermal CC	137.1	0.60%	\$ 30,069
James Sprunt CC	348.3	1.53%	\$ 76,569
Johnston CC	455.7	2.00%	\$ 100,069
Lenoir CC	1,255.1	5.52%	\$ 275,568
Martin CC	98.9	0.43%	\$ 21,569
Mayland CC	113.2	0.50%	\$ 24,569
McDowell TCC	126.5	0.56%	\$ 27,569
Mitchell CC	288.4	1.27%	\$ 63,069
Montgomery CC	98.3	0.43%	\$ 21,569
Nash CC	295.1	1.30%	\$ 64,569
Pamlico CC	89.0	0.39%	\$ 19,569
Piedmont CC	288.7	1.27%	\$ 63,069
Pitt CC	367.1	1.61%	\$ 80,569
Randolph CC	252.6	1.11%	\$ 55,569
Richmond CC	321.1	1.41%	\$ 70,569
Roanoke Chowan CC	162.4	0.71%	\$ 35,569
Robeson CC	723.1	3.18%	\$ 158,569
Rockingham CC	164.4	0.72%	\$ 36,069
Rowan-Cabarrus CC	593.3	2.37%	\$ 130,069
Sampson CC	251.3	1.10%	\$ 55,069
Sandhills CC	333.2	1.46%	\$ 73,069
South Piedmont CC	497.3	2.19%	\$ 109,069
Southeastern CC	171.4	0.75%	\$ 37,569
Southwestern CC	232.2	1.02%	\$ 51,069
Stanly CC	441.0	1.94%	\$ 96,569
Surry CC	314.9	1.38%	\$ 69,069
Tri-County CC	119.1	0.52%	\$ 26,069
Vance-Granville CC	307.8	1.35%	\$ 67,569
Wake TCC	1,254.3	5.51%	\$ 275,569
Wayne CC	287.1	1.26%	\$ 63,069
Western Piedmont CC	92.1	0.40%	\$ 20,069
Wilkes CC	333.9	1.47%	\$ 73,069
Wilson CC	147.4	0.65%	\$ 32,069
Total FTE	22,745.6	100%	\$ 5,000,000