

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
Allocation for Career and Technical Education Reserve Funds – Basic Grant

Request: The State Board is asked to approve a total of \$69,713 in Perkins Reserve Fund allocations to 3 community colleges to enhance their Career and Technical Education (CTE) Associates of Applied Science (AAS) Programs for the period of July 1, 2016, through September 30, 2016.

Background: The purpose of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (Perkins) is to make the United States more competitive in the world economy by developing more fully the academic and technical skills of students who elect to engage in Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs. Perkins basic grant to colleges is to enhance postsecondary CTE programs of study, level the playing field for those who elect to enroll in CTE programs of study, and actively engage employers in the development and implementation of CTE programming leading to employment.

The act outlines nine required uses of funds and 16 permissive uses of funds that closely align to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) accreditation standard. Some of the uses of funds include: strengthening CTE programs of study, linking secondary and postsecondary programs of study, teaching all aspects of business and industry, developing, improving and expanding CTE programs of study, program evaluation, and services to special populations including single parents, displaced homemakers, economically disadvantaged families, individuals with disabilities, as well as students preparing for non-traditional careers. In addition, the Carl D. Perkins Act of 2006 has six postsecondary accountability measures including items such as technical attainment, retention, completion and credentials, and job placement.

Method of Allocation: Reserve funds are dollars set aside to address CTE programs in rural areas as well as programs with a high concentration of CTE students. In this case we have elected to allocate funds to three rural colleges: Pamlico, Martin, and Montgomery Community Colleges. Allocations were based on a percent of the total funds in relationship to total number of students enrolled in CTE programs of study and receiving pell grant funds. These colleges do not traditionally receive their allocation, rather must enter into a consortia to receive benefits from the basic grant. Allocating funds to these colleges will go toward leveling the playing field and allowing these rural colleges their own grant funds.

Rural Colleges Recommended for Funding	Award Amount
Pamlico Community College	\$15,792
Martin Community College	\$23,744
Montgomery Community College	\$30,177
Total Allocations	\$69,713

Allocation Amount and Time Period: The reserve allocation to 3 colleges is for a total of \$69,713 for the period of July 1, 2016, to September 30, 2016. This allocation will continue to be based on availability of federal funding and satisfactory progress by each college.

Funding Source and Availability: Funding is available through the Carl D. Perkins Act of 2006.

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