



# **Tuition and Registration Fee Waiver Report**

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A Report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight  
Committee

Submitted by the State Board of Community Colleges

As Required by G.S. 115D-5(b2)

**STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES**  
**Tuition and Registration Fee Waiver Reporting**  
**FY 2016-17**

**Background:** Session Law 2017-57 enacted G.S. 115D-5(b2), which reads, “Beginning February 1, 2018, and annually thereafter, the State Board of Community Colleges shall report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on the number and type of waivers granted pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.” The report contained herein is the first of such reporting to the General Assembly.

**Current Procedures:** In the summer of 2017, the North Carolina Community Colleges System Office released a software patch that allows colleges to generate a report with this data from their financial system and transmit it to the System Office. The information contained in the attached report is compiled from the data obtained in this fashion.

**Scope:** The report contains information about tuition that is waived pursuant to G.S. 115D-5, with the exception that there is no data for the following two groups, as these groups do not have tuition or registration fees charged and therefore have nothing to waive:

- persons not enrolled in elementary or secondary schools who are taking courses leading to a high school diploma or equivalent certificate; and
- trainees enrolled in courses conducted under the Customized Training Program

Although the State Board of Community Colleges is not required to report on tuition waivers granted under the authority of G.S. 115B-2, they have been included in this report. These waivers include waivers for survivors of a law enforcement officers, firefighters, volunteer firefighters, or rescue squad workers killed as a direct result of a traumatic injury sustained in the line of duty; spouses and children of such workers who become disabled as a direct result of a traumatic injury sustained in the line of duty; and wards of the State.

**Executive Summary:**

The Career and College Promise program, which allows North Carolina’s high school students to be dually enrolled in postsecondary courses while earning their high school diploma, represents nearly half (\$44.5 million or 44.9%) of all waivers during the fiscal year. Training for emergency service workers, such as law enforcement, fire, EMS, rescue, emergency response, and lifesaving personnel made up \$40.5 million (40.9%) of the total waivers. Human resource development waivers amounted to \$10.4 million (10.5%), and the remaining \$3.6 million (3.6%) of waivers were for corrections inmates and employees, CPR courses for elementary and secondary education employees, and the waivers granted under G.S. 115B-2, as described previously. The following table provides the amounts and student counts for each waiver type.



Business and Finance Division  
2016-17 Tuition Waiver Analysis

2017		
\$ Waived	Colleges	Students

<b>Overview</b>			
Curriculum	\$ 47,252,088	58	53,432
Continuing Ed	51,731,893	58	195,725
<b>Grand totals</b>	<b>\$ 98,983,981</b>		<b>249,157</b>

Fire department (volunteer)	\$ 11,632,432	57	34,909
Fire department (municipal, county, or state)	6,360,223	56	14,805
EMS or rescue and lifesaving departments (volunteer)	2,157,955	58	7,394
EMS or rescue and lifesaving departments (municipal, county, or state)	3,625,176	58	11,823
Law enforcement, fire, EMS & rescue/lifesaving entities as an eligible lake authority	-	-	-
Radio Emergency Associated Citizen Teams (REACT)	11,885	7	116
Law enforcement agencies (municipal, county, or state)	16,513,898	58	49,709
Division of Adult Correction (Department of Public Safety) employees	2,853,540	30	13,296
Division of Juvenile Justice (Department of Public Safety) employees	6,055	12	77
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians law enforcement, fire, EMS rescue/lifesaving programs	9,405	6	29
Fire, EMS, or rescue and lifesaving personnel whose duty station is on a NC military installation*	193,590	10	538
Elementary and secondary school employees in first aid/CPR courses	499,028	39	7,314
Human resources development program (eligible enrollees)	10,421,731	58	57,229
High school students (Career and College Promise)	44,489,451	58	51,586
Youth Apprenticeship*	135,086	8	124
Eligible survivor <sup>1</sup>	5,092	4	4
Eligible spouse <sup>1</sup>	-	-	-
Eligible child <sup>1</sup>	7,144	4	7
Ward of the State <sup>1</sup>	1,520	1	1
Basic Skills Plus (only for approved colleges)	60,770	23	196
<b>Grand totals</b>	<b>\$ 98,983,981</b>		<b>249,157</b>

\*New waiver for this fiscal year

<sup>1</sup> Authorized by NCGS §115B-2

Unless otherwise noted, all waivers are authorized by NCGS §115D-5