

Counselor Update:

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The State Education Assistance Authority (SEAA) administers financial aid programs for North Carolina students enrolling at North Carolina's two-year and four-year public and private campuses. In this issue of the CFNC newsletter for counselors, we highlight several programs, and we encourage you to provide this information to your students.

Please note that more detailed information about these programs can be found via the Web links provided, as well as in the Fall 2007 edition of *Financial Aid for North Carolinians*, which was mailed to high school counseling offices in early December. The book contains details of many other programs not included in this newsletter, including federal, state and private programs, loans, 529 Plans, tax credits and others of

interest to students seeking to finance a college education. The book is also posted online at CFNC.org/fabook. Please make your students aware of this resource.

A chart summarizing the basic information on each of the programs listed below will soon be available at CFNC.org. Click the "School Counselor" link on the left side of the page; then click the "announcements and news" link; then click the link for SEAA programs for college freshmen.

Students must be North Carolina residents for tuition purposes to qualify for the programs below. Funding for certain programs could be exhausted if students do not apply for aid and gain acceptance to a qualifying campus in a timely manner. Please remind your students to submit their college applications NOW if they have not

already done so, and to apply for financial aid no later than March 1 (sooner if a campus they are considering has an earlier deadline.) Students and families needing help completing the FAFSA should visit CFNC.org/fafsaday for information about the February 9, 2008 FAFSA Day program that will take place at 56 locations across the state, or to register for the event.



Major Programs

To be considered for the following programs, students must submit a FAFSA, and list at least one qualifying North Carolina campus. Links providing full program details, including eligibility requirements and value, are listed.

Education Access Rewards North Carolina (EARN): Provides need-based awards of up to \$4,000 for two years of study to qualifying students attending NC community colleges and public universities. Details available at CFNC.org/EARN.

North Carolina Community College Grant: Provides \$100 to \$900 to students attending NC community colleges. Details available at CFNC.org/NCCCG.



Major Programs Continued

North Carolina Education Lottery Scholarship: Provides need-based awards of \$100 to \$2,500 to students attending NC community colleges, public universities, independent colleges and universities and certain other private institutions. Details are available at CFNC.org/ELS.

North Carolina Legislative Tuition Grant (LTG): \$1,950 is available to full-time students attending NC independent non-profit postsecondary institutions.

The FAFSA is not required for this program. Details are available at CFNC.org/NCLTG.

North Carolina Student Incentive Grant (NCSIG) Provides need-based awards of \$700 to students attending NC community colleges, public universities, independent campuses and certain other private institutions. While the deadline is March 15, funds are typically exhausted by late February. Details are available at CFNC.org/NCSIG.

State Contractual Scholarship Fund (SCSF): Provides need-based awards to students attending NC independent non-profit postsecondary institutions. Details are available at CFNC.org/SCSF.

University of North Carolina Need-Based Grant: Provides need-based awards of \$200 to \$3,400 for the year to students attending public North Carolina universities. Details are available at CFNC.org/UNCNB.

Career-Specific Programs

The following programs are designed to assist students who plan to pursue specific critical needs career paths. These programs are need-based unless otherwise noted, and students must enroll full-time unless otherwise noted.

Each programs in this section requires a separate application.

All programs in this section are scholarship loans. Recipients must work in North Carolina in the specified career field to

repay these scholarship loans; recipients who do not fulfill the service obligation must repay the loans in cash, with interest.

Health and Nursing Programs

Nurse Education Scholarship Loan Program
Need-based assistance for nursing students. Apply through the financial aid offices of North Carolina colleges and universities that offer nurse education programs.

Deadlines may vary; contact the college financial aid office for details.

Full program details can be found at CFNC.org/NESLP.

Nurse Scholars Program
A competitive, merit-based scholarship loan program for students who want to be nurses. Financial need is not a criterion.

The 2008-09 application deadlines and award amounts are:

- February 28, 2008 for Bachelor of Science in Nursing \$5,000/year up to four years.
- May 3, 2008 for Associate Degree in Nursing \$3,000/year up to 2 years.

The application will be available in early January 2008. More details, including the application link and other requirements can be found at CFNC.org/NSP.

NC Student Loan Program for Health, Science and Mathematics (HSM)

This program provides financial assistance to needy students pursuing degrees or other recognized credentials in selected health programs. Recipients attending community colleges will receive \$3,000 per year. Recipients attending four-year campuses will receive \$5,000 per year.

The application will be available online in early January 2008; the 2008-09 application deadline for new students is May 1, 2008. For complete details, a list of qualifying programs, repayment provisions and a link to the application visit CFNC.org/HSM.



Teaching Programs

Millennium Teacher Scholarship Program

For high school seniors attending Fayetteville State University or Winston-Salem State University who plan to teach. Awards are valued at \$6,500 per year for up to four years of study. Application information is available through the schools of education or financial aid offices at the two participating campuses. Students should check with the campus to determine the

application deadline for 2008-09. More program details are available at CFNC.org/MTSL.

Prospective Teacher Scholarship Loan

Merit-based program designed to provide scholarship loans to students pursuing degrees to become teachers in North Carolina public schools. Funds are available to both community college students and four-year college and university students enrolled in

teacher preparation programs at qualifying campuses. Freshmen and sophomores are eligible for awards of \$2,500 per year. Juniors and seniors are eligible for \$4,000 per year.

The application will be available in early January 2008, and the deadline for 2008-09 is April 6, 2008. Full details, including the application link and other requirements can be found at CFNC.org/PTSL.



Private Scholarships

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Need-based. Available to students who permanently reside in one of 14 counties and will attend either NC State University, UNC at Chapel Hill or UNC at Greensboro. The maximum award for 2008-09 is \$8,000. The program also provides a one-time computer allowance of up to \$3,000 and summer internships, research and study abroad opportunities.

The application deadline is February 1, 2008. Applicants must also submit the PROFILE

no later than January 25, 2008. Full program details, including a link to the PROFILE form, a list of qualifying counties and a link to the application, can be found at CFNC.org/brooks.

Jagannathan Scholarship

This award is available to graduating high school seniors who plan to enroll as college freshmen in a full-time degree program at one of the constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina. Recipients are selected on the basis of academic achievement

(as indicated by class rank, cumulative GPA, and SAT scores), leadership and financial need, and must be nominated by their high school or college.

The application will be available in December 2007. The application deadline is February 15, 2008. Applicants must also submit the PROFILE no later than February 8, 2008. Full program details, including a link to the PROFILE form and a link to the application, can be found at CFNC.org/jag.

Mark Your Calendars

FAFSA Day is February 9, 2008.

Please display the posters and fliers you will receive between now and January, and encourage your students to attend if they need help completing and submitting their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forms.

We always welcome the help of counselors who want to serve as greeters that day; please contact Robbie Schultz if you would like to volunteer at a program in your area: Robbie@ncseaa.edu or 800-700-1775 ext. 4686. For more information, visit CFNC.org/fafsaday.

Summer Internship for High School Counselors

In late January 2008, SEAA will post details of the paid summer internship in college financial aid offices along with the 2008 application at www.ncseaa.edu/internship.htm



This newsletter will be distributed occasionally to counselors and counseling coordinators in North Carolina who previously expressed an interest in receiving updates on funding programs administered by SEAA, College Foundation of North Carolina initiatives and other programs of interest to counselors. We hope you find the information useful, but if you wish to be deleted from the distribution list, or if you have other questions relating to this publication, please contact Nicole Roach at nroach@ncseaa.edu or Robbie Schultz at robbie@ncseaa.edu or 800-700-1775 ext. 4670 (Nicole) or ext. 4686 (Robbie).