

ELIZABETH CITY STATE UNIVERSITY
Guidelines for the UNC Campus Scholarship Program

PREAMBLE

The 2002 North Carolina Legislature created the UNC Campus Scholarships, which became effective July 1, 2003, by consolidating the former Elizabeth City State University Incentive Program, Incentive Grants for Certain Constituent Institutions, Incentive Scholarship Program for Native Americans, the Minority Presence Grant, Freshman Scholars Programs and Legislative College Opportunity Program. These guidelines are intended to govern the award and offers of undergraduate scholarships under the UNC Campus Scholarship Program at Elizabeth City State University pursuant to Session Law 2002-126, Section 9.4: <http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2001/Bills/Senate/HTML/S1115v7.html>. The State Education Assistance Authority administers the UNC Campus Scholarships

A. GOALS FOR USE OF FUNDS UNDER THE UNC CAMPUS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

It has been determined that there is insufficient diversity within ECSU's undergraduate student population to provide the educational benefits of diversity. Based on this determination, ECSU will use at least a portion of the funds available under the UNC Campus Scholarship Program to promote diversity within the undergraduate student body to the extent allowed by the constitution and laws of State of North Carolina and the United States. Diversity, as used within these guidelines, shall be viewed broadly and take into account various factors including but not limited to: geographic origin; age; socioeconomic status; race; ethnicity; disability; gender and veteran status. The UNC Campus Scholarship Program is open to all students who meet eligibility requirements. The scholarship amount will vary depending on the student's financial need and other financial aid resources available to the student.

B. NORTH CAROLINA RESIDENCY AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Awards under the UNC Scholarship Program are restricted to students who are North Carolina residents and meet other eligibility requirements as set forth herein and in SECTION C below. Funds in the UNC Campus Scholarships allocated for doctoral study are reallocated based on the proportion of doctoral students enrolled at the campuses that have doctoral students and they are committed only to doctoral students who are North Carolina residents and are based on need. Funds in the UNC Campus Scholarships allocated for undergraduate Native American students are also available. To be eligible for such a grant, a student must be a resident of North Carolina and must be a Native American, defined as an individual who maintains cultural and political identification as a Native American through membership in an Indian tribe recognized by the State of North Carolina or by the United States.

C. ELIGIBILITY

1. Freshmen

- a) Entrance Eligibility. To be eligible for ECSU's UNC Campus Scholarships, as an entering freshman, a student must meet the following minimum requirements:
- (1) Be a North Carolina resident;
 - (2) Be a graduate of a North Carolina high school who graduated with a cumulative weighted GPA of 2.5 or higher;
 - (3) Meet admissibility criteria to the University under University and UNC System rules;
 - (4) Apply for federal aid by completing and submitting the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) by the required date and demonstrate financial need as defined by the U.S. Department of Education;
 - (5) Currently be enrolled in an ECSU degree program;
 - (6) Agree to participate in ECSU's academic improvement effort, the First Year Experience, which includes an assessment of the student's general education background and readiness for upper division work;
 - (7) Exhibit high moral and ethical standards in personal and scholastic behavior as set forth by ECSU's Student Handbook, Catalogue and Student Code of Conduct.
- b) Value of Scholarship
- (1) UNC Campus Scholarships have a maximum value of Two Thousand Five Hundred (\$2,500.00) per recipient per academic year and will be used after all need-based funds, from other sources, for which a student is also eligible have been included in the student's financial aid package;
 - (2) The total award under the program shall carry up to a maximum value equal to the amount specified in the institution's grant equity policy for in-state students;
 - (3) A student who receives a UNC Campus Scholarship, as an entering freshman, can receive the scholarship up to a maximum of eight (8) semesters.
- c) Continuing Eligibility. Continuing eligibility for a student awarded a UNC Campus Scholarship, as an entering freshman, requires maintenance of an academic year grade point average or a cumulative grade point average on the following scale:
- (1) End of Freshman Year:
Maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined by the institution and be enrolled full-time;

- (2) End of Sophomore Year:
Maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined by the institution and be enrolled full-time;
- (3) End of Junior Year:
Maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined by the institution and be enrolled full-time;
- (4) End of Senior Year;
Maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined by the institution and be enrolled full-time;

2. Transfer Students

- a) Entrance Eligibility. To be eligible for ECSU's UNC Campus Scholarships, as an entering transfer student, a student must meet the following minimum requirements:
 - (1) Be a North Carolina resident;
 - (2) Be admitted with at least 24 transfer credit hours;
 - (3) Apply for federal aid by completing and submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the required date and demonstrate financial need as defined by the U.S. Department of Education;
 - (4) Currently be enrolled in an ECSU degree program;
 - (5) Exhibit high moral and ethical standards in personal and scholastic behavior as set forth by ECSU's Student Handbook, Catalogue and Student Code of Conduct.
- b) Value of Scholarship
 - (1) UNC Campus Scholarships have a maximum value of Two Thousand Five Hundred (\$2,500.00) per recipient per academic year and will be used after all need-based funds, from other sources, for which a student is also eligible have been included in the student's financial aid package;
 - (2) The total award under the program shall carry up to a maximum value equal to the amount specified in the institution's grant equity policy for in-state students;
 - (3) A student who receives a UNC Campus Scholarship, as a transfer student, can receive it up to a maximum of four (4) semesters.

- c) Continuing Eligibility. Continuing eligibility for a student awarded a UNC Campus Scholarship, as a transfer student, requires maintenance of an academic year grade point average or a cumulative grade point average on the following scale:
- (1) End of Junior Year:
Maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined by the institution and be enrolled full-time;
 - (2) End of Senior Year:
Maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined by the institution and be enrolled full-time.

D. REINSTATEMENT FOR FAILURE TO MAINTAIN ELIGIBILITY STATUS

1. The Director of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships will provide written notice to any recipient of a UNC Campus Scholarship who fails to maintain eligibility status under the program.
2. Upon receipt of notice as set forth in SECTION D.1, a student may seek reinstatement of a UNC Campus Scholarship award by submitting a written request for reinstatement to the Director of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships.
3. If the student meets academic progress, credit hour progress and other requirements and UNC Campus Scholarship funds are available at the time reinstatement is requested, a student may be reinstated by the Director of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships. The Director of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships will provide a written decision on whether or not reinstatement will be granted which shall be a final decision.
4. A student can only be granted one reinstatement under the UNC Campus Scholarship Program.