



NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All North Carolina Public Universities and Community Colleges

FROM: Martin D. Falls, Deputy Secretary, NC Department of Military and Veteran Affairs

SUBJECT: North Carolina Scholarship for Children of War-Time Veterans

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The North Carolina Department of Military and Veteran Affairs (Department) will unfortunately be required to reduce the funding amount for the North Carolina Scholarship for Children of War-Time Veterans from FY 2018-19. The Department received an additional one-time appropriation from the General Assembly in the amount of \$2.4 million in FY 2018-19 and was therefore able to allocate a greater amount for room and board than in prior years. The Department requested the \$2.4 million to be made recurring for this Fiscal Year and funding was included in Governor Cooper's recommended budget. The funding was not included in any bill passed by the General Assembly. The Department will pay tuition and fees as outlined in G.S. 143B-1225 and will reduce payments to room and board, as allowed in G.S. 143B-1227(c), in order to fund required tuition and fee payments.

The \$2.4 million in FY 2018-2019 was critical funding that allowed the Department to keep pace with increased scholarship demand and increased costs of college attendance. The Department awarded 405 scholarships for the 2019-2020 academic year versus 342 in the 2016-2017 academic year. Expenditures have increased over \$1,436,852 in that time. The number of Class 1-B scholarship recipients, children of veterans who are determined and rated 100% permanent and totally disabled due to service-connected disability, has grown annually. This scholarship class is automatically guaranteed a scholarship and is expected to increase in the future due to the United States being at war since 2001.

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The amounts we are able to provide for the 2019-2020 school year for room and board allowance are as follows:

Public Universities:

	<u>Previous Year (2018-2019)</u>	<u>Current Year (2019-2020)</u>
Room Allowance:	\$2,000.00	\$1,150.00
Board Allowance:	\$1,200.00	\$ 675.00

Community Colleges:

	<u>Previous Year (2018-2019)</u>	<u>Current Year (2019-2020)</u>
Room Allowance:	\$350.00	\$250.00
Board Allowance:	\$500.00	\$350.00

Please make the appropriate adjustments to your 2019 Fall Semester invoice for the scholarship recipients that receive a room and board allowance.

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding and we will keep you apprised of any additional changes in this funding to help serve our state's veterans and their families.