



State Update

North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority

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The College Foundation of North Carolina Free Information Service

Whether you're a student, a parent, or a school counselor, the College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC) is your one-stop resource for information about attending college in North Carolina. This is a free service provided by the state of North Carolina to increase access to higher education.

[Plan](#)

Take the first step. Tools and resources will help you plan for high school, college, and careers:

- Choose and plan your high school courses
- Learn how to earn college credits while still in high school
- Use savings and budgeting calculators to help with financial planning
- Explore college programs and majors
- Use the interactive College Search tool to get information on North Carolina colleges, including:

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When you're ready, find all the information you need to apply to college and request financial aid:

- Complete the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#)
- Apply to colleges, track your applications, submit transcripts
- Complete your [North Carolina Residency Determination](#) to secure in-state tuition and state

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Learn about the types of financial aid and savings tools available to help you pay for college, including:

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State-Funded Loans



Forgivable Education Loans

Forgivable education loans are offered by the State of North Carolina and can be "forgiven" by working in an approved professional position. If you do not qualify for loan forgiveness (you did not graduate from the program on a full-time basis, you are not currently employed in a qualifying position in the State of North Carolina) you must repay the loan in cash.

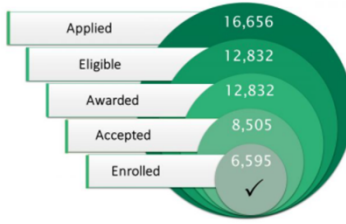
National Board Certification Loans

National Board Certification Loans help eligible teachers pay the assessment fee for National Board Certification. These are non-forgivable loans that must be repaid in cash.

Choose your loan from the list below to learn more about repayment options:

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Opportunity Scholarship Summary of Data



Stage	Count
Applied	16,656
Eligible	12,832
Awarded	12,832
Accepted	8,505
Enrolled	6,595

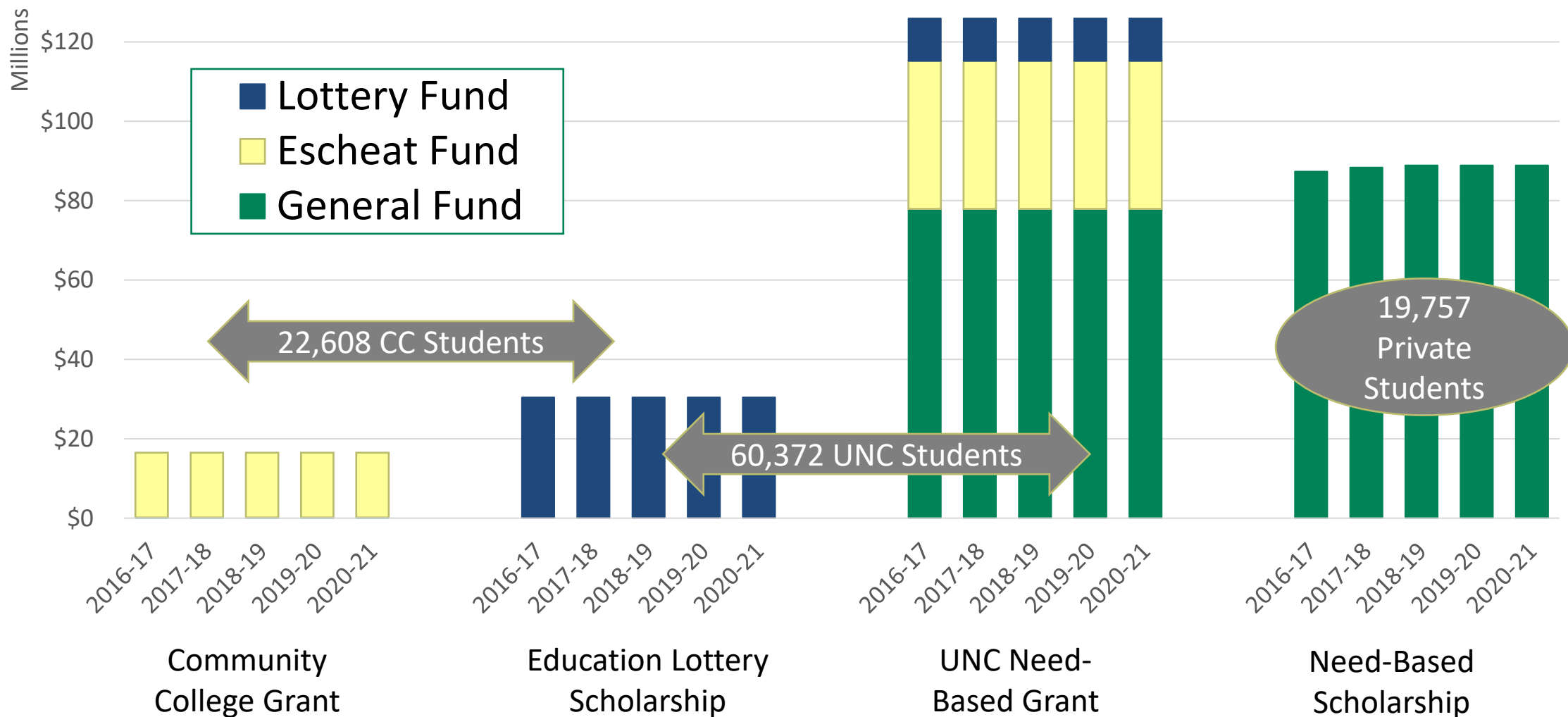
2020-21 School Year as of 03/09/2021

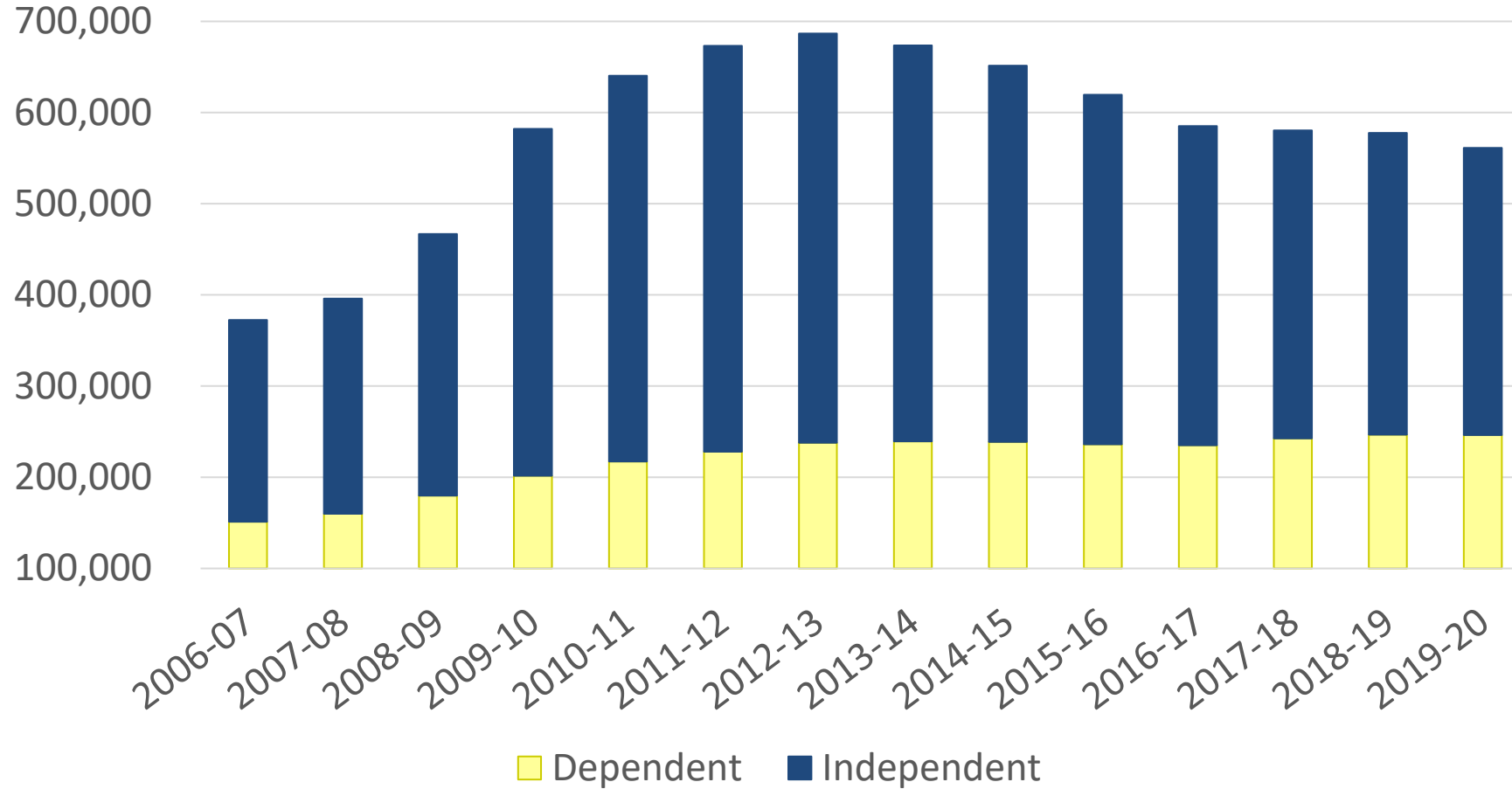
New Student Applicants*

[New Applicants by Nonpublic School](#)
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[New Applicants by County](#)

*The infographic above represents new student data.

State-Funded Need-Based Grants





- Focus on increasing number of high school seniors completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) continues
- MyFutureNC www.myfuturenc.org
 - Enlisted support from school superintendents and DPI
 - Provided support to Countdown to College
 - Created FAFSA tracker/dashboard to provide data on FAFSA completion by high school/district.

NC First in FAFSA Tracker

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What percentage of seniors at each North Carolina High School have completed the FAFSA?

Students who complete the FAFSA are more likely to attend college.



2020 North Carolina FAFSA Challenge

School Name (All) District Name (All) Geographical Density (All) Students of Color % (2019-2020) 0 100 ⓘ

County (All) School Type Traditional Public School Senior Class Size (2020-2021) (All) Low Income % (2019-2020) 0 100 ⓘ



Outreach: 2021 FAFSA Drive-In Events



FAFSA Drive-in Locations



April 10

- Barton College
- Fayetteville Tech CC
- Forsyth Tech CC
- Guilford Tech CC
- Rowan-Cabarrus CC

April 17

- College of The Albemarle
(2 locations)
- Forsyth Tech CC
- Robeson CC

April 24

- Blue Ridge CC
- Caldwell CC & Tech Inst (2 locations)
- Central Piedmont CC
- Forsyth Tech CC
- Mayland CC
- Pitt CC
- UNC Pembroke
- Wake Tech CC (2 locations)

State Budget and Legislative Update

Program-Related Bills

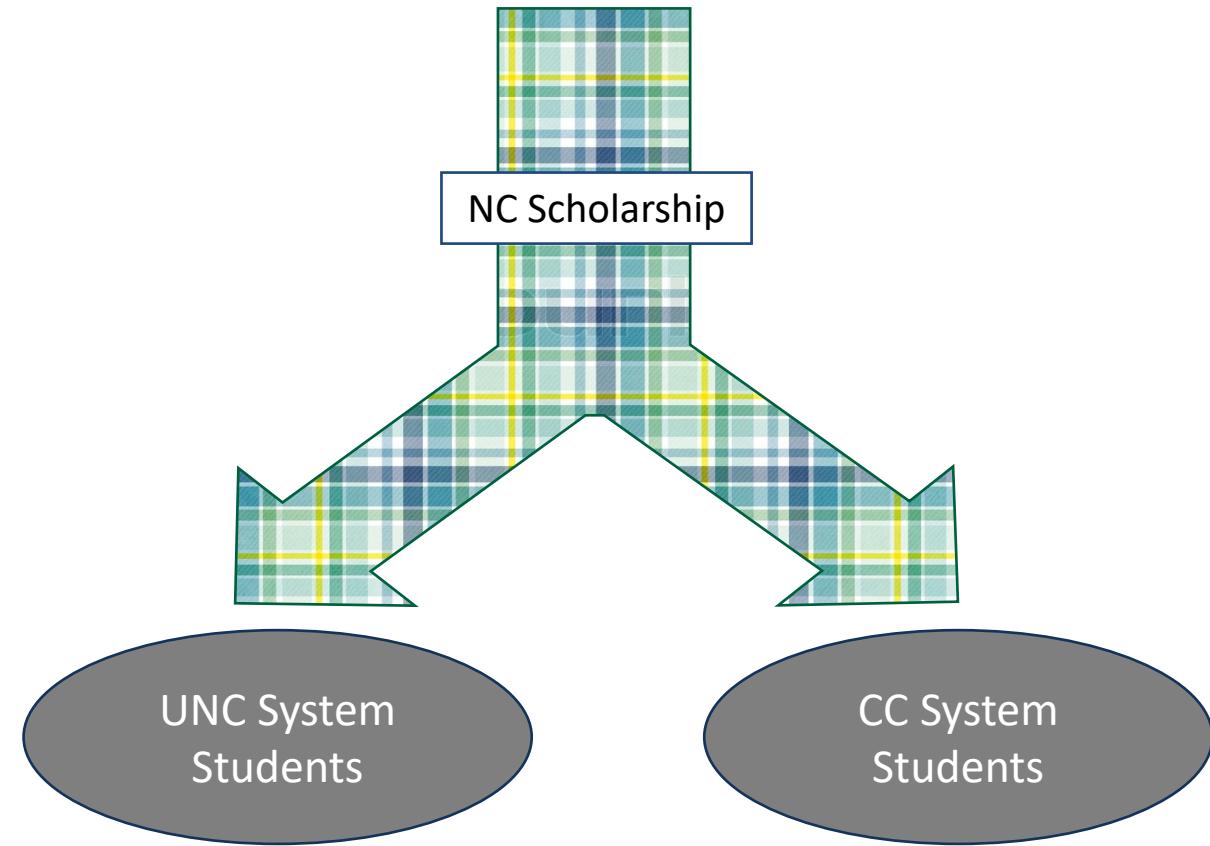
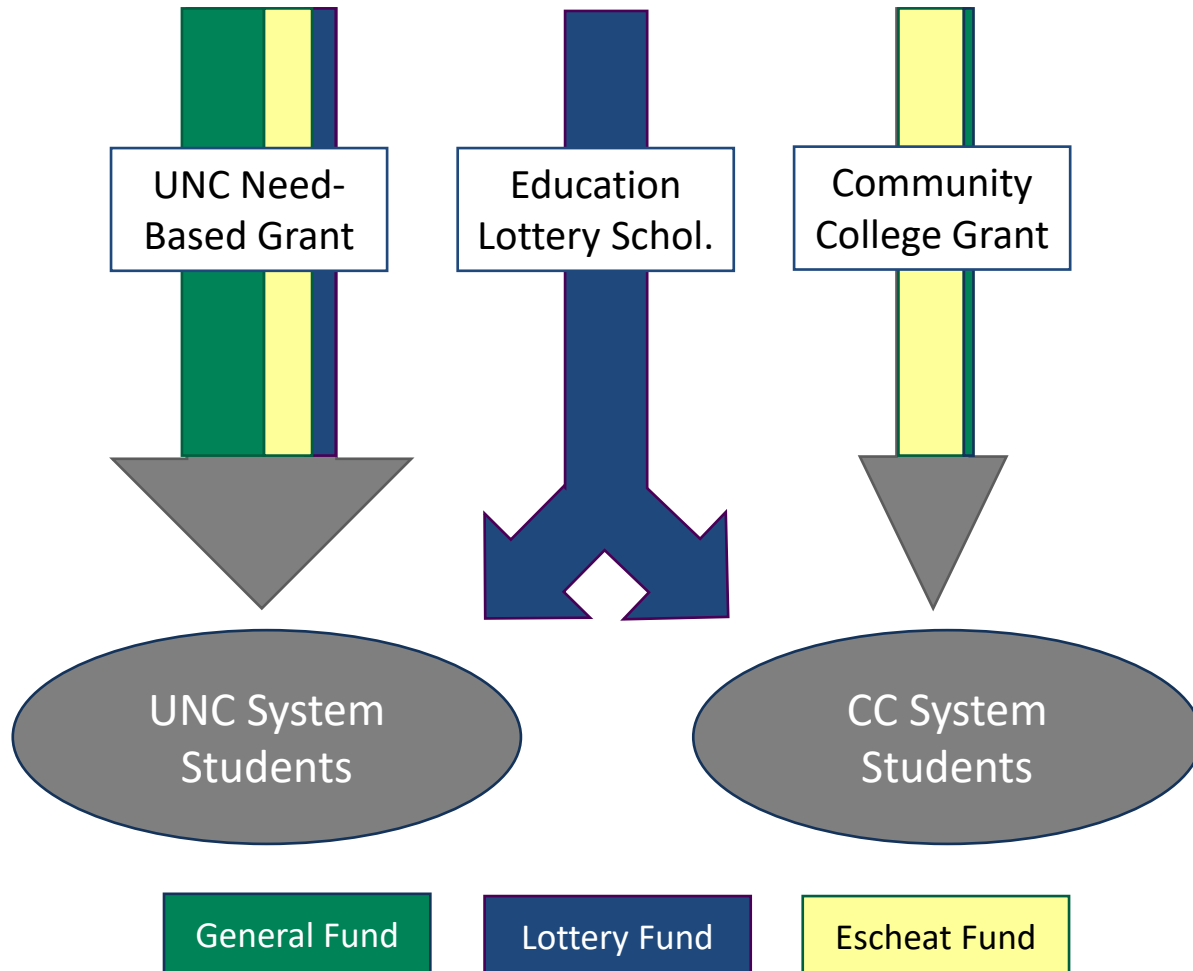
- S108 – Tuition Grants for NCSSM
- S289 – National Guard Modifications
- S418 – NC Teaching Fellows/HMSI

Residency/ Tuition-Related Bills

- H53 – Education Changes for Military Connected-Students
- H81/S8 – In-State Pilot Tuition Program
- S140 – Allow In-State Tuition/Athletic Scholarships

COVID-19 Relief Funds

- Administered \$125M in relief funds, including funds for:
 - Independent colleges & universities
 - Families of K12 students with disabilities
 - K12 nonpublic schools



Request	FY 2021-2022	
	Recurring	Non-Recurring
Financial Aid Simplification		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Funds to Update the State-Funded Grant IT System.</i> Updates to implement the financial aid simplification policy request. 		\$3,500,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Funds for Public Awareness Campaign.</i> Inform students, families and high schools about the financial aid simplification. 		\$1,500,000
FAFSA Completion/Outreach		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Funds for Increased Communications and Outreach.</i> Increased outreach to students, families and schools. 	\$745,000 Up to 5 positions	
Efficient & Effective Use of State Grant Funds		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Funds for Data and Analytics.</i> Capacity to collect and analyze data related to State grants and other programs to ensure efficient and effective use of State grant funds. 	\$125,000 1 position	
TOTAL	\$870,000 R	\$5,000,000 NR

- **Financial Aid Simplification and Consolidation.** Consolidate the UNC Need-Based Grant, the Community College Grant, and the Education Lottery Scholarship into a single State scholarship program with a consistent, predictable formula to inform students and families about grant eligibility in a much timelier manner. This consolidation would not reduce the amount of funds available to UNC System and community college students.
- **Combine K12 Scholarship Programs for Children with Disabilities.** Currently, the Disabilities Grant and the Education Savings Account programs both pay tuition or other qualified expenses related to educating a child with a disability. Many families qualify for both programs – 70% of ESA program participants also received a Disabilities Grant, 13.5% also received an Opportunity Scholarship, and 10% received all three. Applying for and complying with regulations for three separate programs can be stressful and confusing for families – merging the Education Savings Account and Disabilities Grant program into one, combined program can help ease this burden for families and make more efficient use of state resources.
- **Raise Cap on Opportunity Scholarship Administrative Costs.** The current cap on administrative allowance for the Opportunity Scholarship (up to 4% or \$1.5M) has not kept pace with the program's growth, and in particular the increased costs in onboarding new families. Around 40% of scholarship recipients in each year are new to the program.

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