

Certain Private Education Institutions Grant (CPEI)

Frequently Asked Questions

Q1. *What is the CPEI?*

A. The CPEI (Certain Private Education Institutions Grant) is a program administered by the North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority (Authority). The program is designed to assist qualified North Carolina residents who attend Roanoke Bible College in Elizabeth City and Southeastern College in Wake Forest.

Q2. *What are the eligibility requirements for the CPEI?*

A. An applicant must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Have carried the minimum academic load for credit the entire academic year
- Be enrolled at an approved institution on the certificate date
- Not be eligible for a similar State Grant under another State program for the same academic year
- Be registered or exempt from Selective Service registration.

Q3. *How do I apply to the program?*

A. In order to be considered for a CPEI, a student must complete an application from the Institution that the student attends or plans to attend and submit it to the authorized school official at the institution. The application must be submitted prior to the certification date, the last day of the spring term.

Q4. *What is the application review process?*

A. The authorized school official is responsible for reviewing each grant application and certifying the applicant's eligibility based on the program Rules. If the institution determines that an applicant does not qualify to receive a CPEI for an academic year for which a grant was requested, the authorized school official shall notify the applicant of the determination in writing.

- Q5. *Is there a maximum award I can receive through CPEI?*
- A. The maximum amount of the CPEI Grant payable to each student who qualifies for the grant for any academic year is determined by the North Carolina General Assembly. For the 2007-08 year, the amount is \$1,950. In the event there are insufficient funds to provide the maximum state grant to each student who qualifies for the grant, each student shall receive a prorated share of the available funds. The grant will be reduced by 25% if the qualified student has completed more than 140 hours of instruction.
- Q6. *What are the refund requirements for this grant?*
- A. If an approved institution erroneously certifies a student for a grant or the Authority erroneously disburses a grant that was not properly due a student, then upon notification of the error or invalid disbursement, the student must immediately refund the full amount of the grant to the Authority.
- Q7. *May a CPEI recipient receive other state scholarships, grants or loans while receiving CPEI funds?*
- A. Yes. However, the recipient is not eligible for a similar State Grant under another State program for the same academic year
- Q8. *If awarded, how are the funds disbursed?*
- A. The Authority will disburse the CPEI Grant directly to each student only after (i) the student completes the academic year to which the grant relates and (ii) receiving certification from the student's institution in accordance with the Program Rules.