



### **Non-resident Armed Forces Personnel and their Dependents Eligibility for State Grant and Scholarship Programs**

A student must be a North Carolina resident for tuition purposes under [G.S. § 116-143.1](#) to be eligible for financial assistance from the UNC Need-Based Grant, North Carolina Community College Grant, North Carolina Education Lottery Scholarship and the North Carolina Need-Based Scholarship Programs.

Another statutory section, [G.S. § 116-143.3](#), provides that certain non-resident members of the armed forces and their dependents, who do not qualify as North Carolina residents for tuition purposes under G.S. § 116-143.1, shall be charged in-state tuition rates. This statute only authorizes qualifying individuals to be charged in-state tuition and fees; it does not assign residency status to non-residents.

Thus, while non-resident members of the armed forces and their dependents may qualify for the in-state tuition rate, they are **not** eligible for assistance from the state grant and scholarship programs. Institutions participating in the state grant programs should ensure sufficient controls to permit only North Carolina residents who meet the residency requirements of G.S. 116-143.1 to receive state grants and scholarships. For more information regarding residency determinations for members of the armed forces, see Section IV B 2 of the *North Carolina State Residence Classification Manual*.

[http://www.northcarolina.edu/legal/residence/committee/manual/Residence\\_Manual\\_Aug\\_2010.pdf](http://www.northcarolina.edu/legal/residence/committee/manual/Residence_Manual_Aug_2010.pdf)