

Teacher Education Scholarship Challenge Grant



The Opportunity:

Fewer North Carolina students are enrolling in teacher education programs

- The number of undergraduate and graduate students declaring education majors dropped by 12 percent between 2013 and 2014.
 - North Carolina's teacher pay, ranked 42nd in the nation, has made it difficult to recruit and retain public school teachers.
 - 1,082 of the state's teachers left North Carolina for classrooms in other parts of the country in 2014.
- The number of North Carolina teachers who left the classroom entirely, more than tripled in a five-year time span.
 - Student enrollments are projected to grow by 3 million in the next decade, however the teacher supply is shrinking, creating a crisis in our education system.

The Impact:

Student debt paired with low salaries is one of the reasons students cite for not pursuing teaching as a profession. Scholarships reduce the amount they have to borrow and can have the following impact:

- Increase the number of scholarships at NC Independent Colleges and Universities.
- Build stronger communities by filling teaching positions with qualified teachers.
- Reduce the financial burden that faces students pursuing teacher education.
- Increase the number of quality teachers in North Carolina.
- Assist campuses in recruiting future teachers.



The Challenge:

The Council of Independent Colleges has challenged the Independent College Fund of North Carolina to raise a minimum of \$25,000 of new or increased charitable gifts and grants specifically for student scholarships that will be matched dollar for dollar. This \$50,000 pool will allow NCICU to offer a minimum of one \$2,000 Teaching Scholarship at 25 institutions – with each award going to a North Carolina resident with financial need who has a desire to teach.

Return on Investment:

North Carolina's economic, social, and cultural health is tied directly to the ability of our independent colleges and universities to educate students, specifically our students with a desire to be educators.

North Carolina's Independent
Colleges and Universities
Educate North Carolina Teachers!



22% of 1st Year
and
29% of all
NC Teachers who graduated
from NC Colleges and Universities

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Educating Tomorrow's Leaders



NCICU campuses award:
1 in 4 Bachelors Degrees in NC
1 in 3 Graduate/Professional Degrees in NC

21,856 Degrees
Awarded in 2015-16