

## Procedure 3.301

### Beaufort Promise Procedure

#### Beaufort Promise Scholarship Program Guidelines

1. The Beaufort Promise Scholarship Program is a “last-dollar” scholarship program for students enrolled in credit and non-credit courses at Beaufort County Community College (BCCC). “Last-dollar” means that the College will apply all other federal, state, local, and private grants, loans, and scholarships towards a student’s tuition and fees prior to using funds designated for the Beaufort Promise Scholarship Program. Prior to May 11, 2023, the College will cover the cost of tuition and fees for all students, no matter the number of credit hours taken, non-residency in the College’s service area (Beaufort, Hyde, Tyrrell and Washington Counties), or citizenship status. During the period prior to the final day of Spring Semester 2023, the College will use federal money to cover tuition and fees for students that do not meet the following guidelines (see #2 et al. below).
2. As of May 12, 2023, the following guidelines will apply to the program.
3. Eligibility for the Beaufort Promise Scholarship requires that credit students take at least nine (9) or more credits in their official program of study and complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Non-credit students must enroll in a program of 50 or more contact hours that leads to an initial certification recognized by the College. Students who are awarded the Beaufort Promise Scholarship and drop below 9 credits or 50 contact hours on or prior to the 10% point of the term will be billed for tuition and fees.
4. Credit students must present an official high school or college transcript that shows an unweighted official cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or the equivalent for non-credit, to apply for the Beaufort Promise Scholarship. Moreover, once enrolled at BCCC and receiving funds through the Beaufort Promise Scholarship, both credit and non-credit students must continue to make satisfactory academic progress (SAP) in their official program of study and retain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or the equivalent for non-credit programs. If a student’s cumulative GPA falls below a 2.0 while enrolled at BCCC, he/she will not be eligible for Beaufort Promise in the subsequent semester. However, if the student’s cumulative GPA rises to at least a 2.0 in the subsequent semester, he/she will be eligible for Beaufort Promise in the next semester of attendance (summer sessions excepted).
5. Students must be residents of Beaufort, Hyde, Tyrrell, and Washington Counties to be eligible to apply for the Beaufort Promise Scholarship. The student’s residency county is determined by information provided by the Residency Determination System (RDS). If a student believes that RDS has incorrect residency information, the student must update documentation in the Residency

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Determination System. Continuing Education students enrolling in courses that do not require residency determination through RDS, must provide acceptable government documentation to the Continuing Education Registration and Records Office. Curriculum students can contact the Admissions and Records Office for assistance. Continuing Education students can contact the Continuing Education Registration and Records Office for assistance.

6. In order to receive funding from Beaufort County through funds allocated for subsidizing the Beaufort Promise Scholarship, students must be United States citizens and must prove residency in Beaufort County through the Residency Determination System. Continuing Education students enrolling in courses that do not require residency determination through RDS, must provide acceptable government documentation to the Continuing Education Registration and Records Office. Students who can prove residency in Beaufort County but not U.S. citizenship may still qualify for the Beaufort Promise Scholarship up to the in-state rate for tuition and fees through private funds provided by the College's Foundation. The College will track all funds from Beaufort County separately from all other funds used to support Beaufort Promise and will not use Beaufort County funds to support any student not meeting the requirements of these guidelines.
7. The College will cover the tuition and fees for students from Hyde, Tyrrell, and Washington Counties who meet the criteria established in #3, #4, #5, and #8 from scholarship funds provided by the College Foundation. Students who can prove residency in Hyde, Tyrrell, and Washington Counties, but not U.S. citizenship, may still qualify for the Beaufort Promise Scholarship up to the in-state rate for tuition and fees through private funds provided by the College's Foundation. These funds are designated as Beaufort Promise Scholarship funds.
8. Students or prospective students must resolve all debts to the College prior to obtaining or maintaining eligibility for Beaufort Promise.
9. The Beaufort Promise Scholarship is only available in the fall and spring semesters.

### References

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### History

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