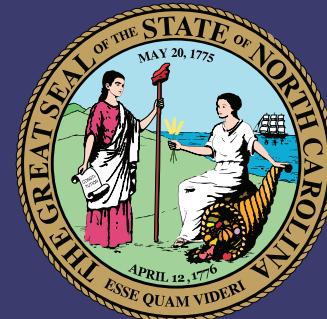




**Taking Care of Those  
Left Behind.**

**Supporting Military &  
Veteran Families  
since 2003**

**Briefing  
June 20, 2023  
Prepared For  
NC Military and Veterans  
Affairs Committee**



## WHO WE SERVE

We serve our military community through educational scholarships. These families know the meaning of service and unfortunately know the pain of sacrifice. We are inspired with each one.

## WHY WE GIVE

Our service men and women face untold hardships and experience complications from training, deployments, and war. They struggle with disabilities making it difficult to fund schooling or training for their sons and daughters. The Patriot Foundation does not forget them.

## WAYS TO GIVE

"The Gift of an Education is Truly One of the Greatest Gifts of All!" Donate securely online: a one-time gift or monthly; designate Patriot Foundation through a legacy gift or by personal/corporate check.

**\$10 MILLION**

Given in educational scholarships



**Patriot Foundation**  
Taking care of those left behind.

## SERVICE

The goal of Patriot Foundation is to provide support for the families of military service men and women killed, wounded, injured, or who become seriously ill while serving our nation.



## SACRIFICE

The families of America's service members don't ask to serve, but they end up making sacrifices for our country just like their parents and partners.



## HONOR

There is no stronger foundation for the future than a good education, and no better way to honor our military than to make sure their families are well taken care of.



**3000+**  
Scholarships awarded since 2003

# Patriot Foundation Scholarship

## Private Funds - the lifeblood of our Foundation

Funds from individuals, foundations and corporate donors who are devoted and passionate about "Taking Care of Those Left Behind"

## NC Patriot Star Family RECOVERY Program: American Rescue Plan Funds

The Recovery Scholarship Program is funded through the **American Rescue Plan** with the goal of remediating the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. This federal program allocated monies to North Carolina, which in turn granted funds to Patriot Foundation. It is **a need-based scholarship** that includes specific household income requirements. This program will conclude December 2026.

## NC Patriot STAR Family Program: North Carolina Recurring Funds

The Star Scholarship program is funded annually through the NC Legislature and has the same eligibility criteria as the Recovery Program, except it does not have specific household income requirements.

# North Carolina *and* Patriot Foundation

## Partners in Purpose

### Legislative Purpose (S.L. 2021-180)

"The Patriot Foundation...shall provide for scholarships to eligible children and eligible spouses..and eligible disabled veterans to attend eligible postsecondary institutions..."



### Patriot Foundation Mission

"Through scholarships, the Patriot Foundation supports the educational goals of qualifying disabled Veterans and the family members of fallen or disabled Veterans."

Patriot Foundation administers scholarships on behalf of North Carolina to help North Carolinians attend North Carolina institutions.



*Making  
North Carolina  
Stronger*



# Maximizing Resources

## Expertise

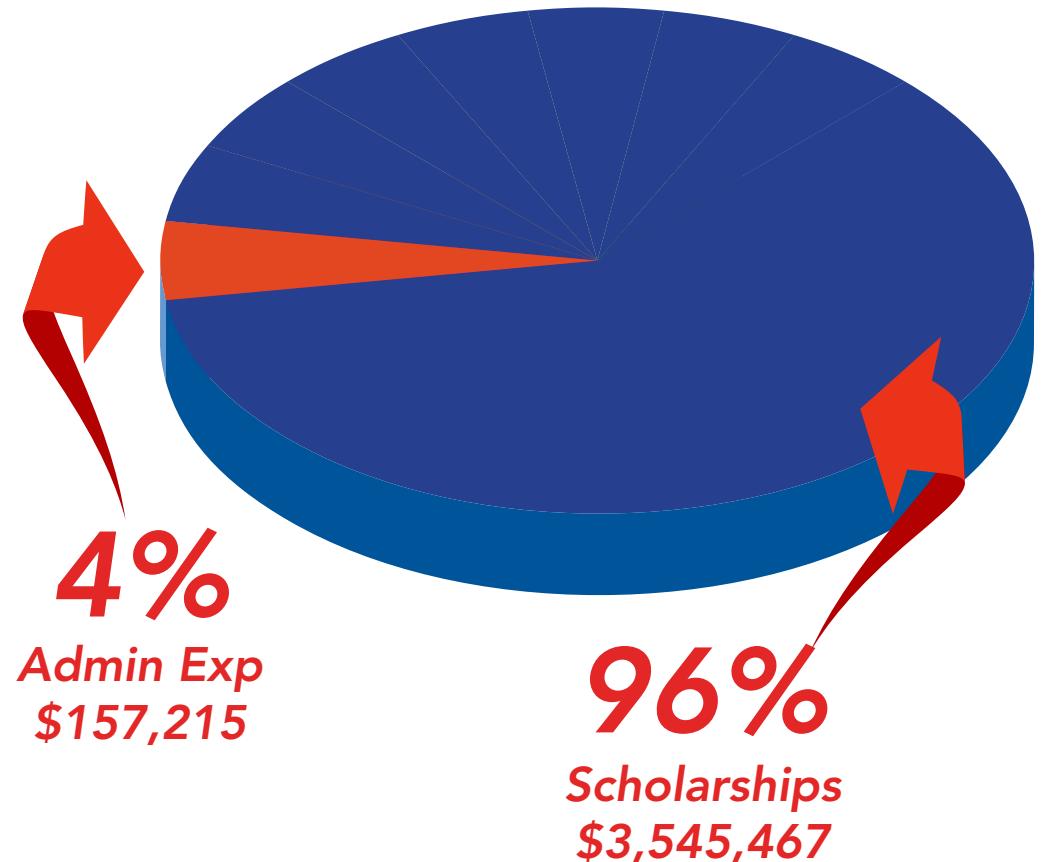
- Partnered with NC SEAA as fiscal agent
- Private database management firm
- Single audit qualified accounting firm
- Professional/Experienced Scholarship Administrator

## Oversight and Management

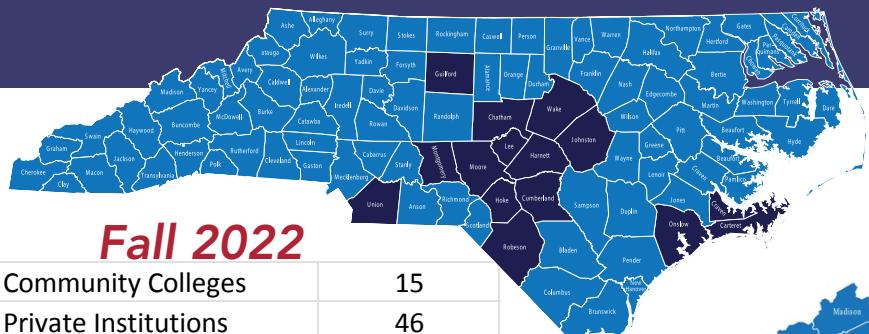
- Contracted with UNC System Office
- Reporting to:
  - Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee
- Senate Appropriations Committee on Education/Higher Education
- House Appropriations Committee on Education
- Fiscal Research Division
- NC PRO

## Efficiency

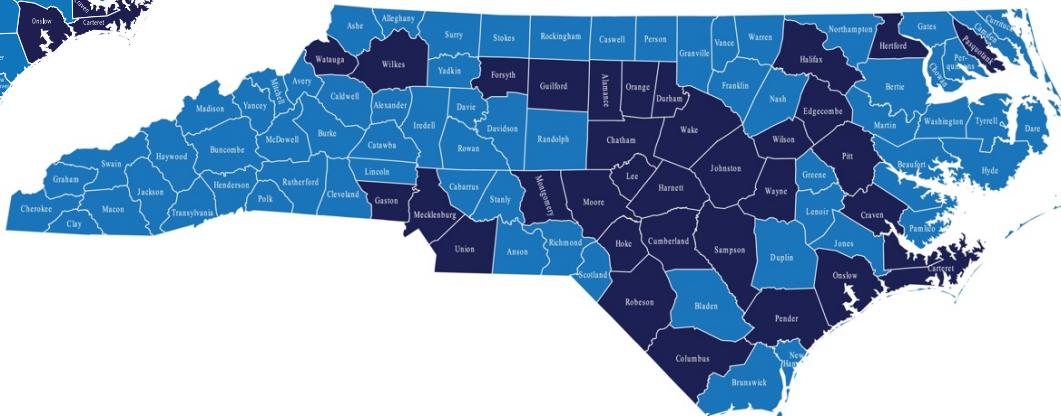
*All government funds, Fall 21-Fall 23*



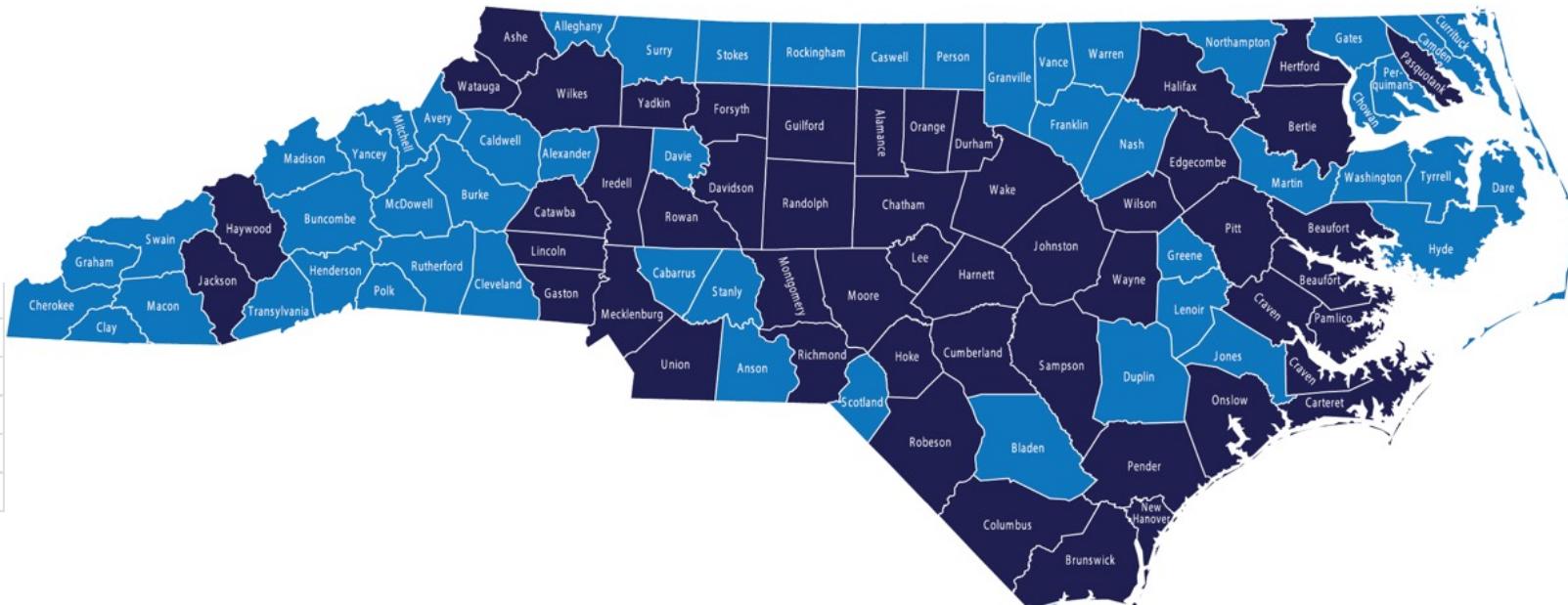
# Serving Our State



Fall 2022	
Community Colleges	15
Private Institutions	46
UNC System	133
Total	194
HBCU	15
UNC-P	9



Spring 2023	
Community Colleges	25
Private Institutions	49
UNC System	120
Total	194
HBCU	14
UNC-P	8



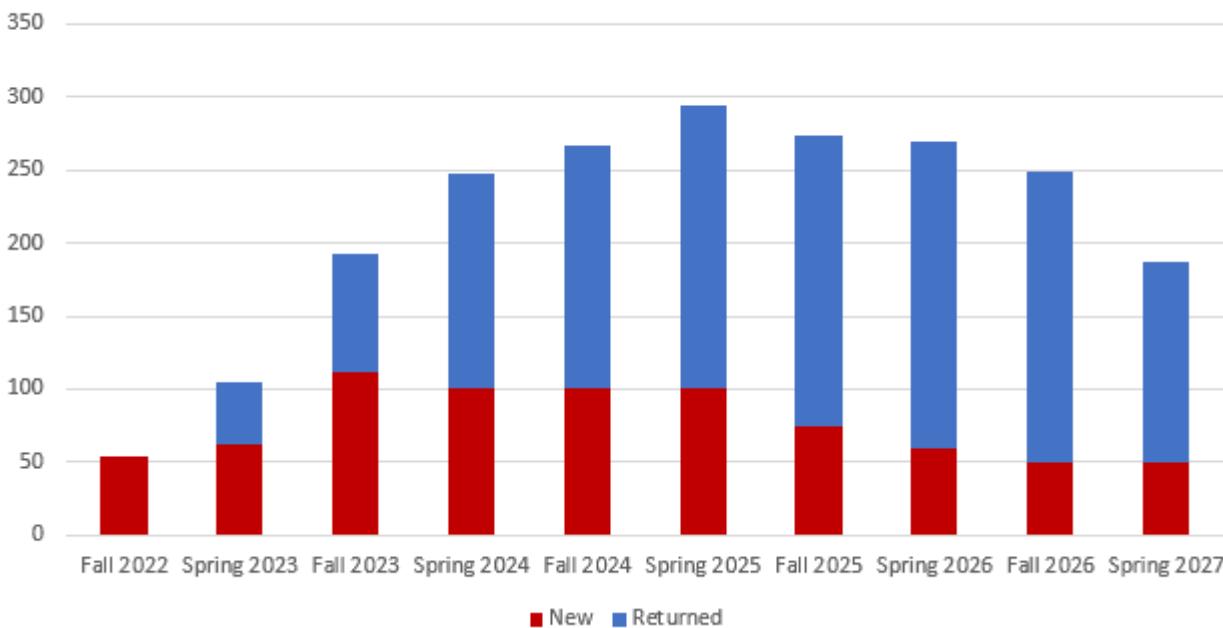
Fall 2023	
Community Colleges	62
Private Institutions	50
UNC System	213
Total	325
HBCU	23
UNC-P	8

# Having an Impact. For now . . .

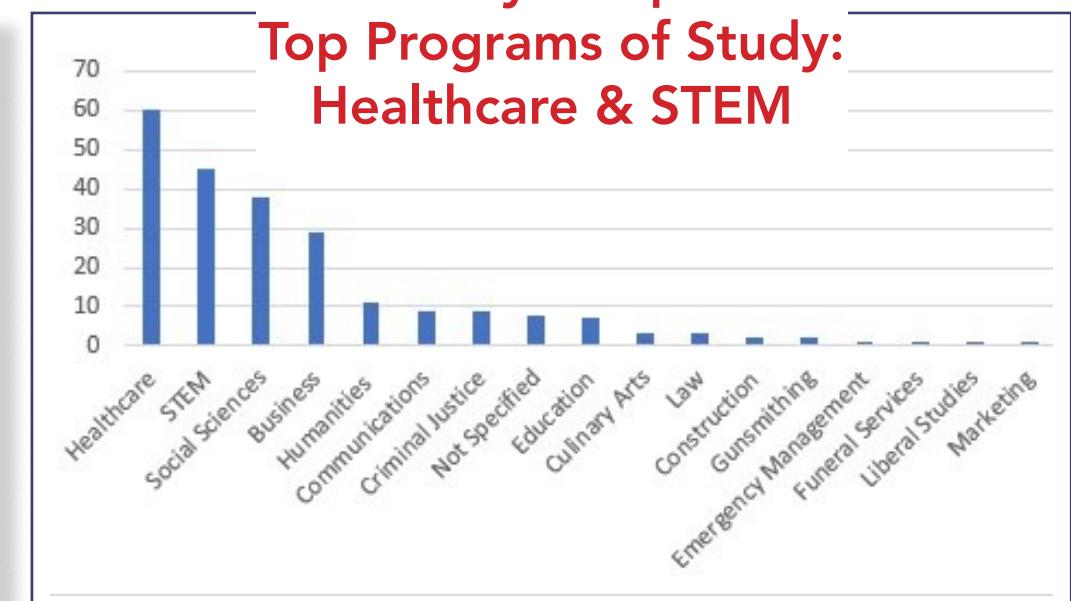


- Minimal funds returned by schools
- Students are progressing - anticipate producing 187 degrees
- Emphasis on STEM and Healthcare
- Growth in Recovery program - time bound

**Recovery Awards**



**Recovery Recipients  
Top Programs of Study:  
Healthcare & STEM**



We have awarded  
Scholarships to families  
of 5 of the 6 branches of  
our military.

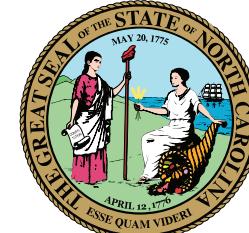


**96%** of all donations are used to  
directly fund scholarships



Patriot Foundation utilizes State, Federal and Private funding to provide scholarships for the children, spouses, active duty and veteran communities. The families of our disable service members get the meaning of service and unfortunately get the meaning of sacrifice.

*Your support is key to providing those post-secondary scholarships.*



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After stumbling off the ruck march of military life, this scholarship allows us to start our civilian life on a strong foundation.

ANDREA R.  
*Scholarship Recipient*



## SCHOLARSHIPS

With the scholarships we have administered thus far, recipients have furthered their pursuit of education and certification in a number of fields, particularly STEM and healthcare; these fields are of particular importance to NC in the future. We hope to be able to follow these students through to completion, and to allow them to enter or re-enter the NC work force armed with vital skills, continuing the legacy of service that we know their families exemplify. We know the demand is there, and we know we can identify and serve it on behalf of the State.

# About Patriot Foundation

[PatriotFoundation.org](http://PatriotFoundation.org)

Patriot Foundation was founded in 2003 by Spike and Debbie Smith, with a vision of "Taking Care of Those Left Behind." 9/11 was a recent memory, and the country was in the early years of Operation Iraqi Freedom and the War in Afghanistan.

Initially, a golf tournament was held to benefit soldiers in the Fort Bragg area. Living in the 'shadow of Bragg' meant the Smiths were able to see the need these families faced first-hand. As time went on, the charity grew from the golf tournament into a fully-fledged nonprofit. The idea to raise money and partner with other organizations who are close to the military and veteran populations we serve was the first step in creating the Patriot Foundation it is today.

Slowly, we have grown from focusing only on Fort Bragg (now Fort Liberty), to supporting multiple military installations and services across the country. This growth has been made possible by private individuals, and corporate sponsorships from companies who understand and value the important work we do for the families of wounded, injured, ill, and fallen service members.

Located in Pinehurst NC, Patriot Foundation is a primarily all-volunteer 501(c)(3) non-profit. We are committed to providing post-secondary educational scholarships for the children of servicemen and women killed, wounded, injured, or who have become seriously ill defending our Nation. The best-of-breed non-profit organizations that we support are fully vetted, so we know the funds are going to the people with the most need.

In 2019, Patriot Foundation forged a private / public relationship with the NC Legislature. In 2020, the legislature granted us \$500,000. We successfully awarded scholarships to over 175 students attending North Carolina accredited secondary institutions. This positive experience prompted a perpetual funding \$700,000 recurring monies and a one time grant of \$10,000,000 via the American Rescue Plan.

We are grateful to both the NC Senate and House for seeing the value of Patriot Foundation and supporting our North Carolina military and veteran families.



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