

## Steps to Apply for Non-Profit Sponsored In-State Tuition at A-B Technical Community College

When a qualified student has identified a non-profit organization that is willing to serve as their sponsor, the steps below should be followed to grant the student in-state tuition rates. Students should plan ahead as non-profit sponsorship letters are due at the tuition due date prior to the start of each semester. Please note that a new letter is needed **every** term.

1. If this is the first time the non-profit organization is sponsoring an AB Tech student, the organization should request and complete a Non-Profit Sponsorship Application from AB Technical Community College. The organization must be exempt from taxation under IRS section 501c and be incorporated in North Carolina. (See G.S. 115D-39 below)
2. Submit a letter **each term** to the AB Tech Sponsorship Administrator, with the following information:
  - a. Name of the AB Tech student being sponsored; please pay close attention to the spelling of the student's name as their name must be spelled correctly to be accepted.
  - b. Applicable term (example: Fall 2021)
  - c. All letters must be on organization letterhead and include the name and address of the non-profit organization (organizations must be located in North Carolina).
  - d. A name and a signature of the authorizing individual
  - e. Statement that the organization agrees to accept financial responsibility for this student's tuition and other educational fees.
3. Once received, organizational documentation will be confirmed. Once confirmed, the letter will be sent to the Registrar and Business office and will be entered into the student's file. To avoid having their classes dropped students must turn in the application and sponsor letter 1 week prior to the tuition payment deadline for each semester. Payment deadlines are provided to students during the registration period and reminder emails are sent to students' AB Tech email accounts.  
\*Students will be contacted by email if there is a concern regarding their letter or sponsor eligibility.\*
4. Once entered by the business office the non-profit organization will be billed directly for the balance of the student's account. Tuition bills will not be sent out until after the start of classes for the term listed. The current tuition rate is \$76 per credit hour. Below are the *approximate* dates to expect an invoice from AB Tech:  
                    Fall –September                      Spring- February                      Summer-June
5. If a student registers for a class after bills have been mailed out the student should contact the AB Tech Sponsorship Administrator so that the Business office can be notified to send a second bill for the newest classes added. All tuition refunds will be mailed to the sponsoring organization.
6. Per the legislation, sponsoring organizations are limited to sponsoring 5 students each semester.
7. Sponsoring organizations account balances must be kept current to sponsor students.

**G.S. 115D-39** "(c) In addition, a person sponsored under this subsection who is lawfully admitted to the United States is eligible for the State resident community college tuition rate. For purposes of this subsection, a North Carolina nonprofit entity is a charitable or religious corporation as defined in G.S. 55A-1-40 that is incorporated in North Carolina and that is exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or a civic league incorporated in North Carolina under Chapter 55A of the General Statutes that is exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. A nonresident of the United States is sponsored by a North Carolina nonprofit entity if the student resides in North Carolina while attending the community college and the North Carolina nonprofit entity provides a signed affidavit to the community college verifying that the entity accepts financial responsibility for the student's tuition and any other required educational fees. Any North Carolina nonprofit entity that sponsors a nonresident of the United States under this subsection may sponsor no more than five nonresident students annually under this subsection. This subsection does not make a person a resident of North Carolina for any other purpose."

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