

Thank you for your interest in sponsoring an out-of-state curriculum student at A-B Tech Community College. We appreciate your support of individuals interested in advancing their education. Please review the requirements below to sponsor an out-of-state student at the in-state tuition rate. These guidelines have been developed in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 115D-39.

To qualify, the Non Profit must:

- Be an incorporated North Carolina based nonprofit entity as defined in G.S. 55A-1-40
- Be exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code
- Complete and sign the "Nonprofit Sponsorship Form"
- Provide a signed affidavit to A-B Tech verifying that the foundation "accepts financial responsibility for the student's tuition and any other required educational fees".
 - If you intend to sponsor books and supplies, it must also be stated in the letter.

If you decide to sponsor the student, please do the following:

- Complete and sign the "Nonprofit Sponsorship Form" below
- Provide a signed affidavit to A-B Tech that includes:
 - Nonprofit organization name and address,
 - Contact name and contact information,
 - Student's name,
 - Statement of intent to pay the student's in-state tuition and fees,
 - Statement of intent to pay books and supplies, if appropriate.
- Send both items directly to the College at the address below or give to the student for submission

Sponsorship Coordinator A-B Tech Community College <u>340 Victoria Road</u> <u>Asheville, NC 28801</u>

Once the above has been agreed to and the proper documentation has been received by the A-B Tech Business Office, A-B Tech will set up a 'Third Party Sponsored' account for the employer and the nonprofit will be billed for the in-state portion of the student's tuition plus fees. The employer will also be billed for books and supplies if the letter indicates this. It becomes the nonprofit's responsibility to pay as the authorization is considered a contract between the nonprofit and A-B Tech.

Please contact the Sponsorship Coordinator, at <u>828-398-7152</u>, or <u>sponsorships@abtech.edu</u>, if you have any questions regarding sponsorship of an out-of-state student



Non Profit Sponsorship of Curriculum Tuition and Fees

Sponsor Information			Student Information				
Sponsor Name			Semester				
Authorized Sponsor Rep.	First:		Student Name	First:			
	Last:			Last:			
Address: St.			Address: St.				
City,State,Zip			City,State,Zip				
Phone			Phone				
Email			Email				
Tax ID#			Student ID#				
Sponsor Purchase Order/Reference #							

Sponsorship Financial Information: Enrollment categories & dollar amounts of sponsor coverage

Choose the enrollme	nt categories co V	overed	Choose the maximum dollar amount of coverage (Write required if no max amount)			
Tuition			Tuition	\$		
Fees			Fees	\$		
Books *			Books	\$		
Bookstore Supplies *			Bookstore Supplies	\$		

*Books/bookstore supplies limited to items directly related to completion of assigned coursework - No food, clothing, etc.

Special Restrictions: List items specifically excluded from coverage – <u>No post-billing exclusions</u> **

** Changes to authorized coverage can be made but require an updated, signed, & submitted Sponsorship Agreement.

Endorsement:

A-B Tech (ABT) considers this sponsorship Agreement to be a contract between ABT and the sponsor, in which the sponsor agrees to take responsibility for the sponsored student's financial obligations to ABT, according to the terms specified in the Agreement. In signing below, the signatory affirms that they understand the components of the above listed charges and agrees to pay them in full, without any selective omissions.

In signing below, the signatory affirms that they have read and agree to the terms and conditions on page 4 of this Agreement form, which are also readily available upon request and at: https://abtech.edu/document/third-party-sponsorship-agreement

The individual signing below hereby represents and warrants that s/he is duly authorized to execute and deliver this Agreement on behalf of the sponsoring organization and that this Agreement is binding upon the sponsoring organization in accordance with its terms.



Sponsor Endorsement:

By signing below, I acknowledge and agree to the following:

- The information provided above is truthful and accurate.
- The Nonprofit is an incorporated North Carolina based nonprofit entity as defined in G.S. 55A-1-40
- I am authorized by the nonprofit to engage in arranging payment of employee educational expenses.
- The nonprofit listed above will promptly issue a company check to A-B Tech for the amount billed according to A-B Tech's payment terms.
- This form and the accompanying letter are considered a contract between the nonprofit listed above and A-B Tech and the nonprofit remains responsible for the billed amount.

Nonprofit Representative Signature:_____ Date: _____

Student Endorsement:

By signing below, I acknowledge and agree to the following:

- The information provided above is truthful and accurate.
- I am classified as an out-of-state student for tuition purposes only and I am not eligible to be classified as an in-state student for tuition purposes for any other semester except the semester listed above.
- I may be eligible to have the out-of-state portion of my tuition waived if my **nonprofit organization** pays A-B Tech directly for the in-state portion of my curriculum tuition plus any fees
- I must submit a new form and new employment documentation for each term I am sponsored by my employer.

Student Signature:_____

Date: _____



Terms and Conditions

Statement of Contract

A-B Tech (ABT) considers a sponsorship agreement to be a contract between ABT and the sponsor in which the sponsor agrees to take responsibility for the sponsored student's financial obligations to ABT, according to the terms specified in the agreement. Any registration or coverage changes made after authorization require the resubmission of a revised agreement form.

Statement of Liability

After a sponsorship authorization and agreement, ABT considers its financial relationship with the student ended for the term specified in the agreement, and all financial liability of the sponsored student transferred to the sponsor. Consequently, ABT considers any financial or conditional arrangements made between the student and the sponsor to be between the sponsor and the student, with no bearing on the liability the sponsor has to ABT. Therefore, any obligations not fulfilled by the student to the sponsor including, but not limited to, non-completion or failure of classes, will have no alleviating effects on the sponsor's liability to ABT. Furthermore, ABT encourages the sponsor to carefully consider and evaluate the student's commitment and trustworthiness before extending a sponsorship to the student.

Statement of Agreement to Pay All Fees

All required fees associated with the student's enrollment at ABT are mandatory, and the payment of these fees are a nonnegotiable condition of the student's enrollment. Therefore, if a sponsor agrees to pay fees, the sponsor must pay all of the fees assigned to the student or none at all. Selective payment of fees is not allowed. Fees include: Insurance fee, tech fee, campus security fee, activity fee, and course specific consumable fees. Learn more here: https://abtech.edu/future-students/tuition-fees

Statement of Administrative Obligation

ABT will do everything reasonably possible to assist in the processing of invoices, the itemization of enrollment charges, and the processing of sponsor specific billing documentation. However, due to software and personnel limitations, ABT cannot commit to all sponsor administrative requests and does not consider noncompliance with these requests as justification for nonpayment of agreed upon charges or non-fulfillment of agreed to obligations, as specified in the signed agreement.

Authorization and Payment Terms

Third Party Sponsorship Agreement forms must be submitted to the business office one week prior to the semester tuition payment deadline. A student's failure to do so will result in the student being dropped from their classes and their registration canceled, unless the student makes other payment arrangements by the payment deadline.

Invoices will be mailed after the last day for refundable withdrawals and are due 30 days after the invoice date. Failure to pay any past due balances in full may result in the following:

- Loss of ability to sponsor students until the past due balance is paid
- Loss of Ability to be invoiced and requirement of prepayment in the future
- Reporting of nonpayment to credit reporting agencies resulting in weakened credit history
- Subjection to ABT collections process

Collection Policy and Procedures

Attempts are made during the semester for collection through billing statements that are mailed for all outstanding accounts. Past due accounts will have a second notice mailed 30 days after the initial invoicing. If no collection is made within 30 days of the second notice, a third and final personal letter will be sent. The letter will detail the date, purpose and amount of the debt as well as advise the sponsor of the ABT's policy regarding future sponsorships. If the above procedure fails within 30 days, the following collection options are available to the college based on the amount past due:

- Any account over sixty (60) days past due may be turned over to the NC Department of Revenue, Set-Off Debt Unit, to collect from your NC State Tax Refund until your account is paid in full. This is in accordance with G.S. Chapter 105A of the North Carolina General Statutes, Set-Off Debt Collection Act.
- Any account over sixty (60) days past due may be turned over to a collection agency where credit may be adversely affected. Once the account has been submitted to a Collection Agency, payment must be remitted to them directly.