
Free tuition at Wor-Wic for HS grads

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PRINCESS ANNE — State funding that covers tuition and fees to Somerset County high school graduates who attend Wor-Wic Community College full-time starting this fall was part of Gov. Larry Hogan's supplemental budget signed into law April 3.

The eligibility is for up to three years, or until the completion of an associate's degree, whichever comes first.

Students are required to complete a FAFSA federal student financial aid form, maintain at least a 2.0 GPA, have full-time credit-hour attendance each semester and not be convicted of a felony. The effective date is July 1 — in time for the class of 2017 to take advantage of this benefit.

Currently the fall 2017 charge per credit hour at Wor-Wic is listed at \$108 and 12 credits is the minimum number required to be considered a full-time student.

Somerset County Superintendent of Schools Dr. John Gaddis told the County Commissioners Tuesday last week that Wor-Wic will be promoting this on its website and in commercials "with some of our kids in it" so the news gets out quickly for seniors who will be graduating in the coming weeks.

"I think that's a great thing," Dr. Gaddis said, and it will "provide an opportunity for a lot of our graduates." He's already sent a note of thanks to Gov. Hogan, and the County Commissioners plan to follow suit.