

# Dependent Grant-in Aid (DGIA)

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### Policy Statement

Dependents of a full-time benefited employee of Carolina University (CU) are eligible to receive a tuition assistance scholarship classified as Dependent Grant-in-Aid (DGIA).

### Policy Procedures

#### Eligibility Conditions

1. Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) is incorporated into the DGIA benefit.
2. The benefit covers only the minimum number of hours required to complete the degree. A degree must be declared in order to enter into the DGIA program.
3. The DGIA benefit will cover tuition only and will not cover any additional fees, books or housing. The combination of any Pell grant and the DGIA award will not exceed tuition for the semester.
4. Employees will not be taxed for dependent(s) in the undergraduate program for tuition reduction. Graduate courses extended to dependents are fully taxable and the employee is subject to income reporting and any other IRS requirements.
5. If a degree was earned at Carolina University using DGIA, a dependent may not use DGIA to complete another degree at the same level. If the degree was earned at another institution DGIA, can be used towards a degree at the same level.
6. All hours taken at CU will go to the minimum number of hours required in a degree program. Once these hours are reached, no additional scholarship hours will be available.
7. Graduate degree program prerequisites must be met prior to entering the DGIA program.
8. General Scholarship Rule applies.
9. Scholarship is not stackable

#### Process

1. An application must be completed by the full-time benefited employee. The application should be completed 30 days prior to the start of the semester.
2. Undergraduate students must complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year. If verification is selected, all appropriate requested paperwork must be submitted in a timely fashion as requested.
3. Graduate Students are not required to submit the FAFSA.