

COMMUNITY COLLEGE TUITION - 2490

ABOUT THIS ACCOUNT

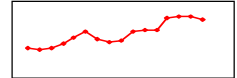
Sections 6304 and 6305 of the New York State Education Law require contributions from a student’s “home county” for the payment of community college expenses incurred outside of the county.

Community College payments are based on a formula that determines a full-time equivalent (FTE) student chargeback rate for each student, which is billed back to their home county. The rate is established by dividing the local sponsor share by the total number of full-time equivalent students (FTE’s) attending the institution from all counties. This is the per capita rate that should be applied to all students regardless of the county of residence. For out-of-county students, this amount is simply added to the student’s tuition amount. The chargeback rate itself has an operational and capital component that is influenced by different factors.

The operational rate changes if the size of the community college’s budget increases or decreases or the number of students rises or falls significantly. For instance, if the community college’s net operating budget increases or the number of students falls, the chargeback rate increases.

Due to its proximity to Albany County, many more Albany residents attend Hudson Valley Community College (HVCC) in Rensselaer County than any other community college in the New York system. In 2011, HVCC represented approximately 90 percent of Albany County’s liability for community college chargebacks. Thus, Albany County’s costs are very dependent on enrollment at HVCC and its financial interactions with its sponsor county, Rensselaer. As shown in the table below, the vast majority of Albany County chargebacks go to HVCC.

APPROPRIATION HISTORY



1998:	\$4,600,000
1999:	\$4,400,000
2000:	\$4,700,000
2001:	\$5,500,000
2002:	\$6,627,197
2003:	\$7,875,494
2004:	\$6,214,971
2005:	\$5,854,391
2006:	\$6,050,000
2007:	\$7,800,000
2008:	\$8,200,000
2009:	\$8,200,000
2010:	\$10,283,185
2011:	\$10,650,000
2012:	\$10,665,000
2013:	\$10,100,000

Albany County Community College Charge-Backs in 2011	
Hudson Valley Community College	\$8,733,814
Fashion Institute of Technology	\$415,001
Schenectady County Community College	\$273,382
Columbia-Greene Community College	\$135,122
all other	\$294,165
Total	\$9,851,485

A local sponsor share is determined by deducting state aid and student tuition payments from the community college’s net operating budget. The operational chargeback formula has enabled sponsoring counties with community colleges to keep their costs stable while increasing the costs to counties without community colleges. Sponsoring counties may use the community college’s fund balance to subsidize their full-time equivalent payment for students. Thus, Albany County’s contribution to the operation of HVCC has grown rapidly, while its sponsor’s contribution has remained flat for years. Despite this increase in costs, Albany County has no role in either the governance of Hudson Valley Community College or in oversight of its costs or finances.

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HVCC Student Tuition Costs and Albany County Costs to HVCC vs. Rensselaer County Total Contribution for Community College Tuition			
Period	Tuition Rate	Albany County Costs*	Rensselaer County Costs
2004-2005	\$2,600	\$4,795,484	\$3,138,900
2005-2006	\$2,700	\$4,917,811	\$3,138,900
2006-2007	\$2,700	\$6,676,294	\$3,138,900
2007-2008	\$2,800	\$8,380,340	\$3,138,900
2008-2009	\$2,900	\$8,521,742	\$3,138,900
2009-2010	\$3,100	\$8,726,333	\$3,138,900
2010-2011	\$3,400	\$9,023,165	\$3,138,900
2011-2012	\$3,700	\$8,733,814	\$3,238,900

*Tuition and Chargeback Rates represent academic years. Albany County costs represent calendar year.

This use of fund balance does not benefit the non-sponsor counties whose chargeback payments have contributed to it and inherently means that non-sponsor counties pay a greater cost for its students than the sponsor county. For example, during the 2011-2012 academic year Rensselaer County contributed \$3,238,900 towards HVCC. This amount has only increased by \$100,000 in the last 10-years, and represents 3.4 percent of HVCC's net operating budget. This contribution, as a percentage of the community college's net operating budget, is the lowest of any sponsor County in New York State.

Sponsor Contribution Towards Community College Operating Budget		
County	Sponsor Contribution	% of Net Operating Budget
Rensselaer County	\$3,238,900	3.4%
New York State Average	\$11,092,484	17.0%

The typical sponsor county contribution totals 17.0 percent of their community college's net operating budget. If Rensselaer County contributed this amount during the 2011-2012 academic year, their contribution would have increased to more than \$16 million – an increase of \$13 million.

While Rensselaer County's contribution has remained essentially capped, Albany County has seen its costs double. In light of this gross inequity, the County Executive has been forced to pursue alternative low-cost methods for providing higher education opportunities to the people of Albany County.

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Account	Description	2011 Expended	2012 Adjusted	2013 Proposed	2012-13 Change	2012-13 Percent Change
Appropriations						
Community College Tuition	- (2490)					
Contractual Expenses		\$9,850,395	\$10,665,000	\$10,100,000	(\$565,000)	-5.3%
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Total County Share		\$9,850,395	\$10,665,000	\$10,100,000	(\$565,000)	94.70%

A	2490 Community College Tuition	2012 Count	2013 Count	2011 Expended	2012 Adjusted	2013 Requested	2013 Proposed	2013 Adopted
Contractual Expenses								
A	2490 44039			\$9,850,395	\$10,665,000	\$10,100,000	\$10,100,000	\$0
	<i>Contractual Expenses Subtotal</i>			\$9,850,395	\$10,665,000	\$10,100,000	\$10,100,000	\$0
	Total Appropriations			\$9,850,395	\$10,665,000	\$10,100,000	\$10,100,000	\$0
Revenue								
	Total Revenue			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	County Share			\$9,850,395	\$10,665,000	\$10,100,000	\$10,100,000	\$0