

COMMUNITY COLLEGE TUITION - 2490

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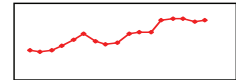
Sections 6304 and 6305 of the New York State Education Law require contributions from a student’s “home county” for the payment of community college expenses incurred outside of the county.

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-state 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 2012, HVCC represented approximately 88 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

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
2014:	\$10,300,000

Community College	Amount	Share
Hudson Valley Community College	\$8,640,083	88%
Fashion Institute of Technology	\$503,859	5%
Schenectady County Community College	\$194,468	2%
Columbia Greene County Community College	\$155,240	2%
All Other	\$301,408	3%

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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In the table below, the vast majority of Albany County chargebacks go to HVCC.

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
2012-2013	\$3,980	\$8,640,083	\$3,238,900

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

As can be seen in the above chart, Rensselaer County's contribution has remained virtually unchanged over the last decade – increasing by only \$100,000 or 3.2% while Albany County's contribution has increase by \$3.8 million or 80%. In 2013-2014, Rensselaer County's contribution is going to increase to \$3,591,900. Rensselaer County's contribution this year, 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 2012-2013 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 engaged in an exciting new partnership with Schenectady County Community College, whereby a satellite campus is going into the County office building in downtown Albany. Not only is this great for students, who will have closer access to higher education opportunities, but it will provide an influx of college students into downtown Albany. With over 1,000 students taking classes in downtown Albany, the economic impact will be significant. Students will gain valuable skills and downtown restaurants and coffee shops will get an influx of customers.

In 2013, the State enacted Legislation that will reform the community college chargeback formula. If, as promised, the formula will require that sponsoring communities pay their fair share, phased in over 5 years, it will mean that Albany County's costs per student should decrease, while the quality of education will not suffer. This change is not expected to take effect until the fall semester of 2014.

				2013	2014	2012	2013	2014	2014	2014	
A 2490 Community College Tuition				Count	Count	Expended	Adjusted	Requested	Proposed	Adopted	
Contractual Expenses											
A	2490	44039	Conferences/Training/Tuition			\$9,795,058	\$10,100,000	\$10,300,000	\$10,300,000		\$0
<i>Contractual Expenses Subtotal</i>						\$9,795,058	\$10,100,000	\$10,300,000	\$10,300,000		\$0
Total Appropriations						\$9,795,058	\$10,100,000	\$10,300,000	\$10,300,000		\$0
Revenue											
Total Revenue						\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
County Share						\$9,795,058	\$10,100,000	\$10,300,000	\$10,300,000		\$0