

On-Line Scholarship Service Helps Students Find Funds for College

Students and their families seeking relief from costly tuition expenses now have some high-tech assistance in the search for college money. A free on-line service is now being provided by Sallie Mae and EDTECH, Inc.

The on-line service, located at www.salliemae.com, gives individuals access to College Aid Sources for Higher Education (CASHE), a database that contains information about all types of funding sources, including scholarships, fellowships, grants and work-study programs.

Students in search of funds can log onto the site and choose the On-line scholarship search option. Users are then prompted to complete an on-line version of the CASHE Student Profile form, which contains questions about academics, family background, career interests, work experience, college plans and their parents' activities.

Once the form is completed and submitted, students' qualities are immediately compared with available financial aid options. Within 24 hours, search results will be processed and electronically transmitted to students. Individuals will receive information on rewards for which they are eligible, enabling them to apply for those opportunities for which they qualify, which saves time for both the student and the organization offering the award.



WCC Library Receives \$50,000 Grant

Wilkes Community College is one of only four libraries to receive Retrospective Conversion Grant

By Sandy Sheets

The Wilkes Community College library has been awarded a \$50,000 grant to be used for retrospective conversion of its collection.

The State Library announced on September 1 the results of Round #1 of EZ-LSTA grants for 1998-99. Fifty applications were submitted, requesting a total of \$895,366 in funding. Forty-two grants were approved for funding of \$634,944.

WCC was one of only four libraries, and the only community college, to receive a Retrospective Conversion Grant. Of the thirty-four awards given as Automation Planning and Basic Equipment Grants, ten went to other NC community colleges, for amounts ranging from \$6,000 to \$15,000.

The receipt of this conversion grant will enable the WCC library to put the entire book collection on the Internet where it can be accessed from any site having access to the world catalog. WCC will also have immediate access to 42 other community college libraries for interlibrary loan.