



Date of Board Meeting: January 20, 2026

Subject: Establish Nuclear and Skilled Trade Program Scholarship Fund

Recommendation: Approve the Allocation of \$250,000 in Special Appropriations for Program-Specific Scholarships

Background and Rationale:

Wharton County Junior College has received state appropriations to support instruction, workforce development, and student success in the areas of Nuclear Technology and Skilled Trades. In order to maximize the impact of these funds, the College seeks approval to strategically allocate a portion of the appropriations to provide scholarships for students enrolled in designated workforce programs.

Program-specific scholarships will help reduce financial barriers for students, support timely completion, and strengthen alignment between state investment and workforce outcomes. These scholarships may be used to offset tuition and fees, as well as other allowable educational expenses.

The use of these funds for scholarships will be targeted to programs that align with regional workforce needs, state priorities, and institutional goals related to completion and economic mobility. Allocations, eligibility criteria, and award amounts will be administered by the WCJC Office of Financial Aid, using recommendations from instructional leadership to ensure effective stewardship of these funds.

This action provides flexibility to respond to student and workforce demand while ensuring that state investments directly benefit students and support successful program outcomes.

Budgetary Implications: \$250,000 (FY 2026 Special State Appropriations for Skilled Trades (\$75,000) and Nuclear Power (\$175,000); to be moved from the plant fund)

Strategic Priority Alignment:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Student Success	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Impact
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resource Optimization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Institutional Excellence

Resource Personnel: Amanda A. Allen, Ed.D., President

Approval:


President

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