

VII. Refunds & Financial Assistance

Program Costs

All program costs including tuition, fees, textbooks and other supplies are outlined in Section XII.

When an applicant is admitted, 1/3 of the tuition is due when the letter of intent is submitted with the balance of the tuition paid in full before the mandatory ARC Orientation. Payments must be submitted in the form of a check. Credit card payments are not accepted. ARC candidates are not eligible for Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) related financial assistance or federal Stafford Loans.

Withdrawal and Tuition Refund Policy

Any withdrawal from the program and request for a tuition and fee refund must be submitted in writing to the ARC Director and must adhere to the following program timelines:

- For requests granted prior to the first day of class, 80% of the tuition fee paid, minus the non-refundable tuition deposit will be refunded.
- For requests granted prior to the beginning of the second week of class, 60% of the tuition fee paid, minus the non-refundable tuition deposit will be refunded.
- No refund will be issued after the beginning of the third week of class.

Veteran Benefits

Connecticut tuition waivers for veterans may not be used to cover the costs of the ARC program. However, applicants who are eligible for Veterans Administration (VA) [education benefits](#) should contact ARC immediately after admission to certify their enrollment with the VA. **Military Connected candidates accepted into the ARC program will receive \$2,750 assistance toward their tuition balance.**

The ARC program will not charge VA students a late fee while awaiting tuition and fee funds from the VA. The ARC program may apply fees to VA students with eligibility of less than 100%, prorated to the percentage of charges not covered by VA benefits.

Active Duty and Retired Military – TROOPS TO TEACHERS

Troops to Teachers is a federal program that helps eligible military personnel begin new careers as public school teachers. The program provides eligible participants with financial assistance up to \$5,000 to reimburse the costs associated with becoming a certified teacher if the participants agree to teach for three years in a school located in a “high-need” district. An additional bonus is available to those who agree to teach for three years in a school that serves a high percentage of students from low-income families.

The federal designation of low-income schools approved for Troops to Teachers funding and support includes schools where at least 40% of the children in the school attendance area are from low-income families or at least 40% of enrolled students are from low-income families eligible to receive federal Title I funds. The proportion of low-income families is most frequently measured by the percent of students receiving free and reduced-price

lunch. The program also offers job referral and placement assistance. Visit their [website](#) to access state assistance offices and find contact information for advisement.

RESC MTR Minority Teacher Recruitment

The Regional Education Service Center Minority Teacher Recruiting (RESC MTR) Alliance was established by the Connecticut General Assembly and is a collaborative of the six Connecticut Regional Education Service Centers and the public districts they serve. With funding from the General Assembly, the RESC MTR Alliance receives allocations as directed from the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE). If money is made available, an application will be provided to those accepted into the ARC program.

CHESLA Loans

Loans provided by the Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority (CHESLA) are available for admitted ARC candidates. Complete information is available at [here](#). **ARC applicants seeking CHESLA loans should apply to CHESLA at the same time they apply to ARC.** This will ensure that tuition eligibility is known at the time of acceptance into the ARC program.