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[2]The North Carolina Association of Independent Colleges and Universities [3] was established in 1969 by North Carolina's regionally accredited private four-year colleges and universities as an advocate for private higher education [4] in the state. The establishment of this organization was critical to the survival of North Carolina's private institutions of higher learning, which faced 5,000 vacancies at a time when enrollment in the state's public university system expanded. To shore up this imbalance, the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities successfully lobbied the General Assembly [5] in 1971 to pass a law offering North Carolina residents enrolled in private institutions the opportunity to receive legislative tuition grants of $200 a year. Over the years these grants have made tuition for North Carolinians more affordable, enabling more students to enroll in private schools. Full-time North Carolina residents are eligible for a Legislative Tuition Grant, and financially needy state residents can receive funds through the State Contractual Scholarship Fund [6].

The North Carolina Association of Independent Colleges and Universities represents all of the state's 36 independent institutions, providing information and research for its member schools in areas including public policy and government activities. A sister organization, the North Carolina Center for Independent Higher Education, promotes independent institutions to prospective students and others.

Update from NCpedia Staff:
The North Carolina Association of Independent Colleges and Universities is now North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities.

Additional Resources:

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