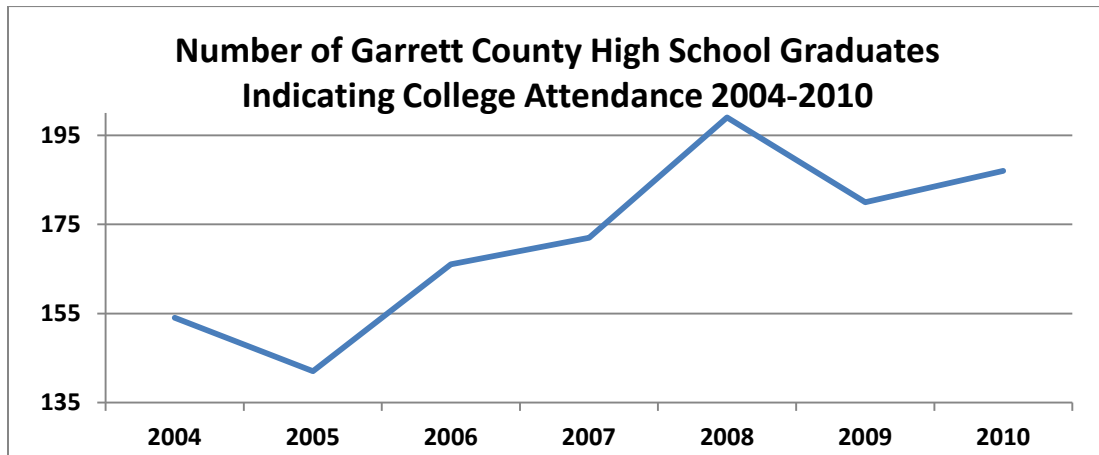


Garrett County Scholarship Program Quick Facts

- Of the 353 members of the 2011 high school graduating class, 155 (44%) enrolled at Garrett College this past fall. Of this group, 89 students (57%) were awarded Garrett County Scholarships; the other 67 had higher financial need and qualified for full aid packages from other sources (mainly federal Pell grants).
- Despite fluctuations from year to year in the percentage of Garrett County high school graduates indicating college attendance, in terms of actual numbers, college attendance among Garrett County high school graduates has increased significantly since the Garrett County Scholarship program was initiated in 2006:



Source: Garrett County Board of Education Post-Graduate Survey

- For Academic Year 2010-2011, the average Garrett County Scholarship Award was \$1,081. The average cost of attendance in terms of tuition and fees was \$3,222. (This does not include the cost of books which averages about \$1,400 per year.)
- For FY2011, the total cost of the Garrett County Scholarship Program was about \$350,000.

- Recipients of the Garrett County Scholarship are more likely to persist in their studies than the College's overall student population. Of the first-time Garrett County Scholarship recipients who enrolled in fall 2010, 67% returned in fall 2011 as compared with only 44% of first-time enrollees from among the College's overall student population.
- Entering Garrett County Scholarship recipients are generally better prepared to do college-level work than entering students from among the College's overall student population. Of the first-time Garrett County Scholarship recipients who enrolled in fall 2011, about 60% needed some developmental coursework as compared with 87% of the College's overall student population.
- Garrett County Scholarship recipients perform better academically than the College's overall student population. For the fall 2011 semester, the mean grade-point average (GPA) for scholarship recipients was 2.86/4.00, while the mean GPA for the College's overall student population was 2.19.
- Garrett County Scholarship recipients make better than average progress toward achieving their education goals. Of the 121 students in the fall 2009 cohort (which includes dual-enrolled high school students), 38 (31.4%) transferred to another college or university prior to completing a degree, 10 (8.3%) transferred after completing a degree, 8 (6.6%) graduated and presumably entered the workforce, and 19 (15.7%) are still enrolled at Garrett.
- Last year (2010-2011), Garrett County residents enrolled at Garrett College borrowed nearly \$700,000 in order to finance their education, educational loans taken out by Garrett County Scholarship recipients accounted for only 9% of the total borrowed.
- For the 2010-2011 academic year, it is estimated that the Garrett County Scholarship Program leveraged at least \$154,000 in additional aid dollars for Garrett County students and their families.