In recognition of the State’s diverse needs for volunteers to support schools, communities, citizens, and non-profit charitable corporations, each constituent institution shall establish a program for awarding Community Service leave to faculty, with appropriate policies, rules, procedures and criteria for the administration and reporting of such leave, subject to the basic requirements set forth below. Community Service Leave may be granted to (1) parents for child involvement in the schools, (2) any employee for volunteer activity in the schools or in a Community Service organization, or (3) any employee for tutoring and mentoring in the schools. In addition, there are special guidelines providing for Emergency Service, Blood and Bone Marrow Donorship, and Disaster Service Volunteer with the American Red Cross. All faculty are encouraged to volunteer in support of North Carolina’s schools, communities, citizens and non-profit organizations.

Community Service Leave: Faculty who are permanent halftime (50% FTE) or more and in leave earning status shall be awarded twenty-four (24) hours of Community Service Leave annually which may be used for volunteer participation in the programs, services and organizations indicated below, or elect to receive an award equivalent to one (1) hour each week that a public school is in session. The latter award is to be used exclusively for mentoring or tutoring students in North Carolina schools.

Leave for Child Involvement and School Volunteerism: Faculty may use all or part of their annual allotment of Community Service Leave to volunteer time in support of programs and services in public and private elementary, middle and high schools, and licensed public and private day care and pre-school settings. A parent may use this leave to meet with a teacher or administrator concerning the parent’s child or may attend any educational function sponsored by the school in which the child is participating.

Leave for Non-Profit Organization Volunteerism: Faculty may use all or part of their annual 24-hour allotment of Community Service Leave to volunteer time in non-profit, non-partisan community organizations which are designated as 501(c)(3) agencies under the Internal Revenue Code, or human services organizations licensed or accredited to serve citizens with special needs including children, youth, and the elderly.

Leave for Tutoring and Mentoring in North Carolina Schools: In lieu of the 24-hour award as noted above, employees may elect to receive one (1) hour of volunteer leave for each week that public schools are in session, up to a maximum of 36 hours, as documented by a local Board of Education. This leave award shall be used exclusively for tutoring or mentoring a student in accordance with established standards, rules and guidelines for such arrangements as determined and documented by joint...