**CREATIVE FINANCING FOR TUITION EXCHANGE**

1. **Public institutions seek funds to pay for incoming Tuition Exchange (TE) scholarship award recipients.**

The dilemma is that the public institution does not have scholarship funds from the institution. All scholarships are funded through the institution’s foundation.

To raise the necessary funds for the incoming TE student, the institution will charge each employee whose dependent receives a TE award at another institution $5,000. The employee pays $2,500 each semester. For students attending colleges that provide the TE 2022-23 set rate of $40,000, the net is $35,000 to the employee and student TE award recipient.

The $5,000 fee funds are used to fund the TE scholarships for recipients enrolling at the public institution.

1. **Institutions can have the employees pay the annual membership and participation fees cost.**

Have individual employees pay the annual $45 participation fee for each dependent on TE Divide up the $550 membership fee cost amongst the employees whose dependents receive TE.

This can occur by billing the employees to share equally in that cost (5 employees benefit, so each pays a $110 fee), or an institution could set a fee, in general, to assist in covering the institutional membership dues cost. TE Central encourages the concept of reasonable.

1. **Cover costs for overall program administration.**

Institutions could establish a flat application fee paid by the employee to cover program administration costs (Liaison Officer time, dues, fees) for exporting students.

Institutions could establish a flat administrative fee paid by the student to cover program administration costs (Liaison Officer time, dues) for importing students.

**In conclusion**

Member institutions with tight budgets can pass TE costs to their employees and students. Employees and students still receive a great bargain through the TE scholarship award.

Member institutions must disclose their fee structure to employees and prospective TE students upfront. TE Central encourages member institutions to charge reasonable fees when cost-sharing in administrative operations. Also, if an institution starts charging fees, it would be appropriate to charge only new participants.

Member institution payment to make one check payable to TE Central for dues and fees after collecting the payment from individual employees and students.