

Extract from Joint Explanatory Statement to Accompany Consolidated Appropriations
Amendment for Division C – Energy and Water
[House Committee on Rules](#)

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Nuclear Education.-Funding under this heading in the amended bill includes an additional \$15,000,000 to support education in nuclear science, engineering, and related trades to develop a workforce capable of the design, construction, operation, and regulation of nuclear facilities and the safe handling of nuclear materials. These funds are to be used for college scholarships and graduate fellowships in nuclear science, engineering, and health physics, and for faculty development grants supporting faculty in these academic areas for the first six years of their careers. Some of these funds are also to be used for scholarships for trade schools in the nuclear-related trades. Notwithstanding the requirements of Section 243 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, which makes employment at the Commission a condition of receiving educational assistance, the Commission is directed to make generous use of the waiver or suspension provisions available in Section 243 (c)(2). The nuclear education supported by this funding is intended to benefit the nuclear sector broadly (i.e., federal agencies, industry, and academia) rather than solely to benefit the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.