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SCHOLARSHIP GUIDE



2021-2022 Scholarship Guide

**Eligibility Criteria and Guidelines
for Scholarship Administration**

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Preface

The North Carolina Community College System Office presents ***The Scholarship Guide: Eligibility Criteria and Guidelines for Scholarship Administration***. This guide covers the scope of scholarships from state, corporate and private sponsors for North Carolina community college students.

We encourage every financial aid administrator and business officer to use this guide to assist in meeting the financial needs of your students. We wish you continued success and look forward to working with you.

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Guidelines for Administering the North Carolina Community College System Office Scholarship Programs

The responsibilities of the community college under the scholarship program shall be to:

1. Advertise and promote the availability of scholarship programs in its service area.
2. Establish or have an existing scholarship committee select recipients and alternates based on specific scholarship criteria.
3. For the **Wells Fargo Scholarship, a \$500 check will be sent to each college during the beginning of each academic year.** The Financial Aid Office and Business Office should work together to ensure the funds are received and applied to the eligible student's account.
4. Coordinate publicity efforts for all scholarship announcements.
5. Notify recipient(s) of the scholarship(s) awarded to them.
6. Notify the NCCCS Office of scholarship recipients who did not enroll, withdrew, etc. from the college before the census date of the term course. The college may select alternates for each scholarship program if the recipient does not enroll or withdraws from the college before the census date. The college may be asked to provide change in student information (full name, home address, and curriculum program) at the same time the college notifies the System Office that the initial recipient is not enrolled
7. Notify the System Office when a program has changed or has been eliminated.
8. Return check(s) of recipient(s) who did not enroll, withdrew, etc. as soon as this information is known. Returned checks should be addressed as follows:

Attn: Budget Officer - Business & Finance
NC Community College System Office
5013 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-5013

Or, if the scholarship is from the Community College Foundation, please return funds to the following:

Director of Foundation
NC Community College Foundation
5001 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-5001

Note: Adhering to this timetable will allow the System Office and private sponsors to process the changes in time to award all available funds to students.

Guidelines for Administering the North Carolina Community College System Office Scholarship Programs

The responsibilities of the System Office under the scholarship programs shall be to:

1. Compile a master list of the scholarship recipients from the 58 community colleges for each scholarship program.
2. Submit to the Office of Business and Finance a listing of scholarship recipients, with a request that checks be made payable to the recipients and the college.
3. The Office of Business and Finance will disburse all scholarship payments to each college's Business and Finance Office.
4. Submit to each private or corporate sponsor a list of the scholarship recipients each semester.
5. Assist each college in administering scholarship programs.

The North Carolina Community College Grant (CC)

G.S. 115D-40.1 establishes a need-based financial assistance program for community college students, targets a portion of the funds to students enrolled in high demand/low enrollment programs, and provides tuition assistance to eligible Vocational Rehabilitation students.

The State Board of Community Colleges is required to establish rules and policies for the implementation of the grant and loan program and the targeted financial assistance program. The following are policies for the administration and implementation of the programs.

A. Policies for the North Carolina Community College Grant Program

1. The State Board of Community Colleges will contract with the North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority (NCSEAA) to administer the financial aid program. Procedures for administering program will be developed by the NCSEAA and the North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS) Office.
2. To be eligible for the need-based grants under this program, students must meet the following criteria:
 - a. be admitted to a curriculum program and be enrolled for at least six credit hours per semester.
 - b. be a North Carolina resident.
 - c. have completed and submitted the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA);
 - d. qualify for the grants based upon a valid Expected Family Contribution (EFC) calculation under Federal Methodology and the program's recognized "required educational expenses" for attending a North Carolina community college; and
 - e. meet all other eligibility requirements for Federal Pell Grant.
3. Financial aid officers at the community colleges will certify eligibility of their students. A graduated schedule will be used to provide grants to curriculum students who meet the criteria in #2.

The program's recognized "required educational expenses" for a North Carolina resident will be determined annually based upon tuition and fees for fall and spring terms, the estimated cost of books and supplies, and a small travel allowance. The amount may be adjusted to ensure that all eligible applicants receive need-based grants.

4. The State Board will receive an end-of-year report from NCSEAA and will review its rule and policies annually. The NCSEAA will transmit data on community college students applying for an receiving grants to the System Office, which has responsibility for evaluating the program.
5. Consistent with this act, each community college will designate at least one financial aid counselor to inform students of federal financial aid programs, the Hope and Lifetime Learning Tax Credits, the North Carolina Community College Grant Program, and other financial aid options. The NCCCS Office will coordinate a training program for financial aid counselors and will disseminate information about the program to the public.

Targeted Financial and Less Than Half-time and Targeted Assistance Grants

The state funding for the Targeted Assistance (High Demand/Low Enrollment) Program and Less than Half-time funding were consolidated for the FY 2021-22 academic year at an amount not to exceed \$550,000. The State Board of Community Colleges will approve the amount allocated to each college and will determine this amount through a distribution model based upon the percentage of Pell Grant awards made by the college. Each college will receive an award allocation amount annually. Colleges should award available funding to eligible students in each program until expended.

B. Policies for Less Than Half-Time Enrolled Certificate, Diploma, and Associate Degree Students

1. The State Board will allocate funding to colleges to provide need-based assistance to students enrolled less than half time in certificate, diploma, or associate degree programs.
2. Student must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and demonstrate need.
3. Must be a NC resident for tuition purposes as determined by Residency Determination Services (RDS).
4. Enroll in a certificate, diploma, or degree program. A student enrolled in an ineligible Title IV certificate program may qualify for these funds.
5. Qualified students enrolled less than half time may be awarded up to 76 per semester hour for a maximum of \$380.
6. Funds allocated to the community colleges will include a base rate plus a percentage as determined by the colleges' Pell funds awarded and listed in the most recent final NCHED A-10 report of the community college system data warehouse.
7. Colleges will report to the System Office by June 30th each year (a) the student's name (b) award type, (c) semester, (d) program of study, (d) county of residence, and e) amount of expended and unexpended funds.
8. Upon request, the System Office may reallocate unexpended funds to colleges that demonstrate additional need for less than half-time enrollment funds.

C. Policies for the Targeted Assistance (High Demand/Low Enrollment) Program

1. The State Board may allocate a percentage of the funds appropriated for Financial Assistance for Community College Students to students who enroll in low enrollment programs that prepare students for high-demand occupations. The actual amount of funds allocated shall be adjusted annually, based upon availability of funding in the NC Community College Grant Program.
2. The local community colleges shall identify credit and noncredit programs with enrollment that is substantially less than program capacities but are in high demand regarding employees needed in those service area labor forces.
3. Based on local training and employment needs, the local community colleges shall determine the ratio for distribution of funds to credit and noncredit programs.
4. For students enrolled through the sponsorship of the NC Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR), colleges may apply these funds to the cost of the in-state tuition rate less the tuition payment authorized by VR.
5. Must be a NC resident for tuition purposes as determined by Residency Determination

Services (RDS).

6. Student must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and demonstrate need.
7. Enroll in a certificate, diploma, or degree program that the college determines to be in high demand. .
8. Funds allocated to the community colleges will include a base rate plus a percentage as determined by the colleges' Pell funds awarded and listed in the most recent final NCHED A-10 report of the community college system data warehouse.
9. Colleges will report to the System Office by June 30th each year (a) the student's name (b) award type, (c) semester, (d) program of study, (d) county of residence, and e) amount of expended and unexpended funds.
10. Upon request, the System Office may reallocate unexpended funds to colleges that demonstrate additional need for less than half-time enrollment funds.

The North Carolina Community Colleges Foundation Scholarship for Health Careers

North Carolina Community Colleges Foundation Scholarship for Health Careers Eligibility Criteria

The North Carolina Community Colleges Foundation Scholarships for Health Careers were created to assist students interested in attaining associate degrees in fields of high demand that will allow them to join the health care profession. The scholarships are available to full time students with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 enrolled in the second year of an eligible Allied Health program at a community college.

All applicants must have completed the Free Application of Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The Foundation awards \$1,000 scholarships, \$500 for the fall and spring semesters. Disbursement of the spring awards is contingent upon enrollment and satisfactory academic performance during the fall semester.

- Associate Degree Nursing (A45110)
- Dental Hygiene (A45260)
- Emergency Medical Science (A45340)
- Health Information Technology (A45360)
- Medical Assisting (A45400)
- Medical Laboratory Technology (A45400)
- Pharmacy Technology (A45580)
- Physical Therapist Assistant (2-year program)
- Physical Therapist Assistant (1+1) (A45640)
- Respiratory Therapy (A45720)
- Veterinary Medical Technology (A45780)

Scholarship recipients will be selected by a committee of NC Community College representatives. The committee will consider financial need as demonstrated by the Free Application for Federal Student Assistance (FAFSA), merit as determined by academic performance, and personal commitment to the health profession, as determined by the required documentation.

The head of the college's Allied Health Department will need to complete the general scholarship application for the recommended student and submit it to the Financial Aid Office.

Scholarship deadline is Monday, September 6, 2021.

Additional Applicant Requirements:

Provide career goals and relevant experience: On a separate sheet (limit 500 words), have the student explain what their career goals are. Students should describe volunteer work, family care, awards, or other life experiences which demonstrate their commitment to the health field as a vocation. *Please attack the student's response to the above question.*

Transcripts/test reports: Please include an official transcript from the community college in which student is enrolled.

Wells Fargo Technical Scholarship Program

Wells Fargo Technical Scholarship Program Eligibility Criteria

One scholarship per college valued at \$500 each. These scholarships are distributed among the 58 colleges in the community college system, which may be distributed in two payments: fall semester, \$250; and spring semester, \$250.

To qualify as a candidate for these scholarships, a person must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a full-time student enrolled in the second year of a two-year educational/technical program.
2. Demonstrate financial need.
3. Demonstrate scholastic promise.
4. Use the scholarship to pay for tuition, books, and/or transportation.

The recipients of the scholarships will be selected each year from applicants meeting the above criteria at local colleges.

The college shall establish a special committee to select recipient(s) of scholarships. The committee shall be composed of: the chairman of the board of the college or his/her designee, the senior Wells Fargo office executive in the area serving the college or his/her designee, and a leading citizen of the area to be selected by the other two (2) members of the committee who shall not be affiliated with Wells Fargo or the community college system.

In addition, the president of the college or his designee shall serve as an ex officio member of the committee and shall have the responsibility for providing staff assistance and for recommending scholarship candidates to the committee. If there is not a Wells Fargo Bank in the college service area, the established scholarship committee of that college may be used to select the recipient(s).

Applicants will need to complete the general scholarship application and additional information requirements. Submit to the Financial Aid Office by Monday, September 6, 2021.

Additional Information Requirements:

Educational Accomplishments: *(Use a separate sheet and attach to application.)*

Please write no more than one-page, typed essay (12-point font) stating why you have a chosen this field of study, how this scholarship will help you achieve your educational goals and why you should be considered for this scholarship.

Rodney B. Powell Memorial Scholarship Program

Rodney B. Powell Memorial Scholarship Eligibility Criteria

One of more scholarship will be awarded annually, depending on availability of funds to students meeting the criteria set forth. To qualify as a candidate for the scholarship, an applicant must meet the following:

Student Eligibility:

1. Be a resident of North Carolina.
2. Be enrolled or must intend to enroll as a full-time student in an Associate in Applied Science Degree program of study in electrical/electronics technology at a community college within the Progress Energy service area.
3. Have maintained a grade point average at or above 3.0 at the community college or during his/her senior year in high school.
4. Must continue for the duration of the scholarship at the college where he/she was enrolled at the time of the scholarship award.

The candidates for the scholarship shall be selected and the scholarship awarded without regard to race, sex, color, creed, religious preference, age, national origin or disability of each candidate. The recipient(s) of the scholarships will be selected each year from the group of applicants meeting the above criteria.

Other factors to be considered in the selection process will include, but will not be limited to: scholastic achievement, financial need, participation in outside activities, and a demonstrated interest in practicing the electrical/electronic technology trade in their community.

NOTE: All applications will be submitted to:

Lee McCollum, Power Careers Program (Fossil Generation)
7001 Pinecrest Road
Raleigh, NC 27612
(919) 881-3773 (Office phone)

COMMUNITY COLLEGES AWARDED THE RODNEY B. POWELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- Durham Technical Community College
- Johnston Community College
- Piedmont Community College
- Wake Technical Community College

**Rodney B. Powell Memorial Scholarship
Application**

Note: Applicants applying for this scholarship are to be enrolled or intend to enroll in an electrical or electronics technology program.

Identifying Information:

Full Name: _____

Partial Social Security Number: XXX – XX - _____ (last four digits only)

Mailing Address: _____
City & State _____ Zip Code _____

Daytime Telephone Number: (_____) _____ - _____

Educational Information:

Community College where you are currently enrolled or plan to attend: _____

Field of Study and Degree, Certificate, or Diploma being pursued: _____

If you are receiving financial aid, please list the type of aid (Pell Grant, Loan, etc.) _____

Educational Accomplishments: Please briefly describe any activities in your community in which you have been involved beyond your academic studies, i.e., awards, special programs, or any other educational accomplishments:

Educational Goals: *(Use a separate sheet and attach to application.)* Please write no more than a one-page essay (double-spaced, 12-point font) stating why you have chosen this field of study, how this scholarship will help you achieve your educational goal, and why you should be considered for this scholarship.

Application deadline: September 6, 2021, to the Financial Aid Office at the college to be forwarded to the NC Community College System Office.

FA Administrator Signature: _____ Date: _____

Golden LEAF Two-Year Scholars Program

2021-2022

Eligibility Guidelines and Student Application



Golden LEAF
FOUNDATION
Increasing Economic Opportunity in North Carolina Since 1999

The Golden LEAF Scholars Program – Two-Year Colleges will provide grants of up to \$2,250 annually for curriculum students and up to \$1850 annually for workforce continuing education students. The scholarships help cover the cost of tuition, fees, books, supplies, credentialing tests, transportation, childcare and other components of the total cost of attendance for 2021-2022 fall, spring, and summer semesters.

Student Eligibility Requirements

- Eligible students must (1) be a North Carolina resident, (2) demonstrate financial need and (3) reside in a rural county that is tobacco dependent, or economically distressed, as determined by the Golden LEAF Foundation (please see Qualifying Counties 2021-2022 list below). A scholarship recipient who resides in an eligible county upon initial award will retain eligibility and will be eligible for renewal awards as long as the student's place of residence is within the state of North Carolina.
- Eligible students may receive an award each year. Financial aid offices will determine their application procedures for receiving awards for subsequent terms. Selected students will be required to disclose all financial aid awards as dictated by college financial aid offices for award packaging. Golden LEAF Scholarships will not displace federal grants, e.g. Pell grants, for which the student may be eligible (may displace loan funds).

Curriculum Student Selection Criteria

Eligible students must:

- (1) Be enrolled at least full-time for fall and spring; Summer school students must be enrolled at least 6 credit hours. Grants for less-than-full-time students will be prorated based on hours of enrollment and pending availability of funds
- (2) Demonstrate financial need as determined by the FAFSA.
- (3) Be a resident of North Carolina
- (4) Reside in a rural county that is tobacco dependent, or economically distressed, as determined by the Golden LEAF Foundation (Please check with your financial aid office for Qualifying Counties 2021-2022).

Workforce Continuing Education Student Eligibility

Eligible students must:

- (1) Resident of North Carolina
- (2) Students enrolling in Workforce Continuing Education (WCE) pathways/courses offered for 96 hours or more and leading to a State or industry-recognized credential. Eligible course codes are included on the attached Combined Course Library list. These pathways may consist of a single WCE course or a series of courses.
- (3) Eligibility criteria for students include:
 - is unemployed.
 - has received notification of a pending layoff;
 - is working and is eligible for the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit (FEITC); or
 - is working and earning wages at or below two hundred percent (200%) of the federal poverty guidelines.
- (4) Reside in a rural county that is tobacco dependent, or economically distressed, as determined by the Golden LEAF Foundation (Please check with your financial aid office for Qualifying Counties 2021-2022).

***Should a student become ineligible to use any semester's scholarship award, those funds will be awarded to other qualified students within the same institution.

Other WCE Student Selection Considerations

Applicants will be selected based on financial need and county of residence. Other selection factors may include:

- The effect of the declining economy on his or her family.
 - Owner of or employed in farming/agriculture business
 - Owner of or employed in traditional industries (such as textile or furniture manufacturing)
 - Household member lost their job or has gone from full-time to part-time employment
- Academic performance
- Campus activities and community service

Scholarship Awarding Format Sample:

Colleges may select students to receive up to \$2,250 in awards annually. For example, if a student receives \$2,250, funds will be awarded up to \$1,000 for the fall, \$1,000 for the spring and \$250 in the summer. The scholarship may be renewed for one year, if the student meets eligibility criteria. If the student fails to enroll, those remaining funds may be awarded to another student. Grants for less-than-full-time students will be prorated based on hours of enrollment and pending availability of funds. For example, if a student is awarded \$2,250 for the fall and spring, but enrolls for only halftime for the spring semester, the award will be prorated for the spring to \$563. The remaining \$562 may be awarded to another student.

Application Process

- The System Office will promote and market the scholarship among the local community colleges to help the students understand and recognize the mission of Golden LEAF. A marketing and publicity plan approved by the Foundation will include the scholarship notification letter sent to each scholar.
- Students will complete the Golden LEAF Scholars Program – Two-year Colleges application for the targeted academic year. Applications will be filed with the college financial aid offices or Workforce Continuing Education departments.
- Timing for the selection process is determined by the award policies and procedures of each college. Financial aid offices will work with Workforce Continuing Education departments to determine the awards periods for those students.
- Applicants bear full responsibility for completing the Golden LEAF application prior to each deadline.
- Financial aid offices will disburse awards and collect media releases forms regarding the scholarship recipients.
- Financial aid offices will provide a list of selected recipients including name, amount, address, counties, email, and use of funds to NCCCS.

This program is funded by the Golden LEAF Foundation.

**North Carolina Community Colleges
Golden LEAF Scholars Program – Two-Year Colleges
2021-2022 Student Application**

Instructions: Complete this application and return the completed application to the college’s Financial Aid Office. Eligible students must reside in a rural county that is tobacco dependent, or economically distressed, as determined by the Golden LEAF Foundation (Please see your school’s financial aid office for a list of 2020-2021 Qualifying Counties).

Personal Information:

Full Name: _____ Student ID Number: _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ St: ____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

NC County of Residence: _____

Length of residence in county: ____ less than 5 years ____ 5 – 10 years ____ more than 10 years
(To be eligible for this scholarship, your permanent residence must be in an approved NC county.)

Educational Information:

College you are attending: _____

____ Occupational Continuing Education Student *(must be enrolled in a credentialing program of at least 96 hours.)*

Program you are enrolled in: _____

____ Curriculum Student: ____ GPA ____ 1st semester ____ not enrolled

Program you are enrolled in: _____

Other Information:

Have members of your immediate family worked for or owned a farming or agricultural related business now or in the past? ____ yes ____ no

Have you or members of your immediate family been employed in traditional industries such as furniture, textiles, or tobacco manufacturing? ____ yes ____ no

Has anyone in your household lost their job in the past two years? ____ yes ____ no

Has anyone in your household transitioned from a full-time job to a part-time job? ____ yes ____ no

Please list all campus and community service activities you are currently involved in, if any. _____

Applicant Certification: I have read and understand the requirements for the Golden LEAF Scholarship program. I hereby declare that the information provided on this form is complete and correct to the best of knowledge.

Applicant Signature

Date

Please return the completed application to the college’s Financial Aid Office.

George W. Ballard Memorial Scholarship

George W. Ballard Memorial Scholarship Eligibility Criteria

One scholarship at \$500 for 2 years for students attending Guilford Technical Community College, Gaston Community College, or Alamance Community College and enrolling in a curriculum program. The funds may be distributed equally in two payments: fall semester and spring semester. Scholarship checks will be issued to the college. The North Carolina Community College System Office will notify and award the designated institution. To qualify as a candidate for the George W. Ballard Memorial Scholarship, a student must meet the following criteria:

1. Be personally eligible for in-state tuition.
2. Be enrolled (or must intend to enroll) in the Air Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration curriculum at a North Carolina community college.
3. Submit an essay stating why he/she chose the field of study and
4. show the scholarship will help them financially attain their educational goal.
5. Maintain a cumulative grade point average at or above the level required for graduation.
6. Continue for the duration of the scholarship at the college where he/she was enrolled at the time of the scholarship award.

Application Process:

1. Colleges will submit the general scholarship application to the college's Financial Aid Office by Monday, September 6, 2021. The individual recipient of the scholarship will be selected by a scholarship committee at the North Carolina Community College System Office from the applications received.
2. Complete Scholarship Essay to briefly answer the following essay questions on a separate sheet of paper. Please type your responses to the essay.
 - o Why should you be considered for this scholarship?
 - o How will this scholarship help you financially achieve your educational goal?
 - o Why have you chosen your current field of study?
 - o Have you been involved in any activities in your community? If so, please identify the activities and your level of involvement.

The candidates for the scholarship shall be selected and the scholarship awarded without regard to race, gender, color, creed, religious preference, age, national origin or disability. The individual recipient of the scholarship will be selected each year from the group of applicants meeting the above criteria. Other factors to be considered in the selection process will include, but will not be limited to scholastic achievement, participation in extracurricular activities, and a demonstrated interest in working in the field of study.

Allen Ryan Todd Scholarship

Allen Ryan Todd Scholarship Eligibility Criteria

Family Statement: The Allen Ryan Todd Scholarship was established to honor the life and enthusiasm for learning of Allen Ryan Todd. The scholarship symbolizes his family's belief that we are here not just to further our own ends, but also to contribute to a larger purpose. In that spirit, scholarship, service, and a desire to help other committed individuals are crucial elements.

Recipients of this scholarship will demonstrate merit and commitment to further their education and honoring the memory of Allen Ryan Todd.

Available are two (2) scholarships valued at \$1,660.00. The funds will be distributed in two payments **per recipient:** fall semester \$415, and spring semester \$415. Scholarship checks will be issued to the college in the name of the recipient. To qualify as a recipient for the Allen Ryan Todd Scholarship, an applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a resident of a North Carolina.
2. Be enrolled (or must intend to enroll) in an Associate Degree program in education, health or environmental science at a North Carolina Community College.
3. Be a motivated, capable learner who has a demonstrated economic need.
4. Submit an essay specifying a chosen field of study and explain how the scholarship will help the applicant achieve his/her goal. A statement of how his/her goals honor the values modeled in the life of Allen Ryan Todd.
5. Maintain a grade point average at or above the level required for graduation.
6. Continue enrollment for the duration of the scholarship at the college where he/she was enrolled at the time of the scholarship award.
7. The recipient(s) must show documentation that they have volunteered in the intended field of study to be considered for this scholarship. Documentation must be within the past year.

The recipients of the scholarship will be selected each year by a scholarship committee at the North Carolina Community College System Office. Factors to be considered in the selection process will include, but will not be limited to, scholastic achievement, participation in outside activities, and a demonstrated commitment to the students' chosen disciplines: Education, Health, or Environmental Science.

The Todd family and supporters hope recipients will regard this scholarship as an obligation to make the most of their career goals and as an opportunity to help others. We are looking for students who will model scholarship, leadership, and service in their own lives and serve as good models for future recipients of this financial aid. While we cannot always "pay it back," we can "pay it forward." We wish to support those who subscribe to this philosophy.

Application Process

1. Please complete the general scholarship application and submit to the Financial Aid Office by September 6, 2021.

2. Provide an essay including the following:
- **Educational Accomplishments** Please briefly describe any activities in your community in which you have been involved beyond your academic studies, i.e., awards, special programs or any other educational accomplishments:
 - **Educational Goals** (*Use a separate sheet and attach to application*) Please write no more than a one-page essay stating why you have chosen this field of study and how this scholarship will help you achieve your educational goal
 - **Life purpose:** Allen Ryan Todd was a searcher, one who truly cared about learning. He also cared about people, especially those who needed help and hope. In that spirit, tell the committee why you feel that you qualify for the memorial scholarship bearing his name.

State Employee's Credit Union Foundation
Two-Year Scholarship Program for NC Community Colleges
2021 Eligibility Criteria

SECU Foundation

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

Recipients must receive a copy of these requirements

SECU Foundation established this **two-year scholarship program** to assist North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS) students in achieving academic success. The members of State Employees' Credit Union take an active role in assisting organizations and communities across North Carolina and truly believe in "People Helping People!"

There are 116 scholarships valued at up to \$5,000 each. Each North Carolina Community College will receive two (2) scholarships. These scholarships are distributed semi-annually in two payments: fall semester, \$1,250 per student; and spring semester, \$1,250 per student for a maximum of four (4) consecutive semesters.

Recipients are selected by the Scholarship Selection Committee. The following criteria must be used to award the SECU Foundation "People Helping People" Scholarships and have been designed to give the committee maximum flexibility in bestowing the scholarship.

The Scholarship Selection Committee will recognize the individual most deserving of an opportunity to attend college. An application is required. The committee will consider students who best exemplify the membership philosophy of credit unions, "People Helping People", and have demonstrated leadership, excellence of character, integrity, and community involvement. The recipient will be selected without regard to race, sex, color, creed, religious preference, age, national origin or disability.

Preference will be given to students whose parents or guardians and family members are public sector employees (state, local or federal government; public health; public education) who live and work in North Carolina. Information for the scholarship is available through the financial aid office. The Scholarship Selection Committee will use the following criteria to award the scholarship to a recipient who:

1. Is an applicant or full-time student who is a high school graduate or has completed the General Education Development (GED) program, enrolled in an associate degree, diploma or certificate program.
2. Is a U.S. citizen and a resident of North Carolina under NCGS 116-143.1, and is eligible for in-state tuition.
3. Best exemplifies the membership philosophy of credit unions, "People Helping People" and has demonstrated leadership, excellence of character, integrity, and community involvement.
4. Preference may be given to students with limited financial aid from other programs.
5. Demonstrates scholastic achievement and maintains a 2.5 or higher-grade point average on a 4.0 scale or attained a score of 3,000 on the GED test.
6. Uses the scholarship to pay tuition, books, fees, course supplies and transportation.

7. Agrees to continue at the community college where enrolled at the time of the scholarship award for the duration of the scholarship, for four consecutive fall/spring semesters or upon completion of a diploma program. Scholarships are not transferable to another student or another school.
8. Is not a Board Director, employee or family member of an employee of the State Employees' Credit Union or SECU Foundation. *(Note: For the purpose of this scholarship program, immediate family is defined as spouse, parents, siblings and children of an employee or persons living in the same residence and maintaining a single economic unit.)*

**The Decision of the Scholarship Selection Committee
will be final if all requirements have been met.**

**State Employee's Credit Union Foundation
Two-Year Scholarship Program for NC Community Colleges
Application**

Please complete all information on this form.

Student Data Form Personal Information

Recipient First Name Recipient Middle Name Recipient Last Name

Last four Digits of Recipient's Social-Security Number

XXX - XX- _____

Home Address

City & State

Zip Code

Telephone Number (Include Area Code)

(____) _____ - _____

GPA - Weighted

GPA - Unweighted

Email Address

Has the student submitted their FAFSA?

_____ yes _____ no

Demonstrated financial Need?

If parent/guardian works in the public sector field, which field?

Community College Information

Name of Community College

Address

City & State

Zip Code

Community College President

Community College President's Email

Date of Awards Ceremony

Time of Awards Ceremony

Please Note: Student data sheet must be returned as a Word Document only. Please email directly to secufoundation@ncsecu.org.

- **Signed Media Consent Form (Signed by Recipient and Parent/Guardian if under 18)**
- **Brief Statement from Selection Committee on school letterhead which must be signed by all members of the Committee to verify recipient. Please note, Selection Committee must have three or more members.**

SECU Foundation

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation of North Carolina Firefighter Stipend and Scholarship Program

Eligibility Requirements and Student Applications (Three Options)

The Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation of NC Firefighter Stipend and Scholarship Program will provide stipends of \$500 per term or scholarships up to \$1,000 per term for eligible community college students pursuing NC Firefighter Certification courses or courses leading to an eligible associate degree, as described in the [three options detailed below](#). These funds are designated to assist North Carolina fire and rescue departments with recruitment and retention of firefighters. A particular emphasis is in supporting the recruitment and training of individuals in achieving their Firefighter I & II certifications to impact the number of firefighters within the state.

This funding is available to students at 20 designated NC Community Colleges: Beaufort CC, Bladen CC, Blue Ridge CC, Caldwell CC&TI, Central Carolina CC, Cleveland CC, College of The Albemarle, Halifax CC, Isothermal CC, James Sprunt CC, Montgomery CC, Nash CC, Richmond CC, Robeson CC, Southwestern CC, Stanly CC, Surry CC, Vance-Granville CC, Wayne CC, and Wilson CC.

Each college will determine which options are available and the application processes for each. Program options are as follows: **1) BCBS Foundation Firefighter Stipends; 2) BCBS Foundation Firefighter Scholarships to Adults;** and/or **3) BCBS Foundation Firefighter Scholarships to High School Students.** Please contact the local college financial aid office for details.

1. BCBS Foundation Firefighter Stipends

Recruitment and retention of NC firefighters

While registration fees are waived there are significant costs associated to accessing any training including materials, travel, and personal resources. The BCBS Foundation Firefighter Stipends are intended to offset out-of-pocket expenses a student could incur in order to participate in training leading to Firefighter I & II, NC Driver/Operator Pumps, or Emergency Vehicle Driver Certifications

Stipend Award

- \$500 per term (must reapply each term)
 - Funds are disbursed to the student's college account to cover any expenses for the program/courses to cover instructional costs (books, materials, etc.) associated the designated fire fighter training within a NC community college. Any balance of funds will be allocated to the student.

Eligibility Requirements

- The student must enroll in course(s) required to achieve the NC Firefighter I & II, NC Driver/Operator Pumps, and/or Emergency Vehicle Driver certifications.

BCBS Foundation Firefighter Scholarships to Adults:

Incentive to engage to advance as a firefighter with path to broader public safety career goals.

Eligible programs: Fire Protection Technology, Public Safety Administration, Emergency Management or Emergency Medical Science curriculum associate degree programs and Workforce Continuing Education courses that tie directly to a college's approved EMS Bridge program and is specifically part of the student's pathway to EMS associate degree completion.

Scholarship Award

- Up to \$1,000 per term (must reapply each term)
 - Funds are disbursed to the student's account to cover any expenses for the program/courses to cover instructional costs (tuition, fees, books, materials, supplies, etc.) associated with an eligible curriculum program. Any balance of funds will be allocated to the student.

Eligibility Requirements

- Hold an active NC Firefighter I & II certification
- Student must successfully complete courses covered by the scholarship in any previous term to be eligible for funding in a subsequent term.

2. BCBS Foundation Firefighter Scholarships to High School Students:

Incentive to engage to advance as a firefighter with path to broader public safety career goals.

Eligible programs: Fire Protection Technology, Public Safety Administration, Emergency Management or Emergency Medical Science curriculum associate degree programs and Workforce Continuing Education courses that tie directly to a college's approved EMS Bridge program and is specifically part of the student's pathway to EMS associate degree completion.

Scholarship Award

- up to \$1,000 per term (must reapply each term)
 - Funds are disbursed to the student's account to cover any expenses for the program/courses to cover instructional costs (tuition, fees, books, materials, supplies, etc.) associated with an eligible curriculum program. Any balance of funds will be allocated to the student.

Eligibility Requirements

- Successful completion of a Career & College Promise – Workforce Continuing Education (CCP – WCE) Fire Academy pathway.
- Student must successfully complete courses covered by the scholarship in any previous term to be eligible for funding in a subsequent term.

Attachments

Form A: BCBS Foundation **Firefighter Stipend** Application Form

Form B: BCBS Foundation **Firefighter Scholarship to Adults** Application Form

Form C: BCBS Foundation **Firefighter Scholarship to High School Students** Application Form



Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation Firefighter Stipend Application

Please confirm if your college is an eligible college and if it is offering this option for the term you are interested in. Return the completed application form to the college Financial Aid Office by the deadline specified by the college.

The stipend is for \$500 per term and students must reapply for each subsequent term. Funds are disbursed to the student’s college account to cover any expenses for the program/courses to cover instructional costs (books, materials, etc.) associated the designated fire fighter training within a NC community college. Any balance of funds will be allocated to the student.

The student must enroll in course(s) required to achieve the NC Firefighter I & II, NC Driver/Operator Pumps, and/or Emergency Vehicle Driver certifications to be eligible for these funds.

College Name	
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Student Information (please print)

<i>Full Name</i>	
<i>Home Address</i>	
<i>City/State/Zip Code</i>	
<i>Email Address</i>	
<i>Phone Number</i>	
<i>Mobile Number</i>	

Specify Term Applying For: _____ (Example: Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Summer 2022)

List eligible course(s) student has enrolled in for the term specified above:
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I have read and understand the requirements for this funding. I hereby declare that the information provided on this form is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____



Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation Firefighter Scholarship to Adults Application

Please confirm if your college is an eligible college and if it is offering this option for the term you are interested in. Return the completed application form to the college Financial Aid Office by the deadline specified by the college.

Scholarship Award: Up to \$1,000 per term (must reapply each term). Funds are disbursed to the student’s account to cover any expenses for the program/courses to cover instructional costs (tuition, fees, books, materials, supplies, etc.) associated with an eligible program as listed below. Any balance of funds will be allocated to the student. **Eligible programs:** Fire Protection Technology, Public Safety Administration, Emergency Management or Emergency Medical Science curriculum associate degree programs and Workforce Continuing Education courses that tie directly to a college’s approved EMS Bridging program and is specifically part of the student’s pathway to EMS associate degree completion. **Eligibility Requirements: 1)** Hold an active NC Firefighter I & II certification; **2)** Successfully complete courses covered by the scholarship in any previous term to be eligible for funding in a subsequent term.

College Name	
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Student Information (please print)

Full Name	
Home Address	
City/State/Zip Code	
Email Address	
Phone Number	
Mobile Number	

Specify Term Applying For: _____ (Example: Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Summer 2022)

List eligible course(s)/associated degree program student has enrolled in for the term specified:

I have provided evidence that I have an active Firefighter I&II certification.

If I was awarded this scholarship in the past, I have provided evidence of successfully completing previous courses.

I have read and understand the requirements for this funding. I hereby declare that the information provided on this form is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature _____ **Date:** _____

Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation Firefighter Scholarship to High School Students Application

Please confirm if your college is an eligible college and if it is offering this option for the term you are interested in. Return the completed application form to the college Financial Aid Office by the deadline specified by the college.

Scholarship Award: Up to \$1,000 per term (must reapply each term). Funds are disbursed to the student’s account to cover any expenses for the program/courses to cover instructional costs (tuition, fees, books, materials, supplies, etc.) associated with an eligible program as listed below. Any balance of funds will be allocated to the student. **Eligible programs:** Fire Protection Technology, Public Safety Administration, Emergency Management or Emergency Medical Science curriculum associate degree programs and Workforce Continuing Education courses that tie directly to a college’s approved EMS Bridging program and is specifically part of the student’s pathway to EMS associate degree completion. **Eligibility Requirements:** 1) Successful completion of a Career & College Promise – Workforce Continuing Education (CCP – WCE) Fire Academy pathway; and 2) Successfully complete courses covered by the scholarship in any previous term to be eligible for funding in a subsequent term.

College Name	
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Student Information (please print)

<i>Full Name</i>	
<i>Home Address</i>	
<i>City/State/Zip Code</i>	
<i>Email Address</i>	
<i>Phone Number</i>	
<i>Mobile Number</i>	

Specify Term Applying For: _____ (Example: Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Summer 2022)

List eligible course(s)/associated degree program student has enrolled in for the term specified:

- I have provided evidence that I have successfully completed a WCE CCP Fire Academy Pathway.
- If I was awarded this scholarship in the past, I have provided evidence of successfully completing previous courses.
- I have read and understand the requirements for this funding. I hereby declare that the information provided on this form is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant’s Signature

Date

North Carolina Community Colleges Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Scholarship Fund

The Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Funds Scholarship will provide scholarships for eligible community college students pursuing high-demand workforce training programs within ten workforce pathways leading to a State or industry-recognized credential. Colleges would have local flexibility to add additional Pathways if necessary to meet local workforce needs.

Use of Scholarship Funds

Scholarship awards are determined by each college based on student need, local industry needs, number of eligible students, and cost of course, up to a maximum of either \$750 per course or the cost of the course fee(s) if the fee(s) exceed \$750. The scholarships help cover the cost of tuition, fees, books, supplies, credentialing tests, transportation, childcare and other components of the total cost of attendance for August 24, 2020 through September 30, 2022.

Student Eligibility Requirements

Eligible students applying for this scholarship must:

1. Resident of North Carolina
2. Students enrolling in Workforce Continuing Education (WCE) pathways/courses offered for 96 hours or more and leading to a State or industry-recognized credential. These pathways may consist of a single WCE course or a series of courses.
3. Students applying for the scholarship must be enrolled in one of the following ten programs of study¹:
 - Automotive
 - Aircraft Maintenance
 - Construction
 - Criminal Justice
 - Emergency Medical Services
 - Healthcare
 - Industrial/Manufacturing
 - Information Technology
 - Transportation
 - Fire and Rescue Services

Application Process

Application Process

- The System Office will promote and conduct outreach for the scholarship among the community colleges.
- Students will complete the GEER Scholarship application for the targeted academic year. Applications will be filed with the college financial aid office, Workforce Continuing Education department, or another college-designated office.
- Applicants bear full responsibility for completing the GEER application prior to each deadline as established by the college.

¹ Colleges have local flexibility to add additional Pathways if necessary to meet local workforce needs.

**North Carolina Community Colleges
Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER)
2021-2022 Student Application**

Instructions: Complete this application and return the completed application to the college's Financial Aid Office or Workforce Continuing Education Department.

Personal Information:

Full Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Mobile number: _____

Educational Information:

College you are attending: _____

____ Occupational Continuing Education Student (*must be enrolled in a credentialing program of at least 96 hours.*)

Select the Pathway you are enrolled in:

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Automotive | <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aircraft Maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial/Manufacturing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Information Technology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Justice | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Medical Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire and Rescue Services |

Course you are enrolled in: _____

Other Questions:

Have you or members of your family been directly or indirectly affected by COVID-19?

____ yes ____ no

If yes, how?

I have read and understand the requirements for assistance. I hereby declare that the information provided on this form is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature

Date



Samuel M Taylor Memorial Life Sciences Scholarship

The Samuel M. Taylor Memorial Life Sciences Scholarship was established in memory of Sam Taylor, a founder and president of NC BIO, the trade association for life science companies in North Carolina. Sam was passionate about North Carolina's life sciences industry and served at NC BIO's helm for more than 25 years. He was instrumental in the establishment of the NC BioImpact training program to support the growth of biopharma manufacturing in our state and ensure training opportunities for North Carolinians seeking a career in the industry. BioNetwork, the life science training initiative of the North Carolina Community College System, is a key member of the NC BioImpact collaborative. To learn more, visit:

www.ncbionetwork.org/sam-taylor-scholarship

Student Eligibility Requirements

Qualifying applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be residents of **North Carolina** and eligible for in-state tuition.
- Be enrolled in life science courses in a qualifying program.
- Maintain a cumulative grade point average at or above the level required for graduation.
- Continue enrollment for the duration of the scholarship at the college where they were enrolled at the time of the scholarship award.
- Complete the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** at www.studentaid.gov
- Complete the **NC Community Colleges General Scholarship Application** form.
- Submit an essay explaining your interest in the life science field of study, your goals after graduation, and how the scholarship will help you financially.
- Scholarship applications must be received by Friday, July 16th.

*Preference may be given to students with limited financial aid from other programs.

Scholarship applications should be submitted to the student's local community college financial aid office by July 16th. The financial aid office will submit all applications to the NC Community College System. Recipients of the scholarships will be selected each year by the scholarship committee of the North Carolina Community College System along with two individuals designated by NC BIO. Factors considered in the selection process include but are not limited to financial need, scholarship achievement, designated goals, and demonstrated interest in pursuing a life science career in North Carolina. Scholarship candidates shall be selected and the scholarships awarded without regard to race, gender, color, creed, religious preference, age, national origin or disability.

**T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood NC Early Care and Education Community Specialist
Scholarship**

**T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood NC
Early Care and Education Community Specialist Scholarship**

Apply now at www.childcareservices.org/programs/teach-north-carolina/

T.E.A.C.H. offers scholarship opportunities for Early Care and Education Community Specialists who want to take coursework leading to an associate, bachelor's degree or graduate coursework in early childhood education. Early childhood education degree completion is not required. These scholarships are competitive and will be awarded to individuals who clearly demonstrate their commitment to early care and education. Scholarship applications are now being accepted for the 2021-2022 academic year!

Eligible positions include:

**Early Childhood Workforce Coaches and Mentors
Head Start Home Visitors Home Visitors, including Parents as Teachers
Technical Assistant Specialists
Professional Development Specialists Community College Early Childhood Instructors
Early Intervention Specialists Child Care Health Consultants
Health Department (Nurse Educators)
Child Care Program Nutritionists
Division of Child Development and Early Education (Licensing Consultants)**

T.E.A.C.H. can help most non-teaching professionals working in North Carolina's early care and education system increase their education in early childhood focused or relevant coursework, receive financial support to help offset tuition, books and other costs and prepare for Early Educator Certification.

No financial obligation for coursework from employer.

Visit www.childcareservices.org/programs/teach-north-carolina/

or call 919-967-3272 for more information.

**T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood North Carolina
A Program of Child Care Services Association**

Are you currently enrolled in college?

Have you ever wanted to go back to school but been discouraged by the cost?

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Scholarships provide early childhood professionals and apprentices with money to help cover the cost of tuition, books, and travel. T.E.A.C.H. scholarships also may be used along with Longleaf Commitment grants offered at community colleges

T.E.A.C.H. can help support costs for:

- a few credits
- an early childhood certificate, diploma, or associate degree
 - an infant toddler and preschool certificate
- a bachelor's degree • a specialized graduate license
 - a master's degree, or
- a CDA Assessment and Renewal Credential.

Scholarships are being awarded for the 2021-2022 academic year. Apply at www.childcareservices.org/programs/teach-north-carolina/

See scholarship program descriptions or download an application today at www.childcareservices.org/programs/teach-north-carolina/.

Visit www.childcareservices.org/programs/teach-north-carolina/

or call 919-967-3272 for more information.

**T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood North Carolina
A Program of Child Care Services Association**



**North Carolina Community College System
Thomas Stith, President**

Memorandum

Date: July 1, 2021

To: Financial Aid Directors

From: Brenda Burgess
Associate Director, Student Aid

Subject: Consent Form

To adhere to the Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, please ask each scholarship recipient to complete the Consent Form for you records. You are welcome to use a Consent Form employed by your college.

Thank you.



**2021-2022 Scholarship Program
Photograph and Publicity Release From**

I, _____, hereby give my college, the North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS) and scholarship donor, permission to use my name, likeness, image, voice, and/or appearance as such may be embodied in any pictures, photos, video recordings, audiotapes, digital images, and the like, taken or made on behalf of the donor's activities. I agree that the NCCCS has complete ownership of such pictures, etc., including the entire copyright, and may use them for any purpose consistent with the organization's education missions. These uses include, but are not limited to illustrations, bulletins, exhibitions, videotapes, reprints, reproductions, publications, advertisements, and any promotional or educational materials in any medium now known or later developed, including the Internet.

I acknowledge that I will not receive any compensation for the use of such pictures, etc., and hereby release the *NCCCS, scholarship donor* and its agents and assigns from any and all claims which arise out of or are in any way connected with such use.

I have read and understood this consent and release.

I give my consent to the North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS) and scholarship donor to use my name and likeness to promote the Scholarship program, education, and/or their activities.

Signature

Date

Parent/Legal guardian (if age 17)

Date

I do not give my consent to the North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS) and scholarship donor to use my name and likeness to promote the Scholarship program, and/or their activities.

Signature

Date

Parent/Legal guardian (if age 17)

Date



**2021-2022 North Carolina Community Colleges
Student General Application**

Instructions: Complete this application and return the completed application to your college's Financial Aid Office. Please read the eligibility requirements of the scholarship for which you are applying. Also, make certain to list the scholarship you are applying for on the application below. Otherwise, you may not be considered. **Please return completed to the Financial Aid Office.**

Part A. Name Scholarship Applying for: _____

Part B. Personal Information:

Full Name: _____ Student ID: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

NC county of residence: _____

Length of residence in county: _____ less than 5 years _____ 5 – 10 years _____ more than 10 years

(To be eligible for this scholarship, your permanent residence must be in an approved NC county.)

Part C. Educational Information: (Please Note: Workforce Continuing Education students may not qualify for all scholarships. Read each scholarship eligibility requirements carefully)

1. Community College you are attending: _____

2. Type of education program in which you are enrolled. Select one:

A. _____ **Curriculum Student:** _____ Grade Point Average (GPA)

Program of Study: _____

B. _____ **Occupational Continuing Education Student** *(must be enrolled in a credentialing program of at least 96 hours.)*

Program of Study: _____

Part D. Additional Information: Please read each scholarship carefully for additional requirements and documentation.

I have read and understand the requirements for assistance. I hereby declare that the information provided on this form is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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