



Please submit to COA Financial Aid Office by September 13th, 2023.

North Carolina Community College Foundation Special Recognition Scholarship

The North Carolina Community College Foundation Special Recognition Scholarship was created to recognize outstanding efforts of students representing disability identity and in honor of those that have served our country. The NCCCS Foundation will provide seven (7) scholarships of up to **\$1000** for curriculum students and four (4) scholarships of up to **\$750** for workforce continuing education students. The scholarship may help cover the cost of tuition, fees, books, supplies, assistive technology, transportation, childcare and other components of the total cost of attendance for 2023-24.

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 states that “a person with a disability includes...any person who (1) has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities {including walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, working, caring for oneself, and performing manual tasks}, (2) has a record of such an impairment, or (3) is regarded as having such an impairment”.

Curriculum (CU) Student Eligibility Criteria

- Be a resident of North Carolina.
- Completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for 2023-24..
- Complete the NCCF Special Recognition Scholarship application.
- Submit an essay explaining your interest in the degree program, your goals after graduation and how the scholarship will help you financially.
- Maintain a cumulative grade point average at or above the level required for graduation.
- Enroll or plan to enroll full-time. An applicant with an exception to the full-time requirement as an accommodation to access services and/or maintain eligibility for insurance or other benefits may not be disqualified. If enrolled part-time under the advisement from disability services, a statement from the disability service staff stating that status is due to an accommodation.
- Present proof of documented disability (must be enrolled with Disabilities Services at the college to obtain this information and DS staff must sign off on the application) or self-identify as an individual with a disability.

Workforce Continuing Education (WCE) Student Eligibility Criteria

- Be a resident of North Carolina.
- Complete the NC Community College System General Scholarship Application
- Submit an essay explaining your (1) interest in the degree program, (2) your goals after graduation and (3) how the scholarship will help you financially. Submitted essays must include all 3 areas for consideration of this scholarship.
- Enrolling in Workforce Continuing Education (WCE) pathways/courses offered for 96 hours or more and leading to a state or industry recognized credential.
- Present proof of documented disability (must work with Disabilities Services at the college to obtain this information and the DS staff must sign off on the application).

Factors considered in the selection process include but are not limited to financial need, scholastic achievement, or career goals. Scholarship candidates shall be selected, and the scholarships awarded without regard to race, gender, color, creed, religious preference, age, national origin, or disability.



2023-24 NC Community College Foundation Special Recognition Scholarship Application

Instructions: Complete this application and return it to your college's Financial Aid Office. Include all supporting documentation for the NCCCF Special Recognition Scholarship.

Scholarship Name: NC Community College Foundation Special Recognition Scholarship

Personal Information:

Full Name: _____ Student ID: _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ ST ____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

NC County of residence: _____ Length of residence in county: _____

(Note: some scholarships require residency in an approved NC county).

Educational Information: (Please Note: Workforce Continuing Education students may not qualify for all scholarships.)

1. College you are attending: _____

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

• ____ **Curriculum Program of Study:** _____ **GPA:** _____

• ____ **Workforce Continuing Education** (Must enroll in a credentialing program of at least 96 hours).

Program: _____

Additional Information: Please read each scholarship carefully and provide all supporting documentation for the scholarship.

Acknowledgement and Certification: 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:** _____

Disability Services Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Completed application and supporting documentation must be submitted from the college on behalf of the student to Financial Aid Term Scholarship Reporting at fatsr@nccommunitycolleges.edu by the requested deadline for consideration.