

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 (SECU) 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 each academic year. 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 at the community college will recognize the individual most deserving of an opportunity to attend college. A completed Student Data Form is required. The committee will consider students who best exemplify the membership philosophy of the Credit Union, "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. 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. Applicant must not have previously been awarded the SECU 2-year People Helping People scholarship. Recipients selected must be new recipients of the scholarship.
4. Best exemplifies the membership philosophy of credit unions, "People Helping People" and has demonstrated leadership, excellence of character, integrity, and community involvement.

5. Demonstrates financial need using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Preference may be given to students with limited financial aid from other programs.
6. 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.
7. Uses the scholarship to pay for full-time student tuition, books, fees, course supplies and transportation.
8. 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.
9. Is not a director, employee, or family member of a director or employee of SECU or the SECU Foundation, or a family member of a member of the scholarship selection committee. *For the purpose of this scholarship program and a student's relation to a director, employee, or selection committee member, family member includes spouse, parents, siblings, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and spouses of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, of a selection committee member, employee or director of SECU, or employee or director of SECU Foundation. Also, for the purpose of this scholarship program and a student's relation to a director, employee, or selection committee member, family member also includes persons living in the same residence and maintaining a single economic unit as a selection committee member, employee or director of SECU, or employee or director of SECU Foundation.*

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

2021-2022 N.C. State Employees Credit Union Scholarship Application

1. Student's Name: _____
Last Name First Name Middle Name

2. Student ID: _____ 3. Email address (if available): _____

4. Address: _____
Street Address Apt. City State Zip Code

5. Telephone: (_____) _____ Alternative Phone: (_____) _____

7. Do you plan to enroll in college for the Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 semester? Yes No

8. Career Interest — Program/major: _____

9. Have you completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid? Yes No

10. Will you have a high school diploma or GED before you begin the 2021-2022 school year? Yes No
If yes list the month and year you graduated from high school: _____ Month _____ Year

11. What are your future goals and how will this scholarship help you achieve your goals?

12. Tell us about your activities or interests outside the classroom:

17. What do you regard as your strengths and weaknesses?

18. Please add any additional information to aid the Scholarship Committee in making their decision:

Special Notes

To be considered for the N.C. State Employees Credit Union Scholarship, you must complete the FAFSA for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. You are also asked to notify the Financial Aid Office if any additional gift aid assistance is received for any educational expenses. If an over award occurs, the student is responsible for repaying the amount of the over award to the federal accounts.

In compliance with federal law, the provisions of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1973, Central Piedmont Community College does not discriminate on the basis of age, color, ethnic or national origin, handicap, military service, race religion, or sex in its administration of education policies, programs, or activities; its admission policies; scholarship and loan programs; or employment. Inquiries or complaints should be directed to the Dir. Equal Opportunity; Room 513, Terrell

Consent Form

The SECU Foundation and the State Employees' Credit Union (SECU) may use photographs, quotes, slides, videos, or illustrations of students in newsletters or publications, in slide presentations, videos, and/or web sites and social media about the scholarships, in any SECU or SECU Foundation news coverage, in video productions aired on television and in other similar forms of communication. Local media (TV, newspaper, radio stations) frequently want to interview students to add a personal touch to stories. Students' comments may be used in newspapers or broadcast on radio or TV.

I give permission to the SECU Foundation, SECU, and/or the news media to use photographs, quotes, slides, videos, illustrations, interviews, likeness, and school information of the student listed below. Further, I authorize their use without inspecting or approving the finished product or its specific use. I understand that we will not receive compensation, monetary or otherwise, for the use of the likeness of the student listed below.

I acknowledge the *People Helping People* Scholarship is *not* transferable.

I have received or reviewed a copy of the Eligibility Criteria (available on the SECU Foundation website at www.ncsecufoundation.org)

The student listed below is eligible for the "*People Helping People*" Scholarship

The student listed below is not a director, employee, or family member of a director or employee of SECU or the SECU Foundation, or a family member of a member of the scholarship selection committee. (*Note: For the purpose of this scholarship program, family member includes spouse, parents, siblings, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and spouses of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, of a selection committee member, employee or director of SECU, or employee or director of SECU Foundation. Family member also includes persons living in the same residence and maintaining a single economic unit as a selection committee member, employee or director of SECU, or employee or director of SECU Foundation.*)

I also authorize SECU and SECU Foundation to contact the applicable community college to obtain educational data related to the following: graduation, major, post-graduation employment information (if available).

Student's name: _____
Please Print

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

Name of Parents/Guardian (if under 18): _____
Please Print

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if under 18): _____ Date: _____

Street address/Mailing Address, city, state, zip: _____

Please return this completed and signed form with other requested documents.

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Guidelines for Writing Your People Helping People® Scholarship Bio

Congratulations on your selection as an SECU Foundation *People Helping People* Scholarship recipient! Upon receiving this award, a biography should be completed and submitted by each winner. Below are some guidelines to assist you.

- Identify the community college you will be attending as well as your career goals upon graduation.
- Discuss why you feel you were selected for the scholarship. Details could consist of community service/involvement, school and extracurricular activities, including part-time job experience, future plans, etc.
- Share your thoughts on the impact this scholarship will have regarding your educational goals.
- Review your bio for typographical or formatting errors and make any necessary corrections.
- Bio should not be more than 5-6 sentences.

Submit your completed bio, resumes will not be accepted as student bios, along with your photo, signed consent form and community college acceptance letter to your financial aid counselor.