



The Golden LEAF Community College Scholarship Program

Overview

Since 2001, the NC Community College System has partnered with the Golden LEAF Foundation to provide scholarship funding through the Golden LEAF Community College Scholarship program. The initiative is aimed at supporting students and their families by offsetting costs associated with curriculum and workforce continuing education programs at community colleges throughout the state. The costs may include tuition, fees, books, credential exams, childcare and transportation.

The program offers annual scholarships of up to \$2,250 for curriculum students enrolled in certificate, diploma or degree programs, and up to \$1,850 for continuing education students enrolled in a course that trains towards a credential listed on the Workforce Continuing Education Credentials list. Scholarships are awarded to students residing in counties designated as qualifying by the Golden LEAF Foundation.

Scholarship program operations follow a contractual year beginning on July 1st and ending on June 30th of the following year. Funding is disbursed on a reimbursement basis, requiring colleges to issue scholarship awards to students and report those awards to NCCCS for payment processing.



**2026-2027 Golden LEAF Community College
Scholarship Application**



Instructions: Complete this application and return it to the college's Financial Aid Office or the office designated by the college. Qualifying counties are determined by the Golden LEAF Foundation.

Personal Information:

Full Name: _____ Student ID Number: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

NC County of Residence: _____ How long have you lived in the county listed? _____

Educational Information:

Community College you are attending: _____

Curriculum program you are enrolled in: _____

WCE course you are enrolled in: _____

Must be enrolled in a course that trains toward a credential listed on the Workforce Continuing Education Credentials list. The latest WCE credentials list is available at <https://www.nccommunitycolleges.edu/college-faculty-staff/academics/workforce-continuing-education/administrative-resources>.

Other Information:

- Have members of your immediate family worked for or owned a farming or agricultural related business? ____ 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

Applicant Certification:

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

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Colleges may set additional criteria to select students for the Golden LEAF scholarship.