



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.



Complete this application and return it to the college's Financial Aid Office or the office designated by the college.

STUDENT 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? _____

CITIZENSHIP STATUS: (Select one):

- ☐ U.S. Citizen/National
☐ Eligible Noncitizen: (Alien Registration Number/ A-Number required below)
☐ Neither U.S. citizen nor eligible non-citizen

Eligible noncitizens must enter A-number: **A** _____

Eligibility Statement: Applicants must be a U.S. citizen, a U.S. national, or an eligible non-citizen to qualify for the Golden LEAF Community Colleges Scholarship. Applicants selecting 'Neither U.S. citizen nor eligible non-citizen' are not eligible for award consideration.

EDUCATION:

Community College attending: _____

Enrollment Type: (Select one):

- ☐ Curriculum Program (List the program you are enrolled in): _____
☐ Workforce Continuing Education (WCE) Course (List the course you are enrolled in): _____

(Note: WCE courses must train toward a credential listed on the WCE Credentials list at <https://nccareers.org>).

FAMILY & ECONOMIC BACKGROUND:

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 AND SIGNATURE:

I have read and understand the requirements of this scholarship. I hereby declare that the information provided on this form, including my citizenship status, is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that providing false information may result in the forfeiture or repayment of scholarship funds.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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