



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
H. Martin Lancaster, President

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TO: Vice Presidents/Deans of Instruction
Vice Presidents/Deans of Student Services
Financial Aid Officers

FROM: Wanda White, Director
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SUBJECT: State Employee Credit Union Scholarship

We are pleased to announce that the scholarship criteria used to award the State Employees Credit Union Scholarship has been revised in item four (4). The criteria has been designed to give the Scholarship Selection committee maximum flexibility in awarding the scholarship and is effective for 2006-2007 award year.

Preference will be given to students whose parents or guardians and family members are public sector employees who live and work in North Carolina. Scholarship recipients in good academic standing will be able to receive the scholarship up to a maximum of four (4) consecutive semesters. There is no formal application process. Recipients are chosen by the Scholarship Selection Committee at each community college. Information regarding the scholarship is available through the Financial Aid Office.

The attached revision in the eligibility criteria should be used to identify eligible students beginning with the fall semester of the 2006-2007 academic year.

Should you have questions, please contact me at 919/807-7104 or via e-mail at whitew@ncccommunitycolleges.edu.

Attachment

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**2006 SECU FOUNDATION “People Helping People”
TWO-YEAR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
For North Carolina Community Colleges**

**Eligibility Criteria
(Revised)**

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

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There are 116 scholarships valued at up to \$5,000 each. Each North Carolina Community College shall 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.

The Scholarship Selection Committee will use the following criteria to award the SECU Foundation “People Helping People” Scholarships. The criteria have been designed to give the Scholarship Selection Committee maximum flexibility in awarding the scholarship. The committee will recognize the individual most deserving of an opportunity to attend college. There is no formal application process. 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.

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. 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.
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 semesters or upon completion of a diploma program.

8. Is not a Director, employee or family member of an employee of the *State Employees' Credit Union* or the *SECU Foundation*.

The Decision of the Scholarship Selection Committee will be final.

Operating Procedures

Commencing with the fall semesters, recipients of the scholarships will be selected each year from students meeting the above criteria at local community colleges. The college will use its scholarship committee to select eligible recipient(s) of scholarships. The Community College shall complete a Student Data Form for each recipient and forward to the *State Employees' Credit Union Foundation* on or before the deadline established each year. Funds will be forwarded to the community college financial aid office. Funds shall be made payable to the local Community College on behalf of the student and applied to the student's account to pay tuition, books, fees, course supplies and transportation. Excess funds may be distributed to the student.

The Community College shall also collect fiscal and student progress/completion information and provide a report to the *State Employees' Credit Union Foundation* semi-annually as each recipient is enrolled for the Fall and Spring semesters. Recipients of the scholarships consent to release of their names and images for publications of the System Office, the local Community College, and/or the *State Employees' Credit Union and its Foundation*.

Each community college will select students who best exemplify the credit union philosophy of "People Helping People". There is no formal application process. Information for the scholarship is available through the financial aid office.

A representative(s) of the local *State Employees' Credit Union* shall be invited to the College to present a letter of award to the recipients at the College's recognition programs.

The *State Employees' Credit Union Foundation* shall notify the North Carolina Community College System Office annually by January 31st of the availability of funds for the subsequent academic year.

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