



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
H. Martin Lancaster, President

May 2, 2006

MEMORANDUM

To: Financial Aid Officers

From: Karen Yerby, Associate Director
Student Development Services

Subject: Summer Funding - Golden LEAF Scholars Program – Two Year Colleges

During the spring funding period for the Golden LEAF Scholars Program, we awarded \$260,818 to 352 students from 39 colleges. Due to the large spring award amounts, we will have an estimated \$39,000 for summer funding, which should exhaust all funds from this Golden LEAF Grant funding cycle. As a result of the smaller award amount **we are limiting awards to three (3) students per college at \$450 for curriculum students and \$200 for occupational education students.** Scholarships will be need and merit based on a first-come, first-serve basis. **Each college's summer award list must be received by the System Office by June 10, 2006.**

To be eligible, a community college student must:

- Be a permanent resident of one of the eligible counties as designated by the Golden LEAF Foundation. (Attachment I)
- Demonstrate a need under the federal TRIO formula. (Attachment II) This criterion will be used so occupational education students will not need to file a Free Application for Federal Student Assistance (FAFSA). Students will be required to disclose other financial aid awards in order to meet the needs of the broad population of students.
- Degree seeking students must be enrolled at least half-time for a full award. Less than half-time students may be considered pending availability of funds.

Finalists meeting all the eligibility criteria will undergo a separate "merit" competition. Selection is based on:

- The effect of the decline in the tobacco industry on his or her family
- The effect of the declining economy on his or her family
- Academic record
- Overall evaluation of the application

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Application Process

- Students will file a Golden LEAF Scholars application (with transcripts attached for curriculum students) for each award semester. (Attachment III) Applications will be filed with college Financial Aid offices and NOT be sent to NCCCS. Colleges should set their own application deadline.
- Applicants bear full responsibility for completing the Golden LEAF application prior to each deadline.
- Financial Aid offices will determine eligibility and appoint a selection committee comprised of college personnel from various areas of the college to review student applications. (Each college should determine a method to collect family income data.)
- The committee will **select three (3) students** for summer awards and select award amounts. Individual award amounts are set at the discretion of the college up to \$450 for curriculum students and \$200 for occupational education students.
- Financial Aid offices will provide an Excel spreadsheet of selected recipients including name, amounts and use of funds to NCCCS. (Attachment V)
- NCCCS will transfer funds to the colleges for disbursement to student recipients.
- Returned funds due to student withdrawal or other circumstances will be redistributed in the next funding term.

The funds in this program will be distributed to the colleges on a first-come, first-serve basis. Information from the colleges regarding award recipients will be dated upon arrival and funds will be disbursed accordingly.

Questions concerning the program should be directed to Karen Yerby at 919-807-7107 or by e-mail at yerbyk@nccommunitycolleges.edu .

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Eligible Counties as of 5/2006

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| Alamance | Jones |
| Alleghany | Lee |
| Anson | Lenoir |
| Ashe | Madison |
| Beaufort | Martin |
| Bertie | McDowell |
| Bladen | Mitchell |
| Buncombe | Nash |
| Burke | Northhampton |
| Cabarrus | Onslow |
| Caldwell | Perquimans |
| Carteret | Person |
| Caswell | Pitt |
| Cleveland | Richmond |
| Columbus | Robeson |
| Craven | Rockingham |
| Duplin | Rutherford |
| Durham | Sampson |
| Edgecombe | Scotland |
| Forsyth | Stokes |
| Franklin | Surry |
| Gates | Swain |
| Graham | Transylvania |
| Granville | Tyrrell |
| Greene | Vance |
| Guilford | Wake |
| Halifax | Warren |
| Harnett | Washington |
| Haywood | Watauga |
| Hertford | Wayne |
| Hoke | Wilson |
| Hyde | Yadkin |
| Johnston | Yancey |

Federal TRIO Programs 2005 Annual Low Income Levels

(Effective February 2005 Until Further Notice)

| Size of Family Unit | 48 Contiguous States, D.C., and Outlying Jurisdictions | Alaska | Hawaii |
|---------------------|--|----------|----------|
| 1 | \$14,355 | \$17,925 | \$16,515 |
| 2 | \$19,245 | \$24,045 | \$22,140 |
| 3 | \$24,135 | \$30,165 | \$27,765 |
| 4 | \$29,025 | \$36,285 | \$33,390 |
| 5 | \$33,915 | \$42,405 | \$39,015 |
| 6 | \$38,805 | \$48,525 | \$44,640 |
| 7 | \$43,695 | \$54,645 | \$50,265 |
| 8 | \$48,585 | \$60,765 | \$55,890 |

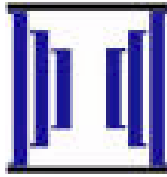
For family units with more than 8 members, add the following amount for each additional family member: \$4,890 for the 48 contiguous states, the District of Columbia and outlying jurisdictions; \$6,120 for Alaska; and \$5,625 for Hawaii.

The term "low-income individual" means an individual whose family's taxable income for the preceding year did not exceed 150% of the poverty level amount.

The figures shown under family income represent amounts equal to 150% of the family income levels established by the Census Bureau for determining poverty status. The poverty guidelines were published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the [Federal Register](#), Vol. 70, No. 33, February 18, 2005, pp. 8373-8375.

Information extracted from US Dept of Education web location for TRIO programs:

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/trio/incomelevels.html>



The North Carolina Community College System
GOLDEN LEAF SCHOLARS PROGRAM – TWO-YEAR COLLEGES
2006 Application

Application Instructions: Complete this application and return completed application to the college's Financial Aid Office with a copy of your transcripts. Please write legibly.

I. Term you are applying for: Summer 2006 _____

II. Personal Information:

1) Name _____ Social Security # _____
 First Middle Last

2) Mailing Address _____
 Street, P. O. Box City State Zip

3) College of attendance _____

4) U. S. Citizen? Yes _____ No _____
If not, U.S. permanent resident? Yes _____ No _____

5) Are you a North Carolina resident? Yes _____ No _____
If yes, how many years? _____

6) What is your NC **county** of permanent residence? _____
I have been a resident of the **county** previously designated for at least six months.
Yes _____ No _____

7) Employer _____ Telephone _____

8) Name of Parent or Guardian (if under 18 years of age) _____

Address of Parent or Guardian _____

9) Are you currently receiving other educational financial assistance?
Yes _____ No _____ If yes, what type? _____

10) Enrollment Status:
_____ Curriculum Student – Major _____
_____ Occupational Education Student – Program _____

III. Please respond to each question below using only the space available:

1) How has your job or your parent's job been adversely affected by the decline of the tobacco industry. _____

2) Are there other circumstances that demonstrate your need for educational assistance?: _____

3) List educationally related costs associated with participation in your program and/or courses of study. Educational assistance maximums for the summer term are \$200 for non-credit continuing education programs and \$450 for credit, curriculum programs/courses. _____

4) Please list all leadership and/or community activities you are currently involved in. _____

5) Please attach a high school or college transcript for any courses taken in the last five years. If you have not been enrolled in high school or college in the last five years, please place an "X" here _____.

6) Please place an "X" on the blank beside the intended use of these funds, if awarded.

Tuition & Fees _____ Books & Supplies _____

Transportation _____ Other _____

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.

7) _____
Applicant's Signature (full name) Date

_____ **For Official Use Only** _____

Financial Aid Office:

Total aid awarded for curriculum enrollment \$ _____ # of hrs. _____

Total aid awarded for occupational education enrollment \$ _____

Major or Occupational Extension Program: _____

Tuition _____ Textbooks _____

Supplies _____ Other _____

Financial Aid Officer _____ Date _____

Selection Committee

_____ _____
Date Denied Date Approved Award Amount

This program received support from the Golden LEAF Foundation.

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| Attachment IV | | |
| EXAMPLE - EXAMPLE - EXAMPLE - EXAMPLE | | |
| Spring 2006 Golden LEAF Scholars Program | | |
| Alamance Community College | | |
| County/Student Name | Amount | Use of Funds |
| Alamance County | | |
| Jane Doakes | \$450 | tuition & fees |
| Tom Dooley | 300 | tuition & fees |
| | | |
| Caswell County | | |
| Tom Smith | \$250 | transportation, other |
| total | \$1,000 | |
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