

Recipients must receive a copy of these requirements

The *SECU Foundation* established this **two-year scholarship program** to assist North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS) students in achieving 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!"

Recipients are selected by the Scholarship Selection Committee. The Scholarship Selection Committee must use the following criteria to award the SECU Foundation "People Helping People" Scholarships. The criteria have been designed to give the committee maximum flexibility in awarding the scholarship.

There are 116 scholarships valued at up to \$5,000 each. Each North Carolina Community College will 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 for a maximum of four (4) consecutive semesters.

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. 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 who live and work in North Carolina. Information for the scholarship is available through the financial aid office.

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. 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 fall/spring semesters or upon completion of a diploma program. Scholarships are not transferable to another student or another school.
8. Is not a Director, employee or family member of an employee of the *State Employees' Credit Union* or *SECU Foundation*.

The Decision of the Scholarship Selection Committee will be final.

Contact Financial Aid Office

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Two-Year Scholarship Program For NC Community Colleges 2012 Operating Procedures

Commencing with the fall semester, 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 selection committee to select eligible recipient(s). The Community College will complete a Student Data Form for each recipient and forward to the *SECU Foundation* on or before the deadline established each year. Funds will be forwarded to the community college financial aid office. Funds will 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.

Recipients of the scholarships consent to the 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. The Scholarship Selection Committee will collect required information and complete the Student Data/Media Consent Form (*attached*), and send that information to the SECU Foundation postmarked by **August 9, 2012**.

Scholarships are not transferable to another student or another school.

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

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Two-Year Scholarship Program For NC Community Colleges

2012 STUDENT DATA FORM			
(No Application Required) Complete <u>All Information</u> on this Form			
Full Name of Recipient			
Home Address			
Social Security #			
Permanent Email		Home Telephone #	
Name of Community College			
Community College Address			
Community College President			
Email Address		Telephone #	
Financial Aid Director			
Email Address		Telephone #	
Date of Awards Ceremony			
Location of Awards Ceremony			

- Must Attach:** **Brief Statement of Student's awards/accomplishments and Bio** (*to be released to local media*)
- Student Photo**
- Brief Statement from Selection Committee** (on school letterhead signed by chairperson of committee) to verify choice

SECU Foundation will confirm receipt of attached information.

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_____ I give permission to the SECU Foundation, State Employees' Credit Union or the news media to use photographs, slides, videos, illustrations, or interviews without inspecting or approving the finished product or its specific use.

Student's Signature: _____