



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
Dr. R. Scott Ralls, President

July 7, 2009

Deadline for response: July 28, 2009

MEMORANDUM

TO: Financial Aid Officers, Admissions Officers
Vice Presidents/Deans of Student Development
Vice Presidents/Deans of Instruction

FROM: Monty K. Hickman
Associate Director of Financial Aid

SUBJECT: GlaxoSmithKline Foundation Teacher Preparation Scholarship/Loan

I am pleased to announce the availability of the North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Teacher Preparation Scholarship/Loan Program for prospective teachers. The GlaxoSmithKline Foundation, Inc., the North Carolina General Assembly and Bank of America have contributed more than \$2 million toward the establishment of an endowment within the North Carolina Community Colleges Foundation to support an expanded role for North Carolina's community colleges in teacher preparation. The Endowment funds an annual grant program addressing scholarships for prospective teachers enrolled in community college degree programs tied to baccalaureate completion programs on North Carolina community college campuses.

Scholarship/Loan for 2009-2010 will be awarded to a limited number of students enrolled full-time in the first or second year of a community college degree program to prepare students for transfer to a baccalaureate program in elementary or secondary education housed on a community college campus.

The Foundation will award scholar/loans once per academic year. The total award per recipient will be \$2,500 per semester for up to two consecutive semesters of full-time study (a minimum of 12 hours per semester). Receipt of second semester funds will be contingent upon satisfactory academic performance and progress toward the community college degree. Recipients may re-apply for a second year of funding.

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Recipients must complete all credentials and begin work as a teacher in a public or charter school in a low-wealth county in North Carolina within six years of the first award. Two full years of teaching for each full year of award is required. The first two full years of obligation must be completed within eight years of the award.

Recipients must sign a promissory note for each award which will be forgiven when the teaching obligation is fulfilled. Recipients who are unable to meet these obligations will be required to repay the grant within ten years of the award.

The application deadline is **July 28, 2009**. You will find the eligibility requirements and application process in the attached guidelines. Please contact me at 919-807-7195 if you have any questions.

We appreciate these generous contributions created to assist our students in achieving their educational goals. Thank you for your assistance in awarding the scholarships.

Attachments

c: Dr. R. Scott Ralls
Dr. Delores A. Parker
Mr. Kennon Briggs
Mr. Van Wilson
Ms. Wanda White
Ms. Alice Smith

E-mail

**The North Carolina Community Colleges
Foundation**

Endowment for Teacher Preparation

Funded by:

North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation

Bank of America

The General Assembly of North Carolina

Scholarship/Loan for Prospective Teachers

2009-2010

Application Deadline: July 28, 2009

North Carolina Community Colleges Foundation



**The North Carolina Community Colleges Foundation Endowment
for Teacher Preparation
Scholarship/Loan for Prospective Teachers
2009-2010 Announcement and Guidelines**

OVERVIEW

The North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) Foundation, Inc., The General Assembly of North Carolina and Bank of America have contributed more than \$2 million toward the establishment of an endowment within the North Carolina Community Colleges Foundation to support an expanded role for North Carolina's community colleges in teacher preparation. The Endowment funds an annual scholarship/loan for prospective teachers enrolled in community college degree programs tied to baccalaureate completion programs on North Carolina community college campuses and innovative projects at community colleges.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

July 7, 2009	Release of Application
July 28, 2009	Closing Date - 5:00 PM
July 30, 2009	Proposal Processing, Review, and Selection
August 3, 2009	Scholarship/Loan Announcements

I. GENERAL GUIDELINES

Eligibility and priorities

Scholarship/Loans for 2009-2010 will be awarded to a limited number of students enrolled full-time in the first or second year of a community college degree program to prepare students for transfer to a baccalaureate program in elementary or secondary education housed on a community college campus. Factors in the selection process include but are not limited to demonstrated commitment to and potential success in careers in teaching, academic achievement; substantive community involvement and financial need. Candidates shall be selected without regard to race, sex, color, creed, religious preference, age, national origin or disability.

For the 2009-2010 academic year, the Foundation will give preference in awarding grants to students who meet one or more of the following qualifications:

1. Students who are "career changers" who have returned to school from other occupations or from home responsibilities.
2. Students preparing to teach mathematics or science in middle or high school.
3. Students enrolled in community colleges serving low-wealth counties, as designated by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. Those counties are:

- Alamance
- Alexander
- Anson
- Ashe
- Beaufort
- Bertie
- Bladen
- Burke
- Caldwell
- Camden
- Caswell
- Cherokee
- Chowan
- Cleveland
- Columbus
- Craven
- Cumberland
- Davidson
- Davie
- Duplin
- Edgecombe
- Franklin
- Gates
- Graham
- Granville
- Greene
- Halifax
- Harnett
- Hertford
- Hoke
- Johnston
- Jones
- Lee
- Lenoir
- Lincoln
- Madison
- Martin
- McDowell
- Mitchell
- Montgomery
- Nash
- Northampton
- Onslow
- Pender
- Pasquotank
- Perquimans
- Person
- Pitt
- Randolph
- Richmond
- Robeson
- Rockingham
- Rowan
- Rutherford
- Sampson
- Scotland
- Stanly
- Stokes
- Surry
- Swain
- Tyrrell
- Union
- Vance
- Warren
- Washington
- Wayne
- Wilkes
- Wilson
- Yadkin
- Yancey

Funding, conditions and requirements

The Foundation will award once per academic year. The total award per recipient will be \$2,500 per semester for up to two consecutive semesters of full-time study (a minimum of 12 hours per semester). Receipt of second semester funds will be contingent upon satisfactory academic performance, with a minimum grade point average of 2.7 on a 4.0 scale and progress toward the community college degree.

Recipients may re-apply for a second year of funding.

Acceptance of the award carries with it the following obligations:

1. Recipient must complete all credentials and begin work as a teacher in a public or charter school in a low-wealth county in North Carolina within six years of the first award.
2. Recipient must teach two full years for each full year of each scholarship/loan received. The first two years of the obligation must be completed within eight years of the award. Any additional obligation must be completed within ten years.
3. Recipient must attend, if invited, a meeting of the Foundation or other appropriate group to report on the impact of the scholarship/loan program.
4. Recipient must sign a promissory note for each award, which will be forgiven when the teaching obligation is fulfilled. The terms of the note will provide for a payback as noted in paragraph above.

Recipients who are unable to meet these obligations will be required to repay the scholarship/loan within ten years of the award.

II. Application Process

Applicants must fill out the attached application and submit it by July 28, 2009 to the North Carolina Community Colleges Foundation Teacher Preparation Scholarships Selection Committee. Applicants must also complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The committee will include representatives of the State Board of Community Colleges, the Foundation Board, NC GSK Foundation, local community colleges and System Office staff.

**The North Carolina Community Colleges Foundation Endowment
for Teacher Preparation
Scholarship/Loan for Prospective Teachers
2009-2010 Application**

Please print or type.

Full Name _____

Social Security Number _____
(This is used for record keeping purposes only)

Home Address _____

County _____

Home Telephone Number () _____ Work Telephone No. _____

Community College Name: _____

Community College date of anticipated graduation:

Associate Degree being pursued:

Name of four-year institution where you plan to pursue your bachelor's degree:

Anticipated Graduation Date from four-year institution: _____

Anticipated teaching field: _____ Current College GPA _____

Have you completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the year in which you are seeking a scholarship/loan? _____ Yes _____ No
You are required to complete the FAFSA to participate in this program.

Are you currently receiving financial aid? _____ Yes _____ No
If so, please attach a copy of your financial aid award letter.

Previous educational and work experience: On a separate sheet (limit one double-spaced typed page), please describe your previous educational experiences and your work history.

Motivation to teach: On a separate sheet (limit three double-spaced typed pages), please describe your reasons for choosing classroom teaching as a career; your goals for your future as a teacher; your reasons for choosing to begin your teacher preparation at a community college; and the qualifications that make you the best candidate for this scholarship.

Letters of recommendation: Please attach three letters of recommendation from who can speak to your suitability for a career in classroom teaching. **One letter must come from an instructor, counselor or other faculty or staff member at the community college or high school in which you are enrolled or plan to enroll.**

Transcripts/test reports: Please include official transcripts from high school and any post-secondary work completed.

Candidate Signature _____ **Date** _____

Submit all materials by **July 28, 2009** to:

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