

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
The Golden LEAF Scholars Program – Two-Year Colleges

Request: The State Board is requested to approve the expenditure of grant funds totaling \$750,000 for allocations to colleges for the Golden LEAF Scholars Program – Two-Year Colleges.

Background: Since 2001, the NCCCS has received grants from the Golden LEAF Foundation to be used for student scholarships. Over 11,000 community college students have received scholarship funds from this program. At the request of the Golden LEAF Foundation the program was redesigned in 2011 to better reflect their goal of providing economic assistance to rural low economic areas of the state.

Rationale: Colleges choose to participate in the program on an annual basis. Funding is budgeted at \$300,000 each for fall and spring semesters and \$150,000 for the summer term. The initial 80% of funds available for each semester is divided equally among all colleges choosing to participate, with the remaining 20% equally divided among participating colleges with main campuses located in a rural county that is designated Tier 1 or 2, or is tobacco dependent. Colleges engaged in the program must provide 25% of funds received to eligible continuing occupational education students enrolled in at least a 96 hour program leading to a credential. Scholarships are limited to students who demonstrate financial need and reside in a rural county that is tobacco dependent and/or economically distressed (*Tier 1 or Tier 2 under the 3-Tier designation).

Fund Source: Funding is provided by a grant from the Golden LEAF Foundation and is contingent upon a fully executed contract.

Time Period: The grant cycle runs from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

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**2015-16 Golden LEAF Scholars Program
Fall & Spring Participation Budgets**

College Names	Located in Priority Co.*	Base Funding	Priority Funding	Total per College	75% Curriculum	25% Occup.Ed.
Alamance CC		\$ 4,571	\$ -	\$ 4,571	\$ 3,428	\$ 1,143
Asheville-Buncombe CC		\$ 2,287	\$ -	\$ 2,287	\$ 1,714	\$ 573
Beaufort County CC	✓	\$ 4,571	\$ 1,463	\$ 6,034	\$ 4,525	\$ 1,509
Bladen CC	✓	\$ 4,571	\$ 1,463	\$ 6,034	\$ 4,525	\$ 1,509
Blue Ridge CC		\$ 4,571	\$ -	\$ 4,571	\$ 3,428	\$ 1,143
Brunswick CC		\$ 4,571	\$ -	\$ 4,571	\$ 3,428	\$ 1,143
Caldwell CC & TI	✓	\$ 4,571	\$ 1,463	\$ 6,034	\$ 4,525	\$ 1,509
Cape Fear CC		\$ 4,571	\$ -	\$ 4,571	\$ 3,428	\$ 1,143
Carteret CC	✓	\$ 4,571	\$ 1,463	\$ 6,034	\$ 4,525	\$ 1,509
Central Carolina CC	✓	\$ 4,571	\$ 1,463	\$ 6,034	\$ 4,525	\$ 1,509
Central Piedmont CC		\$ 4,571	\$ -	\$ 4,571	\$ 3,428	\$ 1,143
Cleveland CC	✓	\$ 4,571	\$ 1,463	\$ 6,034	\$ 4,525	\$ 1,509
Coastal Carolina CC	✓	\$ 4,571	\$ 1,463	\$ 6,034	\$ 4,525	\$ 1,509
College of The Albemarle	✓	\$ 4,571	\$ 1,463	\$ 6,034	\$ 4,526	\$ 1,508
Craven CC	✓	\$ 4,571	\$ 1,463	\$ 6,034	\$ 4,526	\$ 1,508
Davidson County CC		\$ 4,571	\$ -	\$ 4,571	\$ 3,428	\$ 1,143
Durham Tech CC		\$ 4,571	\$ -	\$ 4,571	\$ 3,428	\$ 1,143
Edgecombe CC	✓	\$ 4,571	\$ 1,463	\$ 6,034	\$ 4,526	\$ 1,508
Fayetteville Tech. CC		\$ 2,287	\$ -	\$ 2,287	\$ 1,714	\$ 573
Forsyth Tech. CC		\$ 4,571	\$ -	\$ 4,571	\$ 3,428	\$ 1,143
Guilford Tech. CC		\$ 2,286	\$ -	\$ 2,286	\$ 1,714	\$ 572
Halifax CC	✓	\$ 4,571	\$ 1,463	\$ 6,034	\$ 4,526	\$ 1,508
Haywood CC	✓	\$ 4,571	\$ 1,463	\$ 6,034	\$ 4,526	\$ 1,508
Isothermal CC	✓	\$ 4,571	\$ 1,463	\$ 6,034	\$ 4,526	\$ 1,508
James Sprunt CC	✓	\$ 4,571	\$ 1,463	\$ 6,034	\$ 4,526	\$ 1,508
Johnston CC	✓	\$ 4,571	\$ 1,463	\$ 6,034	\$ 4,526	\$ 1,508
Lenoir CC	✓	\$ 4,571	\$ 1,463	\$ 6,034	\$ 4,526	\$ 1,508
Martin CC	✓	\$ 4,571	\$ 1,463	\$ 6,034	\$ 4,526	\$ 1,508
Mayland CC	✓	\$ 4,571	\$ 1,463	\$ 6,034	\$ 4,526	\$ 1,508
McDowell Tech. CC	✓	\$ 4,571	\$ 1,463	\$ 6,034	\$ 4,526	\$ 1,508
Montgomery CC	✓	\$ 4,571	\$ 1,463	\$ 6,034	\$ 4,526	\$ 1,508
Nash CC	✓	\$ 4,571	\$ 1,463	\$ 6,034	\$ 4,526	\$ 1,508
Pamlico CC	✓	\$ 4,571	\$ 1,463	\$ 6,034	\$ 4,526	\$ 1,508
Piedmont CC	✓	\$ 4,571	\$ 1,463	\$ 6,034	\$ 4,526	\$ 1,508
Pitt CC	✓	\$ 4,571	\$ 1,463	\$ 6,034	\$ 4,526	\$ 1,508
Randolph CC	✓	\$ 4,572	\$ 1,464	\$ 6,036	\$ 4,527	\$ 1,509
Richmond CC	✓	\$ 4,572	\$ 1,464	\$ 6,036	\$ 4,527	\$ 1,509
Roanoke-Chowan CC	✓	\$ 4,572	\$ 1,464	\$ 6,036	\$ 4,527	\$ 1,509
Robeson CC	✓	\$ 4,572	\$ 1,464	\$ 6,036	\$ 4,527	\$ 1,509
Rockingham CC	✓	\$ 4,572	\$ 1,464	\$ 6,036	\$ 4,527	\$ 1,509
Sampson CC	✓	\$ 4,572	\$ 1,464	\$ 6,036	\$ 4,527	\$ 1,509
Sandhills CC		\$ 4,572	\$ -	\$ 4,572	\$ 3,429	\$ 1,143

College Names	Located in Priority Co.*	Base Funding	Priority Funding	Total per College	75% Curriculum	25% Occup.Ed.
South Piedmont CC	✓	\$ 4,572	\$ 1,464	\$ 6,036	\$ 4,527	\$ 1,509
Southeastern CC	✓	\$ 4,572	\$ 1,464	\$ 6,036	\$ 4,527	\$ 1,509
Southwestern CC	✓	\$ 4,572	\$ 1,464	\$ 6,036	\$ 4,527	\$ 1,509
Stanly CC	✓	\$ 4,572	\$ 1,464	\$ 6,036	\$ 4,527	\$ 1,509
Surry CC	✓	\$ 4,572	\$ 1,464	\$ 6,036	\$ 4,527	\$ 1,509
Tri-County CC	✓	\$ 4,572	\$ 1,464	\$ 6,036	\$ 4,527	\$ 1,509
Vance-Granville CC	✓	\$ 4,572	\$ 1,464	\$ 6,036	\$ 4,527	\$ 1,509
Wake Tech CC		\$ 4,572	\$ -	\$ 4,572	\$ 3,429	\$ 1,143
Wayne CC	✓	\$ 4,572	\$ 1,464	\$ 6,036	\$ 4,527	\$ 1,509
Western Piedmont CC	✓	\$ 4,572	\$ 1,464	\$ 6,036	\$ 4,527	\$ 1,509
Wilkes CC	✓	\$ 4,572	\$ 1,464	\$ 6,036	\$ 4,527	\$ 1,509
Wilson CC	✓	\$ 4,572	\$ 1,464	\$ 6,036	\$ 4,527	\$ 1,509
54 participating colleges		\$ 240,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 225,000	\$ 75,000

*Priority Counties include rural counties that are Tier 1 or 2 (as ranked by the NC Department of Commerce) and/or tobacco dependent.

Colleges failing to award at least 50% of their 2014-15 funds are limited to 50% of allotted funds for 2015-16. This affects Asheville-Buncombe Technical CC, Fayetteville Technical CC and Guilford Technical CC.

Catawba Valley CC did not award at least 50% of their funds for the previous two years and is not qualified to participate for 2015-16.

Colleges choosing not to participate are Gaston College, Mitchell CC and Rowan-Cabarrus CC.

**2015-16 Golden LEAF Scholars Program
Summer Participation Budget**

College Names	Located in Priority Co.*	Base Funding	Priority Funding	Total per College	75% Curriculum	25% Occup.Ed.
Alamance CC		\$ 2,285		\$ 2,285	\$ 1,715	\$ 570
Asheville-Buncombe CC		\$ 1,143		\$ 1,143	\$ 857	\$ 286
Beaufort County CC	✓	\$ 2,285	\$ 731	\$ 3,016	\$ 2,262	\$ 754
Bladen CC	✓	\$ 2,285	\$ 731	\$ 3,016	\$ 2,262	\$ 754
Blue Ridge CC		\$ 2,285		\$ 2,285	\$ 1,715	\$ 570
Brunswick CC		\$ 2,285		\$ 2,285	\$ 1,715	\$ 570
Caldwell CC & TI	✓	\$ 2,285	\$ 731	\$ 3,016	\$ 2,262	\$ 754
Cape Fear CC		\$ 2,285		\$ 2,285	\$ 1,715	\$ 570
Carteret CC	✓	\$ 2,285	\$ 731	\$ 3,016	\$ 2,262	\$ 754
Central Carolina CC	✓	\$ 2,285	\$ 731	\$ 3,016	\$ 2,262	\$ 754
Central Piedmont CC		\$ 2,285		\$ 2,285	\$ 1,715	\$ 570
Cleveland CC	✓	\$ 2,285	\$ 731	\$ 3,016	\$ 2,262	\$ 754
Coastal Carolina CC	✓	\$ 2,285	\$ 731	\$ 3,016	\$ 2,262	\$ 754
College of The Albemarle	✓	\$ 2,285	\$ 731	\$ 3,016	\$ 2,263	\$ 754
Craven CC	✓	\$ 2,285	\$ 731	\$ 3,016	\$ 2,263	\$ 754
Davidson County CC		\$ 2,285		\$ 2,285	\$ 1,715	\$ 570
Durham Tech CC		\$ 2,286		\$ 2,286	\$ 1,715	\$ 571
Edgecombe CC	✓	\$ 2,286	\$ 731	\$ 3,017	\$ 2,264	\$ 753
Fayetteville Tech. CC		\$ 1,143		\$ 1,143	\$ 857	\$ 285
Forsyth Tech. CC		\$ 2,286		\$ 2,286	\$ 1,715	\$ 571
Guilford Tech. CC		\$ 1,143		\$ 1,143	\$ 857	\$ 285
Halifax CC	✓	\$ 2,286	\$ 731	\$ 3,017	\$ 2,264	\$ 753
Haywood CC	✓	\$ 2,286	\$ 731	\$ 3,017	\$ 2,264	\$ 753
Isothermal CC	✓	\$ 2,286	\$ 732	\$ 3,018	\$ 2,263	\$ 755
James Sprunt CC	✓	\$ 2,286	\$ 732	\$ 3,018	\$ 2,263	\$ 755
Johnston CC	✓	\$ 2,286	\$ 732	\$ 3,018	\$ 2,263	\$ 755
Lenoir CC	✓	\$ 2,286	\$ 732	\$ 3,018	\$ 2,263	\$ 755
Martin CC	✓	\$ 2,286	\$ 732	\$ 3,018	\$ 2,263	\$ 755
Mayland CC	✓	\$ 2,286	\$ 732	\$ 3,018	\$ 2,263	\$ 755
McDowell Tech. CC	✓	\$ 2,286	\$ 732	\$ 3,018	\$ 2,263	\$ 755
Montgomery CC	✓	\$ 2,286	\$ 732	\$ 3,018	\$ 2,263	\$ 755
Nash CC	✓	\$ 2,286	\$ 732	\$ 3,018	\$ 2,263	\$ 755
Pamlico CC	✓	\$ 2,286	\$ 732	\$ 3,018	\$ 2,263	\$ 755
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Randolph CC	✓	\$ 2,286	\$ 732	\$ 3,018	\$ 2,263	\$ 755
Richmond CC	✓	\$ 2,286	\$ 732	\$ 3,018	\$ 2,263	\$ 755
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Stanly CC	✓	\$ 2,286	\$ 732	\$ 3,018	\$ 2,263	\$ 755
Surry CC	✓	\$ 2,286	\$ 732	\$ 3,018	\$ 2,263	\$ 755
Tri-County CC	✓	\$ 2,286	\$ 732	\$ 3,018	\$ 2,263	\$ 755
Vance-Granville CC	✓	\$ 2,286	\$ 732	\$ 3,018	\$ 2,263	\$ 755
Wake Tech CC		\$ 2,286		\$ 2,286	\$ 1,715	\$ 571
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Western Piedmont CC	✓	\$ 2,286	\$ 732	\$ 3,018	\$ 2,263	\$ 755
Wilkes CC	✓	\$ 2,286	\$ 732	\$ 3,018	\$ 2,263	\$ 755
Wilson CC	✓	\$ 2,286	\$ 732	\$ 3,018	\$ 2,263	\$ 755
54 participating colleges		\$ 120,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 112,500	\$ 37,500

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