



The Golden LEAF Scholars Program – Two-Year Colleges will provide grants of up to \$750 per semester, including summer term, for curriculum students and up to \$250 per term for occupational education students to assist with tuition, fees, books, supplies, childcare, and transportation expenses and credential testing fees for mid-skill training courses. Community colleges choose to participate in the program annually so eligible students must attend a participating community college.

Student Eligibility Requirements

- Eligible students must (1) demonstrate financial need and (2) reside in a rural county that is tobacco dependent and/or economically distressed (Tier 1 or Tier 2 under the 3-Tier designation). A scholarship recipient who resides in an eligible county upon initial award will retain eligibility and will be eligible for renewal awards as long as the student's place of residence is within the state of North Carolina.
- Eligible students may receive an award for each funded term. Financial aid offices will determine their application procedures for receiving awards for subsequent terms. Selected students will be required to disclose all financial aid awards as dictated by college financial aid offices for award packaging. Golden LEAF Scholarships will not displace governmental grants, e.g. Pell grants, for which the student may be eligible (may displace loan funds).
- **Curriculum Students**: will be selected based on their financial need as reported in their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Degree seeking students must be enrolled as a full-time student in order to receive the maximum scholarship award. Grants for less-than-full-time students will be prorated based on hours of enrollment and pending availability of funds.
- **Workforce Continuing Education Student Eligibility**
 - Students enrolling in Workforce Continuing Education (WCE) pathways/courses offered for 96 hours or more and leading to a State or industry-recognized credential. Eligible course codes are included on the attached Combined Course Library list.
 - These pathways may consist of a single WCE course or a series of courses.
 - Reside in North Carolina
 - Eligibility criteria for students include:
 - is unemployed;
 - has received notification of a pending layoff;
 - is working and is eligible for the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit (FEITC); or
 - is working and earning wages at or below two hundred percent (200%) of the federal poverty guidelines.

- Students from underserved populations enrolling in pathways aligned with identified workforce sectors. The underserved population would be identified by the college in collaboration with sector employers (example: female students interested in training to be an electrical line worker).
- Should a student become ineligible to use any semester's scholarship award, those funds will be awarded to other qualified students within the same institution.
- Students using funds for transportation purposes will be asked to sign a statement regarding their travel to and from the college.

Student Selection Considerations

Applicants will be selected based on financial need and county of residence. Other selection factors include:

- The effect of the declining economy on his or her family.
 - Owner of or employed in farming/agriculture business
 - Owner of or employed in traditional industries (such as textile or furniture manufacturing)
 - Household member lost their job or has gone from full-time to part-time employment
- Academic performance
- Campus activities and community service

Application Process

- CFNC will post the application on its website with other scholarship applications.
- The System Office will promote and market the scholarship among the local community colleges to help the students understand and recognize the mission of Golden LEAF. A marketing and publicity plan approved by the Foundation will include a public announcement of the Golden LEAF Scholars each semester and the scholarship notification letter sent to each scholar.
- Students will complete the Golden LEAF Scholars Program – Two-year Colleges application for the targeted academic terms. Applications will be filed with the college financial aid offices.
- Timing for the selection process is determined by the award policies and procedures of each college. Financial aid offices will work with Occupational Continuing Education Departments to determine the awards periods for those students.
- 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. The committee will meet at least once during each of the award semesters or on an as-needed basis throughout the year.
- The committee will select qualified students per award semesters/terms by utilizing the selection matrix provided by the System Office.
- Financial aid offices will disburse awards and send media releases regarding the scholarship recipients.

- Financial aid offices will provide a list of selected recipients including name, amount, address, email, and use of funds to NCCCS. Colleges will also submit student social security numbers and waiver forms in a separate mailing.

This program is funded by the Golden LEAF Foundation.



**North Carolina Community Colleges
Golden LEAF Scholars Program – Two-Year Colleges
2019-20 Student Application**

Instructions: Complete this application and return the completed application to the college's Financial Aid Office. Occupational Education students must also submit a copy of their transcript with the application.

Personal Information:

Full Name: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Mobile number: _____

NC County of residence: _____

Length of residence in county: ____ less than 5 years ____ 5 – 10 years ____ more than 10 years
(To be eligible for this scholarship, your permanent residence must be in an approved NC county.)

Educational Information:

College you are attending: _____

____ Occupational Continuing Education Student (must be enrolled in a credentialing program of at least 96 hours.)

Program you are enrolled in: _____

____ Curriculum Student: ____ GPA ____ 1st semester ____ not enrolled

Program you are enrolled in: _____

Other Information:

Have members of your immediate family worked for or owned a farming or agricultural related business now or in the past? ____ yes ____ no

Have you or members of your immediate family been employed in traditional industries such as furniture, textiles, or tobacco manufacturing? ____ yes ____ no

Has anyone in your household lost their job in the past two years? ____ yes ____ no

Has anyone in your household transitioned from a full-time job to a part-time job? ____ yes ____ no

Please list all campus and community service activities you are currently involved in.

Use of Funds:

____ Tuition ____ Fees ____ Books ____ Supplies ____ Credentialing Exams

____ *Childcare ____ *Transportation

(Students using funds for childcare and/or transportation purposes are asked to sign the statement(s) below.)*

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.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Please return the completed application to the college's Financial Aid Office.

Use of childcare funds statement: If selected for funding from the Golden LEAF Scholars Program – Two-Year Colleges, I certify that scholarship funds designated for childcare will be used exclusively while I am attending class in order to fulfill my educational requirements.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Use of transportation funds statement: If selected for funding from the Golden LEAF Scholars Program – Two-Year Colleges, I certify that scholarship funds designated for transportation will be used exclusively for the purpose of supporting my travel to and from the college where I am enrolled for educational purposes.

Applicant's Signature

Date