



Golden LEAF Scholars Program Information and Requirements

Student Eligibility:

To be considered for this scholarship program an individual must:

- Be a North Carolina resident.
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Reside in a rural county that is tobacco dependent, or economically distressed, as determined by the Golden LEAF Foundation (please see Qualifying Counties 2020-2021 list below).
 - 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.
- Have received notification of a pending layoff or be unemployed;
- Be working and eligible for the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit (FEITC); **OR**
- Be working and earning wages at or below two hundred percent (200%) of the federal poverty guidelines.
- Enrolled or enrolling in a Workforce Continuing Education (WCE) pathway/course of 96 hours or more and leading to a State or industry-recognized credential.

Important Additional Information:

Preference will be given to those students with limited or no access to financial aid from other programs.

The award amount for each scholarship may vary depending on the amount of funds available and/or number of qualified applicants.

Eligible students may receive an award each year; not to exceed a total of \$1000 per 12-month period.

Financial aid offices will disburse awards and collect media release forms regarding the scholarship recipients.

Financial aid offices will provide a list of selected recipients including name, amount, address, counties of residence, email, and use of funds to North Carolina Community College System.

Selected students will be required to disclose all financial aid awards as dictated by college financial aid offices for award packaging.

Should a student become ineligible to use any semester's scholarship award, those funds will be awarded to other qualified students.

Other WCE Student Selection Considerations

Applicants will be selected based on financial need and county of residence.

Other selection factors may 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

Scholarship must be used on an eligible course currently being held, i.e. Fall 2020, Spring 2021, etc. To see available pathway courses, please visit www.cccc.edu/ece/find-classes.

Questions about this scholarship may be directed to the Continuing Education office located at 764 West Street, Pittsboro, NC 27312 at 919-545-8044 or 919-545-8033.



**Golden LEAF Scholarship Program –
Qualifying Counties of Eligibility* 2020-2021**

ALAMANCE
ANSON
BEAUFORT
BURKE
CARTERET
CHEROKEE
CLEVELAND
DARE
EDGECOMBE
GRAHAM
HALIFAX
HOKE
JOHNSTON
LENOIR
MARTIN
MONTGOMERY
ONSLOW
PERQUIMANS
POLK
ROBESON
RUTHERFORD
STANLY
SWAIN
VANCE
WAYNE
YADKIN

ALEXANDER
ASHE
BERTIE
CALDWELL
CASWELL
CHOWAN
COLUMBUS
DAVIDSON
FRANKLIN
GRANVILLE
HARNETT
HYDE
JONES
MACON
MCDOWELL
NASH
PAMLICO
PERSON
RANDOLPH
ROCKINGHAM
SAMPSON
STOKES
TRANSYLVANIA
WARREN
WILKES
YANCEY

ALLEGHANY
AVERY
BLADEN
CAMDEN
CATAWBA
CLAY
CRAVEN
DUPLIN
GATES
GREENE
HERTFORD
JACKSON
LEE
MADISON
MITCHELL
NORTHAMPTON
PASQUOTANK
PITT
RICHMOND
ROWAN
SCOTLAND
SURRY
TYRRELL
WASHINGTON
WILSON

*Qualifying counties are updated each December for the four-year program and each fall for the community college program. Qualifying counties are subject to change each year.

County status for CY2020-2021
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