In 2018, SECU Foundation has established the SECU Bridge to Career Program to help remove financial barriers for students seeking to obtain state-regulated or industry-recognized credentials through the Workforce Continuing Education Division of their local Community College that lead to sustainable wage careers within their local communities. With a focus on getting students the training and skills they need to obtain wage-sustaining employment, Central Carolina Community College has defined career pathways for Health Sciences and Advanced Manufacturing Short-term Career Training. Career pathway students are eligible to be awarded up to three scholarships within the program year when taking scholarship eligible courses within the pathway.

**Student Eligibility**

To be considered for funding through the program, a student or prospective student must:

- Be a U.S. citizen and a North Carolina resident.
- Be enrolled in one of up to three career pathways defined training programs that lead to a sustaining wage career and register to one of the scholarship eligible courses in that pathway that lead to a state-regulated or industry-recognized credential.
- Be part of one of the following target groups: unemployed or underemployed, members of the NC National Guard, military veterans and spouses, or underserved populations in a specific workforce sector or area.
- Be enrolled in a short-term training course 96-hours or more that leads to a state-regulated or industry-recognized credential aligned to a sustaining wage career and that is offered through Continuing Education.
- Not be a Director, employee, or family member of an employee of the State Employees’ Credit Union or SECU Foundation.
- Preference will be given to those students with limited or no access to financial aid from other programs.
- Participating students must complete their enrolled pathway within the program year, which ends June 30, 2019.

**Use of Scholarship Funds:** SECU Foundation cohort scholarship funds are to be used for registration fees, books, certification fees, course supplies and other educational expenditures charged to the student’s college account. Any remaining funds on the student’s account will be disbursed to the student upon successful completion of their selected career pathway course(s).

**Application Procedures:** Students selected by the scholarship committee to receive an award must complete a Career Assessment with the Education and Career Navigator to select a career pathway and enroll in selected pathway courses.

Students are responsible for fully and accurately completing a SECU Bridge to Career Scholarship Application packet. Students must read the application carefully, complete the application, and return the applications with ALL required documentation: photos, biographies, current pay stub or most recent tax return by the application deadline to their nearest Continuing Education Office.

**Application Deadline:**

**January 14, 2019**

(All other classes starting February & later)

Please contact the Continuing Education Scholarship Coordinator if you have any questions at (919) 545-8033

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