



Plan Now to Apply!

Visit our website, www.ncc-foundation.org, for applications and more information.

Full-Year (Traditional) Scholarships – *Applications accepted March 1 – April 14*

- NCC students with a minimum 2.8 cumulative GPA or, for improving students in an NCC degree program, a minimum 3.0 GPA for coursework completed during the most recent semesters.
- Students must have a minimum of 12 credits earned at NCC in courses that count toward a degree program (developmental and non-credit courses not included).
- Students must complete a 2017-2018 FAFSA. US Citizens and Permanent Residents should complete the online FAFSA and apply for financial aid at NCC. Other students, who are not able to complete the online FAFSA, may fulfill this requirement by completing a paper FAFSA provided with their scholarship application. International Students are eligible to apply without FAFSA.

Spring Scholarships – *Applications accepted October -December*

- NCC students with a minimum 2.8 cumulative GPA.
- Students must have a minimum of 12 credits, *but not more than 24 credits*, earned at NCC in courses that count toward a degree program (developmental and non-credit courses not included).

Transfer Scholarships – *RN to BSN, LEAP and Dream accepted March 3 to June 12*

- LEAP Transfer Scholarship - US Citizens and Permanent Residents who graduate from NCC with a GPA of 3.5 or higher and are transferring to a four-year college. Additional eligibility information can be found at **www.ncc-foundation.org/for-students**.
- DREAM Transfer Scholarship – Childhood immigrants who graduated from a U.S. high school, but are not yet U.S. citizens or permanent residents, who graduate from NCC with a GPA of 3.0 or higher, and are transferring to a four-year college. Students with improving grades may also apply, but need to address their situation in the essay. Additional information can be found at **www.ncc-foundation.org/for-students**.
- RN to BSN Transfer Scholarship – This program offers students who earn an RN at NCC the opportunity to receive additional assistance while pursuing a BSN at a four-year college or university of their choice.

Scholarships are FREE money, so don't delay!

You are not the only student who needs help paying for college! At two-year colleges like NCC, more than 75% of full-time students apply for some form of financial assistance. Last year NCCF awarded more than 500 Scholarships. NCCF Scholarships are unique because only NCC students can apply. Academic excellence is the key eligibility requirement and there is usually no conflict with other forms of assistance.

Our community is very committed to supporting NCC students. While NCC is part of the State of CT public network, the school has deep roots in the local community. Founded in 1961, more students in Fairfield County attend NCC than any other college. It is the only CT community college with a significant endowment, which is money permanently gifted to a college for the purpose of funding certain activities, including scholarships. The endowment that funds the NCCF Scholarships comes from the generosity of family foundations, local companies, NCC graduates and the extraordinary generosity of those who believe that education is the springboard to a better life.

Need help? Visit www.ncc-foundation.org or Email: tnackid1@norwalk.edu

What's more difficult than going to college? Paying for it! The NCC Foundation can help!

NCC Foundation Scholarship FAQs

How can I get help paying for my education?

There are several ways you can get financial assistance – scholarships, grants and loans. All are awarded to cover a combination of tuition, books, fees, and in some cases, living and other expenses.

- **The NCC Foundation awards FREE scholarships.** A scholarship is typically awarded based on academic performance and financial need. If you receive a scholarship, it is a gift that you never pay back.
- **Grants and Loans are administered through the NCC Financial Aid Office.** A grant is money given for financial assistance. It is a gift that you never pay back. The Pell Grant is an example of an educational grant. A loan is money given on the condition that it is paid back at a later date. Student loans must be repaid.

What types of scholarships are available from the NCC Foundation?

Our scholarships are unique because only NCC students can apply. Because they are scholarships, eligibility is based on academic merit. NCCF offers the following scholarships for NCC students:

- **Full-Year Scholarship** – awarded in late spring/early summer for the following academic year starting in the fall. The NCC Foundation awards scholarships toward coursework up to a maximum of 68 credits (82 for nursing). Awards to students enrolled in excess of 68 credits must be supported by a letter and an approved academic plan from their program coordinator (see website for details).
- **Spring Scholarship** – awarded during the spring for the current spring semester for students who have earned at least 12 credits, but not more than 24 credits at NCC.
- **Transfer Scholarship** – awarded to graduating NCC students transferring to a 4-year institution to help complete a bachelor's degree. LEAP and DREAM Transfer Scholarships are available to students graduating from NCC in December 2016, May 2017, or August 2017. RN to BSN Transfer Scholarships are available to nursing students who graduated in the last 5 years.
- **Winter and Summer Scholarships** – only available for current NCC Foundation Scholarship Recipients.

Can I apply for an NCCF Scholarship if I already have scholarships, loans and grants from other sources?

Absolutely! These scholarships do not reduce other financial aid or assistance you might be receiving.

(Please note: If you receive financial aid, scholarship funding may not exceed your unmet need as identified by FAFSA.)

If you are not eligible to receive financial aid, you may still be eligible to receive a scholarship from the NCC Foundation.

How do I know if I should apply?

Eligibility for NCCF Scholarships is merit-based - there are academic and credit criteria. If you have a minimum 2.8 cumulative GPA (or 3.0 for the past two semesters), with at least 12 credits earned in a degree program, you should apply!

See the reverse side for eligibility information on additional scholarships.

How can I apply?

- Application forms and instructions are found online: www.ncc-foundation.org.
- Full-Year Scholarship Applications open March 1, 2017
- Spring Scholarship Applications open October, 2017
- LEAP, Dream and RN to BSN Transfer Scholarship Applications open March 3, 2017

Where can I learn more or get help completing the application?

- NCC Foundation website www.ncc-foundation.org
- NCC Foundation office – East Campus 311 or Email: tnackid1@norwalk.edu