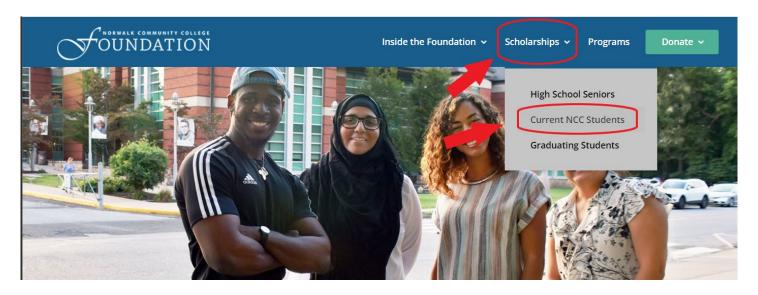
INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLY FOR AN NCC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

ESL AWARD

Norwalk Community College Foundation (NCCF) switched to a new platform in 2021, please be sure to use updated credentials. Every student needs to create a new account if they have not done it yet. Use this document to apply for an **ESL Award**.

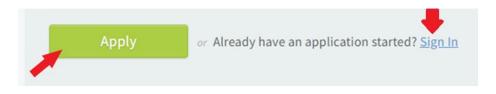
STEP 1. On the NCC Foundation website (www.ncc-foundation.org):

Navigate to 'Scholarships' on the right-hand side of the page and pick the 'Current NCC Students' tab.

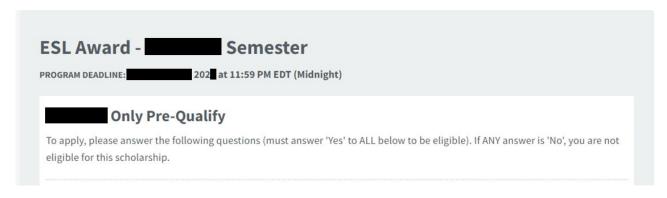


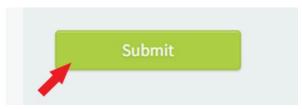
STEP 2. Read all the requirements carefully under 'ESL Awards' to determine if you are eligible for a scholarship. Scroll down and click 'CLICK HERE to APPLY' to begin.

STEP 3. Each link will prompt you to the appropriate application page in SmarterSelect. Save this tab so you can easily come back to it later. At the bottom of the page choose one of the options available between 'Apply' and 'Already have an application started? Sign In.'



STEP 4. Fill out the 'Pre-Qualify Questionnaire' to determine your eligibility and then hit 'Submit.'





The pre-qualification questionnaire is different for each program or scholarship.

You MUST answer 'Yes' to ALL questions to be eligible to proceed to the next step.

If ANY answer is 'No', you are not eligible for this scholarship/program. You will see the notification as shown below.



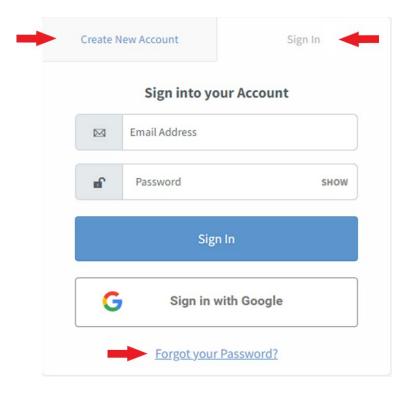
Stop and review other options to see what alternatives are available for you.

STEP 5. Once submitted, you will see the notice below asking you to create a new account or to sign in with your existing email address and password.

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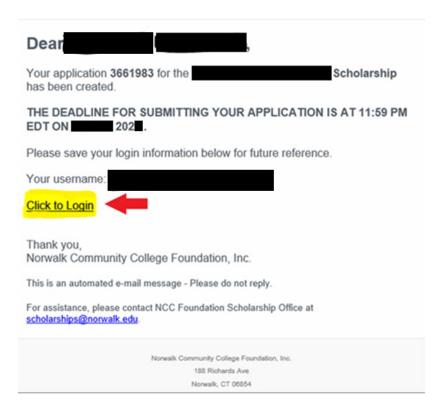
- Create an account only the first time you are using this system!
 - There is no need to create a new one every time you apply for a scholarship, and it can lead
 to confusion with your applications. Use the 'Forgot your Password?' option to reset your
 password.
 - Use your college email address which is formatted XXXX0000@mail.ct.edu.
 - OR You can use a personal email address instead (recommended).

Do not use your Banner ID (01234567@student.commnet.edu) in the 'Email Address' field!!!



STEP 6. Once you create your account or sign-in with an existing one, the process to fill out the 5-section application begins. You will receive a confirmation email indicating your application is ready to begin, like the one seen below. Please keep it for future reference and review the deadline date and time information listed.

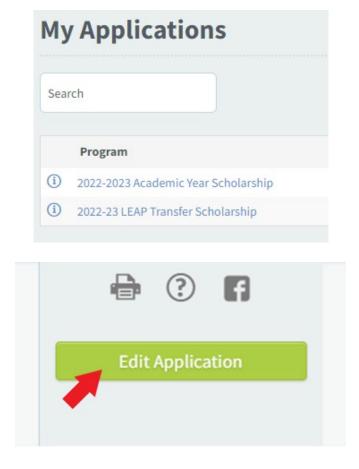
NOTE: If you have not received a confirmation email, check your 'Junk/Spam' folder for all emails from '[Norwalk Community College Foundation, Inc.] Application Created/Submitted, NCC Foundation Scholarship Office <automated.email@smarterselect.com>'



STEP 7. Each application contains 5 main sections. Please read all the questions carefully. The five sections are:

- a. Required Information Checklist.
- b. Student Information.
- c. Personal Information (not described here).
- d. Academic Information.
- e. File Uploads.

Each section can be worked on independently. To go back to your application at any time, simply log in with your credentials, select your application, and then click 'Edit Application' on the top right-hand side of the page. Do not forget to save at the end of each editing session.



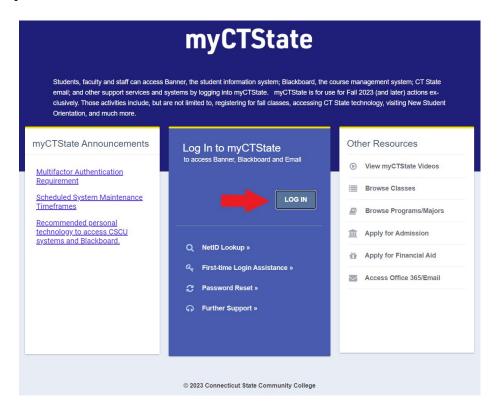
STEP 8. The **Required Information Checklist** section describes what information you need to gather to be able to fill out the scholarship application correctly. Please read this part very carefully! Incomplete applications will be DECLINED!

STEP 9. The **Student Information** section asks for your school information including your College Email, your major, your overall GPA, number of credits completed so far and credits in progress (currently taken but not finished yet). All the information can be found on **my.ctstate.edu** portal. A copy of your unofficial transcript will need to be uploaded later and will be used to show your academic progress and courses completed.

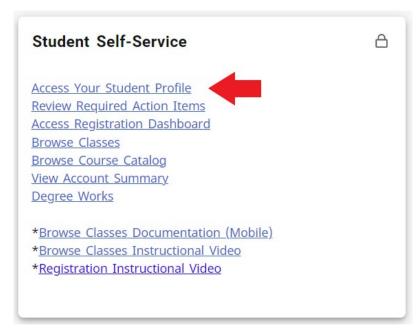
How to find your College Email:

1. To find your College Email address, you need to log in to **my.ctstate.edu** with your Banner ID (01234567@student.commnet.edu) and password.

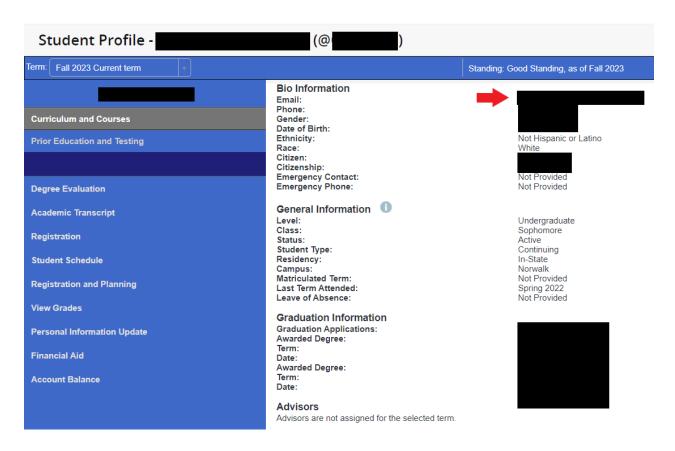
NOTE: For help with accessing your NETID, email, and degree works, the Blackboard Help Desk is available (24/7) via chat and phone 860-723-0221.



2. On the left-hand side under 'Student Self-Service' click on 'Access Your Student Profile'



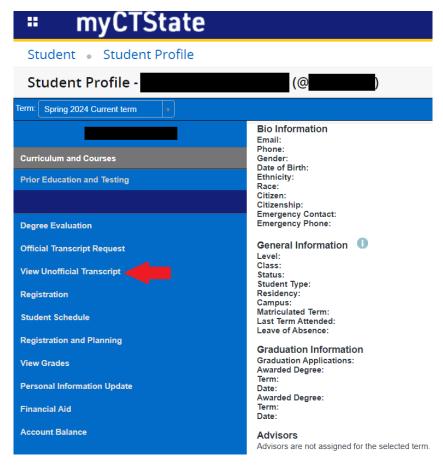
3. Your student account summary will come up. You can find your College Email under your 'Bio Information' section.



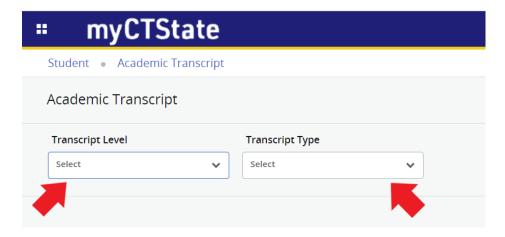
Please note it has <u>XXXX0000@mail.ct.edu</u> format. Use this Email Address as your College Email in the application.

How to view and save an unofficial transcript:

- 1. To view and save your unofficial transcript, you need to log in to **my.ctstate.edu** with your Banner ID (01234567@student.commnet.edu) and password and follow the 2-3 steps described above.
- 2. On the left-hand size panel click on 'View Unofficial Transcript'. It will prompt you to open a new window.



3. Select 'Transcript Level' and 'Transcript Type'



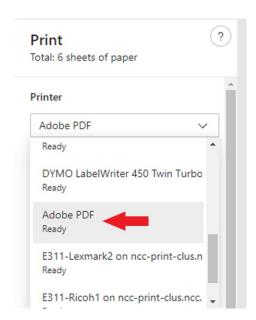
- 4. To save your transcript, click **Ctrl + P on your keyboard** and save it as a PDF locally for use in the **'Files Upload'** section of the application.
- **STEP 10.** The **Academic Information** section asks for academic-related information including 1 short essay question and 1 additional (optional) box for any special consideration.
 - **NOTE**: You must write a minimum of 150 words; no exceptions! Answers with less than 150 words will be considered incomplete and your application will be declined.

STEP 11. The **File Uploads** section requires that the following documents are uploaded before you submit your application:

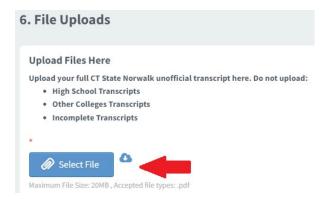
- A copy of your CT State Norwalk unofficial transcript.
- A copy/screenshot of your current Financial Aid Award Package from my.ctstate.edu.
- A copy of your registration SCHEDULE/BILL for the semester.
- Signed Income Verification Form.

How to upload your unofficial transcript:

- 1. Follow the steps listed in Step 8 'How to view and save an unofficial transcript:'. If you saved your file already, go to point #5.
- 2. To save your transcript, click Ctrl + P on your keyboard.
- 3. A new window should open, giving you a few options to print. Under 'Printer' tab, select 'Adobe PDF' or 'Save to PDF' or any equivalent depending on your equipment, system installed, and browser you are using and then hit 'Print.'



- 4. Save your file on your Desktop or in a folder where you will be able to find it. Use your last name and first last name as the File name (e.g., Smith, Julia Transcript).
- 5. Go back to your application and click 'Select File.' Browse for your saved transcript and click 'Open.'



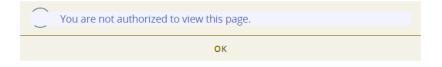
<u>How to upload a screenshot of your CT State Norwalk financial aid breakdown for the requested year.</u>

NOTE: This process is required even if Financial Aid award information is empty or not yet available.

1. Log in to my.ctstate.edu and look for 'Financial Aid' tab and click on it.



- 2. Please select the <u>appropriate</u> year as requested (from the top of the list) to see if there is any financial aid available for you. <u>Do NOT</u> submit Award History from previous years.
- 3. You should see your Award Package for 202X-202X Award Year. Take a screenshot (Print Screen) of it, save it to your desktop or in a folder where you will be able to find it.
 - Use your last name and first last name as the File name (e.g., Smith, Julia Award Package).
 - If you see a message like the one below, it means that you were not awarded for the upcoming academic year. Take a screenshot of that message and upload it. This will be accepted.



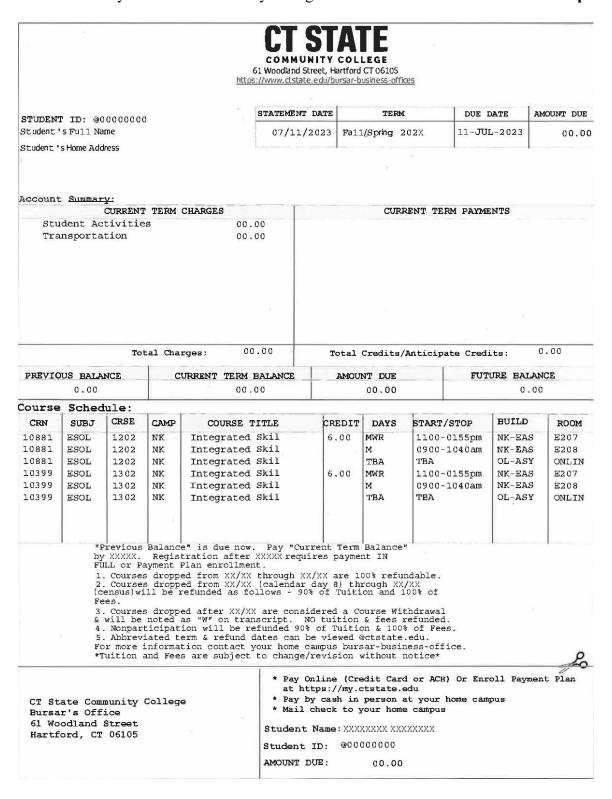
4. In the application 'Files Upload' section, click 'Select File.' Browse for your saved Award Package and click 'Open.'



How to upload your registration SCHEDULE/BILL.

You need to register for your classes at the Records Office and then submit a scanned copy of your registration Schedule/Bill. Here is an example. Make sure you contact the Business Office about due dates and refund policy to make payments arrangements as needed.

- 1. In the application 'Files Upload' section, click 'Select File.'
- 2. Browse for your saved version of your registration SCHEDULE/BILL and click 'Open.'



How to upload an Income Verification Form:

You need to download an Income Verification Form from NCC Foundation website (https://ncc-foundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Income-Verification-form-02-24-23.pdf), sign it and upload it.

Upload Income Verification Form here. *

Select File

Maximum File Size: 20MB, Accepted file types: .pdf, .jpg, .bmp, .jpeg

STEP 12. Uploading files is the last part of the application. Once all files are uploaded, and all sections have been completed, the application is ready to be submitted. Make sure you read the 'Application Acknowledgements' section. This provides important information about scholarship awarding and distribution rules you need to follow.

NOTE:

- Incomplete applications will be declined automatically.
- Applications with wrong uploads will be considered INCOMPLETE and will be DECLINED.
 - Please check that you have selected the latest Financial Aid year.
 - Please be sure to properly save and upload a copy of your unofficial transcript.
 - Please check your emails frequently for notifications from us. Make sure you give the correct email
 address so we can reach you when needed. You can lose your scholarship if you miss any of our
 emails.

Review your application again, and again, and double check each of your responses were filled out correctly and you uploaded all of the required documents to the right places.

Check one more time!

When you have triple checked your application, click SUBMIT.

The NCC Foundation will contact you once all applications are reviewed and request you to submit a Post-Acceptance agreement and a Thank You note to the donors. These are required in order to receive a scholarship! Once the post-acceptance has been submitted, the Business Office will receive a request to apply your award to your student account.