



Golden LEAF Scholars Program for Two Year Colleges Scholarship Opportunity

Mission

The Golden LEAF Foundation aims to increase economic opportunity in North Carolina's rural and tobacco-dependent communities through leadership in grants making, collaboration, innovation, and stewardship as an independent and perpetual foundation.

Award Amount

The program will provide grants of up to \$2250 annually, including summer term, for curriculum students and up to \$1000 annually for students enrolled in occupational programs. Awards can be applied to tuition, fees, books, and supplies at the community college where enrolled; transportation; child care expenses related to attending classes; and mid-skills credential testing upon course completion.

Eligibility

Students attending Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute and who reside in an eligible county, and demonstrate financial need are eligible to apply.

How to Apply

The Golden LEAF application can be completed electronically through DocuSign. Upon completion the form will be automatically submitted to The Office of Financial Aid. The application link can be found online under the financial aid scholarship page of cccti.edu.

Deadline to Apply:

Fall term - Friday, October 1, by 5 p.m.

Spring term – Friday, February 11, by 5 p.m.

Summer term – Friday, June 10, by 12 p.m.



Student Eligibility Requirements

- Eligible students must (1) be a North Carolina resident, (2) demonstrate financial need and (3) reside in a rural county that is tobacco dependent, or economically distressed, as determined by the Golden LEAF Foundation (please see Qualifying Counties 2021-2022 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.
- Eligible students may receive an award each year. 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 federal grants, e.g., Pell grants, for which the student may be eligible (may displace loan funds).

Curriculum Student Selection Criteria

Eligible students must:

- (1) Be enrolled at least full-time for fall and spring; Summer school students must be enrolled at least 6 credit hours. Grants for less-than-full-time students will be prorated based on hours of enrollment and pending availability of funds
- (2) Demonstrate financial need as determined by the FAFSA.
- (3) Be a resident of North Carolina
- (4) Reside in a rural county that is tobacco dependent, or economically distressed, as determined by the Golden LEAF Foundation.

This program is funded by the Golden LEAF Foundation.

Golden LEAF Scholarship Program 2021-2022 Eligible Counties

Alamance	Franklin	Pender
Alexander	Gates	Perquimans
Alleghany	Graham	Person
Anson	Granville	Pitt
Ashe	Greene	Polk
Avery	Halifax	Randolph
Beaufort	Harnett	Richmond
Bertie	Haywood	Robeson
Bladen	Hertford	Rockingham
Brunswick	Hoke	Rowan
Burke	Hyde	Rutherford
Caldwell	Jackson	Sampson
Camden	Johnston	Scotland
Carteret	Jones	Stanly
Caswell	Lee	Stokes
Catawba	Lenoir	Surry
Cherokee	Macon	Swain
Chowan	Madison	Transylvania
Clay	Martin	Tyrrell
Cleveland	McDowell	Vance
Columbus	Mitchell	Warren
Craven	Montgomery	Washington
Dare	Nash	Wayne
Davidson	Northampton	Wilkes
Davie	Onslow	Wilson
Duplin	Pamlico	Yadkin
Edgecombe	Pasquotank	Yancey

Golden LEAF Scholarships for students attending 2- or 4-year institutions are limited to students who reside in an eligible rural county listed above as well as meet other criteria established for each program.

Eligible counties are subject to change.

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