

**\*\*\* FALL 2024 APPLICATION ARE DUE TO THE FINICIAL AID OFFICE BY SEPTEMBER 27, 2024\*\*\***



## 2024-2025 Golden LEAF Community College Scholarship Eligibility Guidelines and Student Application



The Golden LEAF Foundation makes scholarships available to students from qualifying counties who demonstrate financial need to help them attend a North Carolina community college. The goal of the Golden LEAF Foundation is to support funding of scholarships for recipients to gain talent, knowledge, and the skills to help their communities thrive.

The Golden LEAF Community College Scholarship provides scholarships of up to \$2,250 annually for curriculum students and up to \$1850 annually for workforce continuing education students. The scholarships help cover the cost of tuition, fees, books, supplies, credentialing tests, transportation, childcare and other components of the total cost of attendance for the 2024-2025 academic year.

### **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 (see Qualifying Counties 2024-2025). A scholarship recipient who resides in an eligible county upon initial award will retain eligibility and may be eligible for a renewal award if the student's place of residence is within the state of North Carolina. NOTE: the college will be asked to provide proof of the student's county of residency at the time of the initial award.
- Eligible students may receive an award each year. Financial aid offices will determine their application procedures for making awards for subsequent terms. Selected students must 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 (scholarship may replace 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 should be prorated based on hours of enrollment and pending availability of funds. Colleges should determine reasonable proration award amounts.
- (2) Have financial need as determined by completion of the FAFSA.
- (3) Be a resident of North Carolina as determined by Residency Determination Services (RDS).
- (4) Reside in a rural county that is tobacco dependent, or economically distressed, as determined by the Golden LEAF Foundation (Check with your financial aid office for Qualifying Counties 2024-2025).



Instructions: Complete this application and return it to the college’s Financial Aid Office or the office designated by the college. Eligible students must reside in a qualifying county as determined by the Golden LEAF Foundation

Personal Information:

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

NC County of residence: \_\_\_\_\_ How long have you lived in the county listed? \_\_\_\_\_

(To be eligible for an initial award, your permanent residence must be in a qualifying county determined by the Golden LEAF Foundation)

Educational Information:

Community College you are attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Curriculum program you are enrolled/enrolling in: \_\_\_\_\_

WCE course/pathway you are enrolled/enrolling in: \_\_\_\_\_

WCE students *must be enrolled in a credentialing program that is at least 96 hours*. The list of eligible credentials is available at <https://nccareers.org/credentials>.

Other Information:

- Have members of your immediate family worked for or owned a farming or agricultural related business?  
\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no
- Have you or members of your immediate family been employed in traditional industries such as furniture, textiles, or tobacco manufacturing? \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no
- Has anyone in your household lost their job in the past two years? \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no
- Has anyone in your household transitioned from a full-time job to a part-time job? \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

Applicant Certification:

I have read and understand the requirements of this scholarship. I hereby declare that the information provided on this form is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_