

SECU Scholarship Essay Requirements

Student Eligibility

- Must be a U.S. citizen, 18 years old or older, and a North Carolina resident if they have recently moved to NC a letter from your company is necessary.
- 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.*
- Must provide a copy an unofficial headshot. ***Please do NOT use an official state I.D.***
- Should write three-paragraph essay on themselves. Each paragraph should have five sentences. Essay should include the following:
 - 1-How would you fund the course if the scholarship were not available?
 - 2-How will this training help you excel from current position?
 - 3- Whether or not you have experience in the course of choice.

Application Procedures

Review process time varies

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 balance from this scholarship will be awarded to the student at the end of the class.

2021-22 Student Data & Consent Form

College: A-B Tech Community College

Full Name of Scholarship Recipient									
Address		Phone		E-Mail					
Target Group Affiliation (Check all that apply)							Gender		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unemployed / Underemployed* Adult	<input type="checkbox"/>	NC National Guard Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military Veteran or Spouse	<input type="checkbox"/>	Underserved Populations: Specific Workforce Sector or Area	<input type="checkbox"/>	Female
								<input type="checkbox"/>	Male
Current Employment Status		Ethnicity							
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unemployed	<input type="checkbox"/>	African American	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Hispanic/Latino		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Underemployed*	<input type="checkbox"/>	American/Alaskan Native	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hispanic/Latino	<input type="checkbox"/>	White/Caucasian		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Employed Full-Time	<input type="checkbox"/>	Asian						

* Underemployed is defined as individuals earning within 200% of the federal poverty level guidelines or below.

Award Information

Award Date	Scholarship Eligible Course	Associated Credential(s)
How would you have funded the course(s) if you had not received the scholarship?		
Do you plan to enroll in further training?		
If yes, what future training do you plan to seek?		

*College should see SECU Foundation Bridge to Career Program Guidelines for course eligibility requirements.

Please attach the following documents:

- Student Bio – Should detail the student's need for the scholarship and how it will help with their educational and vocational goals.
- Student Photo

Student Consent

As a condition of the award, I give my consent to the release of my name, biographical statement, and image for publications written/distributed by the System Office, the local Community College, and/or the State Employees' Credit Union and its Foundation. As condition of this award, it is my responsibility to notify the College of licensure, certification and/or job obtainment because of participation in this program. I further consent to be contacted after completion of my coursework to determine if my participation in the program assisted me in gaining certification and/or employment.

I attest I am not an employee, Board Member, or family member of the State Employees' Credit Union or SECU Foundation.

Student Signature: _____

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