

**STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES**  
**The Golden LEAF Community College Scholarship Program**  
**FY 2025-26**

**Request:** The State Board is requested to approve the expenditure of contract funds totaling \$2,935,000 for allocations to colleges for the Golden LEAF Community College Scholarship Program.

**Strategic Plan Reference(s):** Enrollment

Goal 2: Increase access and enrollment at North Carolina community colleges to meet the state's educational attainment goal and expand postsecondary opportunities.

Strategy: 2.1.2

**Background:** Since 2001, the NCCCS has received grants from the Golden LEAF Foundation to be used for student scholarships. Thousands of community college students have received scholarship funds from this program. At the request of the Golden LEAF Foundation, the program was redesigned in 2011 to better reflect their goal of providing assistance to students and their families at community colleges. Eligible students must reside in a qualifying county as determined by Golden LEAF. The scholarships assist with the costs including tuition and fees, books, and supplies, credentialing tests, transportation, and childcare expenses.

In FY 2023-24, the method of allocation was changed to a reimbursement basis through the NCCCS State Level accounting. The System office student services staff provides guidance to colleges on the processing method and allocation amounts.

**Rationale:** All colleges participate in the program annually. 32 community colleges receive the base funding amount only and 26 colleges receive the base funding amount and an additional 20% of priority funds. Priority funds are divided among colleges with campuses serving students who reside in qualifying counties as determined by the Golden LEAF Foundation. All colleges must provide a minimum of 25% of funds allotted to qualifying continuing education students enrolled in courses that train towards a workforce continuing education credential. The Golden LEAF Community College scholarship is awarded to students who meet the program's eligibility criteria and reside in a qualifying county as designated by the Golden LEAF Foundation.

Students enrolled in curriculum programs may be awarded up to \$2250 annually. Workforce continuing education enrolled students may be awarded up to \$1850 annually. The Golden LEAF Community College scholarship funds may be used to cover educational costs including tuition and fees, books and supplies, credentialing tests, transportation and childcare expenses.

2025-26 Golden LEAF Community College Scholarship Program						
Available Award Budget						
College Names	Priority County	80% Base Funding	20% Priority Funding	Total Award Per College	75% Curriculum	25% minimum WCE
Alamance CC		\$40,483		<b>\$40,483</b>	\$30,362	\$10,121
Asheville-Buncombe CC		\$40,483		<b>\$40,483</b>	\$30,362	\$10,121
Beaufort County CC	P	\$40,483	\$22,577	<b>\$63,060</b>	\$47,295	\$15,765
Bladen CC	P	\$40,483	\$22,577	<b>\$63,060</b>	\$47,295	\$15,765
Blue Ridge CC		\$40,483		<b>\$40,843</b>	\$30,362	\$10,121
Brunswick CC		\$40,483		<b>\$40,483</b>	\$30,362	\$10,121
Caldwell CC & TI	P	\$40,483	\$22,577	<b>\$63,060</b>	\$47,295	\$15,765
Cape Fear CC		\$40,483		<b>\$40,483</b>	\$30,362	\$10,121
Carteret CC		\$40,483		<b>\$40,483</b>	\$30,362	\$10,121
Catawba Valley CC		\$40,483		<b>\$40,483</b>	\$30,362	\$10,121
Central Carolina CC		\$40,483		<b>\$40,483</b>	\$30,362	\$10,121
Central Piedmont CC		\$40,483		<b>\$40,483</b>	\$30,362	\$10,121
Cleveland CC	P	\$40,483	\$22,577	<b>\$63,060</b>	\$47,295	\$15,765
Coastal Carolina CC		\$40,483		<b>\$40,483</b>	\$30,362	\$10,121
College of the Albemarle	P	\$40,483	\$22,577	<b>\$63,060</b>	\$47,295	\$15,765
Craven CC		\$40,483		<b>\$40,483</b>	\$30,362	\$10,121
Davidson-Davie CC		\$40,483		<b>\$40,483</b>	\$30,362	\$10,121
Durham Tech CC		\$40,483		<b>\$40,483</b>	\$30,362	\$10,121
Edgecombe CC	P	\$40,483	\$22,577	<b>\$63,060</b>	\$47,295	\$15,765
Fayetteville Tech. CC		\$40,483		<b>\$40,483</b>	\$30,362	\$10,121
Forsyth Tech. CC		\$40,483		<b>\$40,483</b>	\$30,362	\$10,121
Gaston CC		\$40,483		<b>\$40,483</b>	\$30,362	\$10,121
Guilford Tech. CC		\$40,483		<b>\$40,483</b>	\$30,362	\$10,121
Halifax CC	P	\$40,483	\$22,577	<b>\$63,060</b>	\$47,295	\$15,765
Haywood CC		\$40,483		<b>\$40,483</b>	\$30,362	\$10,121
Isothermal CC	P	\$40,483	\$22,577	<b>\$63,060</b>	\$47,295	\$15,765
James Sprunt CC	P	\$40,483	\$22,577	<b>\$63,060</b>	\$47,295	\$15,765
Johnston CC		\$40,483		<b>\$40,483</b>	\$30,362	\$10,121
Lenoir CC	P	\$40,483	\$22,577	<b>\$63,060</b>	\$47,295	\$15,765
Martin CC	P	\$40,483	\$22,577	<b>\$63,060</b>	\$47,295	\$15,765
Mayland CC	P	\$40,483	\$22,577	<b>\$63,060</b>	\$47,295	\$15,765
McDowell Tech. CC		\$40,483		<b>\$40,483</b>	\$30,362	\$10,121
Mitchell CC		\$40,483		<b>\$40,483</b>	\$30,362	\$10,121
Montgomery CC		\$40,483		<b>\$40,483</b>	\$30,362	\$10,121

Nash CC	P	\$40,483	\$22,577	<b>\$63,060</b>	\$47,295	\$15,765
Pamlico CC		\$40,483		<b>\$40,483</b>	\$30,362	\$10,121
Piedmont CC	P	\$40,483	\$22,577	<b>\$63,060</b>	\$47,295	\$15,765
Pitt CC		\$40,483		<b>\$40,483</b>	\$30,362	\$10,121
Randolph CC		\$40,483		<b>\$40,483</b>	\$30,362	\$10,121
Richmond CC	P	\$40,483	\$22,577	<b>\$63,060</b>	\$47,295	\$15,765
Roanoke-Chowan CC	P	\$40,483	\$22,577	<b>\$63,060</b>	\$47,295	\$15,765
Robeson CC	P	\$40,483	\$22,577	<b>\$63,060</b>	\$47,295	\$15,765
Rockingham CC	P	\$40,842	\$22,577	<b>\$63,059</b>	\$47,295	\$15,765
Rowan-Cabarrus CC		\$40,842		<b>\$40,482</b>	\$30,361	\$10,121
Sampson CC	P	\$40,842	\$22,577	<b>\$63,059</b>	\$47,294	\$15,765
Sandhills CC		\$40,842			\$30,361	\$10,121
South Piedmont CC	P	\$40,842	\$22,577	<b>\$63,059</b>	\$47,294	\$15,765
Southeastern CC	P	\$40,842	\$22,577	<b>\$63,059</b>	\$47,294	\$15,765
Southwestern CC	P	\$40,842	\$22,577	<b>\$63,059</b>	\$47,294	\$15,765
Stanly CC		\$40,842		<b>\$40,482</b>	\$30,361	\$10,121
Surry CC		\$40,842		<b>\$40,482</b>	\$30,361	\$10,121
Tri-County CC	P	\$40,842	\$22,577	<b>\$63,059</b>	\$47,294	\$15,765
Vance-Granville CC	P	\$40,842	\$22,577	<b>\$63,059</b>	\$47,294	\$15,765
Wake Tech CC		\$40,842		<b>\$40,482</b>	\$30,361	\$10,121
Wayne CC	P	\$40,842	\$22,577	<b>\$63,059</b>	\$47,294	\$15,765
Western Piedmont CC		\$40,842		<b>\$40,482</b>	\$30,361	\$10,121
Wilkes CC		\$40,842		<b>\$40,482</b>	\$30,361	\$10,121
Wilson CC	P	\$40,484	\$22,575	<b>\$63,059</b>	\$47,294	\$15,765
<b>58 participating colleges</b>		<b>\$2,348,000</b>	<b>\$587,000</b>	<b>\$2,935,000</b>	<b>\$2,201,238</b>	<b>\$733,762</b>

**Fund Source and Availability:** Funding is contingent upon a contract award from the Golden LEAF Foundation. The contract cycle runs from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

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