

SECU Foundation

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2016 High School Scholarship Program Eligibility Criteria

Members of the State Employees' Credit Union established the "People Helping People" four-year scholarship program to assist North Carolina public high school students attend college. The State Employees' Credit Union (SECU) Foundation takes an active role in assisting communities across North Carolina and truly believes in "people helping people!" Each North Carolina regular public high school will receive one (1) scholarship valued at \$10,000 for a senior to attend one of the 17 constituent campuses of the University of North Carolina. In addition the program will provide a \$5,000 two-year scholarship to a graduating senior from early college and cooperative innovative high schools. Although the SECU Scholarship Program wishes to recognize academic achievement, the "People Helping People" Scholarship has a much broader purpose; recognizing leadership, integrity and community involvement.

Preference will be to students whose parents or guardians and family members are public sector employees who live and work in North Carolina. Scholarship recipients in good academic standing will be able to receive the scholarship up to a maximum of eight (8) consecutive semesters at the same university. Students selected should not be the recipient of other large scholarships.

There will be no formal application process from the SECU Foundation. All graduating seniors meeting the stated criteria will be eligible for consideration. The criteria have been designed to give the Scholarship Selection Committee maximum flexibility in awarding the scholarship. The local Scholarship Selection Committee will recognize the individual in the senior graduating class *most deserving of an opportunity to attend college*. The recipient will be selected without regard to race, sex, color, creed, religious preference, age, national origin or disability. The Scholarship Selection Committee will use the following criteria to award the SECU Foundation "People Helping People" Scholarship to a recipient who:

1. Is a senior at a North Carolina regular public high school who has been accepted to one of the 17 constituent campuses of the University of North Carolina.
2. Is a US citizen and a resident of North Carolina under NCGS 116-143.1, and is eligible for in-state tuition.
3. Best exemplifies the membership philosophy of credit unions, "People Helping People" and has demonstrated leadership, excellence of character, integrity, and community involvement.
4. Demonstrates scholastic achievement with a maintained 2.5 or higher grade point average on a 4.0 scale, and may be deserving of financial aid.
5. Will use the scholarship to pay for full-time *undergraduate* student tuition.
6. Agrees to continue as a full-time student in good standing with the same university for up to eight (8) consecutive fall/spring semesters payable at \$1,250. "Scholarships are not transferable without prior approval of SECU Foundation."
 - a. A written appeal for transfer must be made to the SECU Foundation prior to transfer.
 - b. No transfers will be allowed to a university outside of the UNC System.
 - c. Any gap in active enrollment for any reason will result in non-eligibility for funding for each semester missed.
7. Is not a Director, employee, or family member of an employee of the State Employees' Credit Union or the SECU Foundation.

The decision of the Scholarship Selection Committee will be **final**.

Each SECU Foundation Scholarship recipient must receive a copy of the Eligibility Requirements.

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2016 High School Scholarship Program Operating Procedures

The SECU Foundation “People Helping People” Scholarship Program will award a graduating senior at each regular public high school and three charter high schools in North Carolina a four-year college scholarship valued at \$10,000. In addition the program will provide a \$5,000 two-year scholarship to a graduating senior from early college and cooperative innovative high schools. All graduating seniors meeting the stated criteria will be eligible for consideration. All high schools will use their existing scholarship selection committee to determine a recipient for the scholarship. There is no formal application process; each graduating senior will be considered for the scholarship.

The high school Scholarship Selection Committee will collect all required information and complete the Student Data Form and the Media Consent Form for the selected recipient and send information to the SECU Foundation postmarked no later than **May 6, 2016**.

Each recipient of the scholarship and their parent/guardian must sign the Media Consent Form to release their names and images for press releases to:

- The local news media
- The State Employees’ Credit Union and the SECU Foundation

The high school Scholarship Selection Committee will collect and submit the following information for the recipient on a Student Data Form to:

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PO Box 25966
Raleigh, NC 27611-5966
SECUFoundation@ncsecu.org

- Student Name
- Social Security Number
- GPA (weighted/unweighted)
- Home Mailing Address
- Home Telephone Number
- Email Address (*home*)
- Name of UNC-System University attending
- High School Name
- The location and date of High School Awards Ceremony
- Contact Person for High School Awards Ceremony with E-mail Address and Telephone Number

Please Select an Alternate

Prior to the Awards Ceremony or Public Presentation

In the event the first named recipient:

- Receives a Full Scholarship
- Declines the “*People Helping People*” Scholarship
- Chooses to attend a Private University or Out-of-State University

the Alternate will be eligible to receive the “*People Helping People*” Scholarship.

Please include the name of the Alternate in the Scholarship Selection Committee statement. Note that we will not accept an alternate recipient to replace the original recipient once the initial Fall semester drop/add date has occurred.

In addition, the Scholarship Selection Committee shall forward to SECU:

- Copy of University Acceptance Letter
- Photo of Student (head shot only)
- A brief bio from the student with accomplishments and awards noted
- A written statement from the committee stating the name of the **Recipient** and **Alternate** selected by the High School Selection Committee

The Scholarship Selection Committee will advise the SECU Foundation of the dates and times of the awards ceremony so a representative of the local State Employees’ Credit Union office and an SECU Advisory Board member will be in attendance to present a letter of award to the recipient at the high school awards day or recognition program.

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2016
High School
Scholarship Program
for North Carolina

No Application Required

Complete All Information on this Form

Student Data Form Personal Information	
Full Name of Recipient	
Home Address	
City, State, Zip	
Home Telephone #	()
Social Security Number	
Gender: (Male/Female)	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Race/Ethnicity:	<input type="checkbox"/> White/Caucasian <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American <input type="checkbox"/> Latino/Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Other
GPA (weighted/unweighted)	
Permanent E-mail	
University Information	
University Attending <i>(Attach Acceptance Letter)</i>	
High School Information	
Name of High School	<i>Is School an Early College or Cooperative Innovative School? (Check Box if yes)</i> <input type="checkbox"/>
Address of High School	
Contact Person for High School	
Contact Person E-mail	
Date/Time of Awards Ceremony	
Location of Awards Ceremony	

Must Attach: Brief Statement from Student of Awards/Accomplishments & Short Bio *(to be released to local media)*

- Student Photo
- Acceptance Letter from University
- Signed Media Consent Form *(Signed by Recipient and Parent/Guardian)*
- Brief Statement from Selection Committee *(must be signed by at least one member of Selection Committee) to verify recipient and alternate*

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Consent Form

The SECU Foundation and the State Employees' Credit Union may use photographs, slides, videos, or illustrations of students in newsletters or publications produced by the State Employees' Credit Union, in slide presentations, videos, and/or web sites about the scholarships, by the news media in any SECU Foundation news coverage, in video productions aired on television produced by the State Employees' Credit Union, and in other similar forms of communication. Local media (TV, newspaper, radio stations) frequently want to interview students to add a personal touch to stories. Students' comments may be used in newspapers or broadcast on radio or TV.

_____ I give permission to the SECU Foundation, State Employees' Credit Union or the news media to use photographs, slides, videos, illustrations, or interviews of my child. Further, I authorize their use without inspecting or approving the finished product or its specific use.

_____ I acknowledge the "People Helping People" Scholarship is *not* transferable.

_____ I have received or reviewed a copy of the Eligibility Criteria (available on the SECU Foundation website at www.ncsecufoundation.org).

_____ I am eligible for the "People Helping People" Scholarship, as my parents/guardians are not employees of the State Employees' Credit Union or serve on the Board of Directors.

Student's name: _____
Please Print

Signature of Student: _____ **Date:** _____

Name of Parents/Guardian: _____
Please Print

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

Street address, city, state, zip: _____

Please return this completed and signed form with the Student Data Form.