

## Golden LEAF Colleges and Universities Scholarship

**Amount:** Up to \$14,000 (\$3,500/year for up to 4 years)

**Application available:** Early January 2023

**Application submission deadline:** March 1, 2023

### Description

The Golden LEAF Scholarship is designed to assist current North Carolina high school seniors and North Carolina community college transfer students. Recipients must be from certain rural counties, plan to attend a participating North Carolina college or university, demonstrate financial need, and express an intent to return to a rural North Carolina community upon college graduation.

### Eligibility

**To be considered, a student must:**

1. Be a North Carolina resident for tuition purposes.
  - a. Applicants must complete residency determination at the North Carolina Residency Determination Service [Website](#)
2. Reside in a [qualifying](#) North Carolina county.
3. Be a high school senior enrolling full-time in the fall as a first-year student or a currently enrolled community college transfer student enrolling full-time in the fall.
  - a. High school seniors must attend a high school in North Carolina
  - b. Participants in an Early College Program should apply as a high school senior
  - c. To apply as a community college transfer student, an applicant must not currently be enrolled in high school
4. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5.
5. Plan to enroll in a [participating](#) North Carolina public or private college/university.
6. Have a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Expected Family Contribution (EFC) that does not exceed the maximum permitted by Golden LEAF.
7. Be able to communicate an intent to return to a qualifying county after graduation from college.

### Application Requirements

1. Complete and submit a full electronic Golden LEAF Colleges and Universities application on the [CFNC website](#) when the application becomes available.
2. Submit an electronic copy of your academic transcript that has final grades for the most recent Fall semester.
3. Complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the appropriate school year.

### Other Information

The scholarship provides \$3,500 a year for up to four years to high school seniors and \$3,500 a year for up to three years to community college transfer students. Students who have previously attended a

college or university outside of dual enrollment (high school and college at the same time) are not eligible for consideration.

For renewal consideration, a Renewal Profile and FAFSA must be submitted each year. In addition, the recipient must have continued financial aid need, remain enrolled full-time (degree seeking) at a participating North Carolina public or private college or university, and maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress.

### **Golden LEAF Scholars Opportunities**

Visit the [Golden LEAF Scholarship website](#) to learn more about opportunities available to students awarded the Golden LEAF Scholarship.