

## **North Carolina Community Colleges Short-Term Workforce Development (STWD) Grant Program**

The Short-Term Workforce Development (STWD) Grant Program, established by [Session Law 2021-180](#), is a state-funded financial aid program for eligible Workforce Continuing Education (WCE) students pursuing high-demand, family-sustaining wage credentials identified as N.C. Workforce Credentials at either the Essential or Career level. These credential pathways may consist of a single WCE course or a series of courses. The list of eligible credentials is available at <https://nccareers.org/credentials>.

### **Use of Scholarship Funds**

Scholarship awards are determined by each college based on student needs, local industry needs, number of eligible students, and cost of course, up to a maximum of either \$750 per course. The scholarships help cover the cost of tuition, fees, books, supplies, credentialing tests, transportation, childcare, and other components of the total cost of attendance.

### **Student Eligibility Requirements**

At a minimum, eligible students applying for this scholarship must be:

- 1) A resident of North Carolina
  - a. As required by [Session Law 2021-180](#) Section 6.6. (c), eligible students must establish residency under the criteria outlined in [G.S. 116-143.1](#) following the coordinated and centralized residency determination process administered by the State Education Assistance Authority known as the [NC Residency Determination Service \(RDS\)](#).
- 2) A Student enrolling in Workforce Continuing Education (WCE) pathways/courses leading to an N.C. Workforce Credential identified as either Essential or Career level. These pathways may consist of a single WCE course or a series of courses. The list of eligible credentials is available at <https://nccareers.org/credentials>.

### **Application Process**

- Students will complete the STWD Grant application for the targeted academic year.
- Applications are filed with the college Financial Aid office, Workforce Continuing Education department, or another college-designated office.
- Applicants bear full responsibility for completing the STWD Grant application before the deadline established by the local college.

**North Carolina Community Colleges  
Shor-Term Workforce Development (STWD) Grant  
2022-2023 Student Application**

**Instructions:** Complete this application and return the completed application to the college's Financial Aid Office or Workforce Continuing Education Department.

**Eligibility Criteria:**

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- 1) A resident of North Carolina as outlined in [G.S. 116-143.1](#) and following the coordinated and centralized residency determination process administered by the State Education Assistance Authority known as [NC Residency Determination Service \(RDS\)](#).
- 2) A Student enrolling in Workforce Continuing Education (WCE) pathways/course(s) leading to an N.C. Workforce Credential identified as either Essential or Career Level. These pathways may consist of a single WCE course or a series of courses. The list of eligible credentials is available at <https://nccareers.org/credentials>.

**Applicant Information:**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_, State: \_\_, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (xxx) xxx-xxxx Mobile Number: (xxx) xxx-xxxx

**Residency Determination:**

Before submitting this application, you must complete residency determination via <https://ncresidency.cfnc.org/residencyInfo/> and be determined to be a resident of North Carolina. Upon completing this step, you will be provided a Residency Certification Number ("RCN"), which must be provided below.

**Residency Certification Number ("RCN"):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Education Program Information:**

College Attending/Enrolled: \_\_\_\_\_

NC Workforce Credential pursuing: \_\_\_\_\_

Course(s) in which you plan to enroll or are already registered:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., CJC-3938 Basic Law Enforcement Training)
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Attestation:**

I have read and understand the requirements for assistance. I attest that the information provided on this form is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

**Applicant's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_