

NCCC SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Scholarship Process Overview

History

In 1987, the NCCC Foundation was created with a mission to provide student scholarships and ensure individuals would have access to higher education in Niagara County. Since that time, volunteers have raised the necessary funds and established numerous scholarships named after generous donors. More than twenty years later, nearly \$2 million has been awarded to students pursuing their educational goals at Niagara County Community College.

Scholarship Award Process

A variety of scholarships are offered each semester for incoming and current NCCC students. The NCCC Scholarship Committee selects scholarship recipients based on established criteria and the student application. The funds to award are determined from the interest generated on the Foundation's scholarship endowment. Additional donations received from the community as well as proceeds from the annual Scholarship Gala Dinner enable supplementary awards. The availability and dollar amount of scholarships vary from semester to semester.

Scholarship Instructions

1. You must complete the Financial Aid FAFSA application online so that your scholarship need can be accurately determined.
2. Review each scholarship's criteria and procedures carefully to determine eligibility and requirements before applying for them.
3. Complete the NCCC Scholarship Application Form and list every scholarship that you are eligible for on the lines provided at the top of the form.
4. Include two (2) copies of your unofficial academic transcript with the most recent cumulative GPA.
5. Foreign transcripts must be translated into English by the student to be eligible. Refer to these websites for translation: www.mycertifiedtranslation.com or www.academictranslations.com
6. A two page, type-written essay is required for all scholarships (See Scholarship Application and check each scholarship's procedure).
7. Some scholarships require Letters of Reference (check each scholarship's procedure).
8. It is the applicant's responsibility to request and submit all materials by the deadline date. Incomplete applications and/or lacking any support materials will not be considered.
9. NCCC Foundation, Inc., reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to decrease the actual dollar amount granted from its scholarship awards based upon the economic performance of its investment portfolio from which scholarships are granted.
10. Submit TWO (2) copies of all required information to the NCCC Scholarship Office located within the Financial Aid Complex (A-114) 716.614.6205. It must be received or postmarked by 5pm on the deadline date of Friday, **March 2, 2012**.

For more information visit the Scholarship webpage at www.niagaracc.suny.edu/scholarships

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Fall 2012

(Listed in alphabetical order)

Alliance Niagara Federal Credit Union Award

Alliance Niagara Federal Credit Union is a non-profit financial institution dedicated to providing banking services to its membership which includes employees, students and graduates of NCCC and Niagara University. Scholarship opportunities are available to Credit Union Members who are returning students at each of the member schools.

Amount: **Varies**

Criteria:

1. Applicant must be a member of the Alliance Niagara Federal Credit Union.
2. Applicant must be a second year returning student.
3. Applicant must be a full time student.
4. Applicant must have and maintain a 2.0 grade point average (GPA).

Procedure:

1. Complete the application and the essay. Include information on your career goals and financial need.

Nicole M. Argo Memorial Award

Established by family and friends of Nicole M. Argo to celebrate Nicki's life, her devotion to family and friends and her strong belief in continuing education. She was a student at NCCC at the time of her death in 2003.

Amount: **Varies (Award will be split between the Fall 2012 & Spring 2013 semesters)**

Criteria:

1. Applicant must be a female resident of Niagara County currently employed either full or part time.
2. Applicant can be either a current or incoming student of NCCC attending full time.
3. Applicant must have and maintain a 2.5 grade point average (GPA).
4. Priority will be given to students with a GED diploma.

Procedure:

1. Complete the application and the essay. Include information on career goals.
2. Submit one (1) letter of reference from a current teacher, employer, civic or spiritual leader highlighting your qualities of family values, integrity and sense of personal achievement.

Paul D. Balling Memorial Scholarship

Paul D. Balling, former vice-president of Balling Construction, a family-owned business in the Tonawandas, was an original member of the NCCC Foundation Board of Directors. The scholarship established in his memory, will continue his legacy of dedication, strong work ethic and commitment to meeting educational and personal goals.

Amount: Varies

- Criteria:
1. Applicants can be a current or incoming student who demonstrate financial need, strong work ethic and a desire to meet their educational goals.
 2. Applicants must have and maintain a 2.5 grade point average (GPA).
- Procedure:
1. Complete the application and the essay. Include information on your career goals and financial need.

Barbara Burns-Higgins Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 1997 in memory of Dr. Barbara Burns-Higgins, a professor in the NCCC Nursing division and the 1989-90 recipient of the State University's Chancellor's Award of Excellence in Teaching.

Amount: Varies

- Criteria:
1. Applicant must be a current or incoming NCCC student enrolled in the Nursing Program.
 2. Applicant must have and maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA.
 3. Applicant must have experience working in a health care facility either in a volunteer or employee capacity.
 4. Priority will be given to non-traditional students.
- Procedure:
1. Complete the application and the essay. Include information on your career goals, financial need and your volunteer or employment history in a health care facility.

Dennis Cassick Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established by family and friends of Dennis Cassick, after his death in 1995. Dennis was a student at NCCC at the time of his death and believed strongly in continuing education.

Amount: Varies

- Criteria:
1. Applicant must be a non-traditional student.
- Procedure:
1. Complete the application and the essay. Include information on your career goals, financial need and your ideas on the following topic:
"Dennis Cassick had a deep and abiding interest in continuing his education as a means of personal growth and fulfillment. Explain your life goals and how they might continue Dennis' legacy."
 2. Submit one (1) letter of reference from a current teacher, employer, civic or spiritual leader highlighting your qualities of leadership, integrity, and sense of personal achievement.

John W. Danforth/Donald Basile Memorial Scholarship

The scholarship was established in memory of Donald Basile, a former employee of the John W. Danforth Company of Buffalo. Preference will be given to members of Steamfitters Local 129 and their children.

Amount: Varies

- Criteria:
1. Applicant must be enrolled in the second year of Mechanical Technology or the second year of CADD program.
 2. Applicant must have and maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA.
- Procedure:
1. Complete the application and the essay. Include information on your career goals and financial need.

Nicholas A. DiCamillo Memorial Scholarship

Nicholas A. DiCamillo was actively involved in the DiCamillo Bakery from his youth until shortly before his death in 2001. Together with his brothers, sisters, and nephews he developed the small bakery from a small basement operation into a multi- store retail and wholesale bakery. The company eventually expanded into the national gourmet food market, and today, DiCamillo biscotti and cookies are sold throughout the country. Nicholas was a certified master baker. He is most remembered by his friends and family for his passion for life, a love for baking, and a firm belief in the goodness of mankind.

Amount: Varies

- Criteria:
1. Applicant must be enrolled in the Culinary Arts or Pastry and Baking Arts curriculum.
 2. Applicant can be a current or incoming student to NCCC attending either full or part-time.
 3. Scholarship award is based on financial need and academic performance.
 4. Applicants must have and maintain a 2.5 GPA.
- Procedure:
1. Complete the application and the essay. Include information on your career goals and financial need.

Dolce/Valvo Scholarship

The scholarship was established in 1991 by Kathy Dolce, former Chair of the Health and Physical Education Department at NCCC, and her sister Jean Doctor. They established this scholarship as a way to thank their parents, who were strong advocates of education, for providing them with the opportunity to obtain an education.

Amount: Varies

- Criteria:
1. Applicant must have and maintain a 2.75 GPA.
 2. Applicant must be a sophomore enrolled in the Health Physical Education, Health Education or Elementary Education curriculum.
- Procedure:
1. Complete the application and the essay. Include information on your career goals and financial need.
 2. Submit two (2) letters of reference; one from an in-college teaching faculty, counselor, or librarian and one from the community where applicant may have participated in activities in the community or served in a volunteer capacity.

Anne E. Edwards Memorial Scholarship

Anne began her college education at age 41 and graduated from NCCC in 1969. She later returned to NCCC as Director of Student Activities where she stayed until her retirement in 1993. Anne believed in lifelong learning and was known on campus as a student advocate. The scholarship in her name will honor students who may have overcome obstacles or share characteristics consistent with her spirit of generosity.

Amount **\$250**

- Criteria:
1. Applicant must be a continuing student in good academic standing.
 2. Applicant must be a full-time or part-time, matriculated student at NCCC.

- Procedure:
1. Complete the application and an essay. Include information on how you have overcome obstacles or share characteristics consistent with Anne E. Edwards's spirit of generosity.

Anthony S. Gullo Faculty Association Scholarship

This scholarship was established by the NCCC Faculty Association with donations made by the Association, its membership, retirees and others wishing to contribute. It was renamed in 2008 in honor of past president Anthony S. Gullo.

Amount: **Varies**

- Criteria:
1. Applicant must be the child or stepchild, grandchild, step-grandchild, spouse or domestic partner of a current or retired NCCC Faculty Association member.
 3. Applicant must be accepted as a full-time or part time, matriculated student at NCCC.
 2. Applicant must have a minimum of 85% non weighted, cumulative average or 3.0 overall college grade point average.

- Procedure:
1. Complete the application and the essay. Include information on your career goals and financial need.
 2. Provide the name of the Faculty Association member or retiree relative.
 3. Submit two (2) letters of recommendation written by a high school teacher, guidance counselor, college professor, or employer addressing your academic performance.

Health & Physical Education Division Award

The Health & Physical Education Division established a scholarship in 2011. The Division members are committed to providing a scholarship opportunity to students who are dedicated to the field of Health, Physical Education, Recreation or Personal Training.

Amount: **\$300.00**

- Criteria:
1. Applicant must have a 2.5 GPA (overall) to apply.
 2. Applicant must be a current full-time student enrolled in Health Studies, Physical Education Studies, Recreation Studies or Personal Training.
 3. Applicant must have completed 12 credit hours in one of the programs above.

- Procedure:
1. Complete the application and the essay. Include information on your career goals, and financial need.
 2. Incorporate into your essay how your current program is an important part of your life.

KeyBank Scholarship

The Key Bank Scholarship program has existed since 1997 providing financial aid to students attending college. The award can be used for tuition, books or expenses related to attending NCCC.

Amount: Varies

- Criteria:**
1. Applicant must be resident of Western New York and demonstrate financial need. Students may reapply for the scholarship each semester.
 2. Priority will be given to students who are involved in extracurricular activities or have volunteer work experience.
- Procedure:**
1. Complete the application and the essay. Include information on your career goals and financial need.
 2. Incorporate into your essay employment history and any participation in volunteer and extracurricular activities.

Louise Henry Memorial Scholarship

Louise Henry was clan mother to the Turtle Clan of the Tuscarora Nation. She graduated from NCCC at the age of 66. Throughout her life, Louise was a beadwork artist and her work is a symbol of Tuscarora art and culture.

Amount: Varies

- Criteria:**
1. This scholarship is open to enrolled Tuscarora residents or Native American territory residents of the Tuscarora community.
 2. Applicant must have earned at least a 2.0 average in high school or college.
 3. Applicant can be an incoming or current student at NCCC.
- Procedure:**
1. Complete the application and the essay. Include information on your career goals and financial need.
 3. Complete the separate application available in the NCCC Foundation Office or the Financial Aid Office.
 3. Contact Joe Colosi in Student Development at 716-614-6283 for more information.

Gordon G. Mahnke and Mildred B. Mahnke Endowment Fund

This scholarship was established by the late Mildred B. Mahnke of Newfane. This award can be used for tuition books, or other educational costs.

Amount: Varies

- Criteria:**
1. Applicant must be a current or incoming student to NCCC attending either full or part-time.
 2. Scholarship award is based on financial need and academic performance.
 3. Applicants must have and maintain a 2.25 GPA.
- Procedure:**
1. Complete the application and the essay. Include information on your career goals and financial need.

Terry C. Mason Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 1993 by the family of Terry Mason. The late Mr. Mason was the Comptroller at the Carborundum Company and was the father of young children at the time of his death.

Amount: Varies

- Criteria:
1. Applicant must be a current or incoming student of any age who lost a parent while growing up.
 2. Applicant must have a minimum 2.0 GPA or comparable high school grades.
 3. Applicant can be enrolled either full or part time.

- Procedure:
1. Complete the application and the essay. Include information on your career goals and financial need.
 2. Incorporate into your essay a paragraph on how the death of your parent affected your life. Include your age at the time of your parent's death and the parent's name and age.

Ruth J. McDonald Music Scholarship

The late Ruth J. McDonald of Lockport, a former music teacher at Middleport High School and a past member of the Barge Canal Arts Society, established this scholarship.

Amount: Varies

- Criteria:
1. Applicant must be a current or incoming student enrolled in the Music Program attending either full or part-time.
 2. Continuing students must have a minimum 2.5 GPA.

- Procedure:
1. Complete the application and the essay. Include information on your career goals and financial need.

Ruth J. McDonald Art Scholarship

The late Ruth J. McDonald of Lockport, a former music teacher at Middleport High School and a past member of the Barge Canal Arts Society, established this scholarship. Her interest in the arts led her to create a scholarship for aspiring artists.

Amount: Varies

- Criteria:
1. Applicant must be a current or incoming student enrolled in the Art Program attending either full or part-time.
 2. Continuing students must have a minimum 2.5 GPA.

- Procedure:
1. Complete the application and the essay. Include information on your career goals and financial need.

Mark C. Miller Memorial Fund

This memorial fund was created by Gerald L. Miller, former NCCC President, and his wife Dorothy in memory of their son Mark. Mark was the Assistant Manager of the NCCC Bookstore and a beloved member of the NCCC family. The award is to be used to cover the cost of books and supplies while attending NCCC.

Amount: \$1,500 (3 bookstore awards available; \$500 each)

- Criteria:
1. Applicant must be a current or incoming student to NCCC attending either full or part-time.
 2. Scholarship award is based on financial need and academic performance.
 3. Continuing students must have a minimum GPA of 2.0.

- Procedure:
1. Complete the application and the essay. Include information on your career goals and financial need.

Munjal-Nagpal Scholarship

The Munjal-Nagpal scholarship is designed to be an academic based scholarship for students interested in studying in India. The scholarship fund was established by Dr. Ish Munjal in memory of her brother, Hari Singh Nagpal. Mr. Nagpal had a keen interest in political science. Dr. Munjal wishes to extend opportunities to students who are dedicated to the field of political science and international studies.

Amount: Varies

- Criteria:
1. Applicant must be accumulated a minimum of 15 and a maximum of 40 credits at NCCC.
 2. Must have a minimum 2.5 GPA.

- Procedure:
1. Complete the application and the essay. Include information on your career goals, financial need.
 2. Include in your essay information on any international experiences through workshops and/or written documents as well as special interests in the political aspects of India.

NCCC Alumni Association Scholarship

The NCCC Alumni Association established a scholarship program in 1987. The organization is dedicated to providing scholarship opportunities so that students can experience the same quality education at NCCC as its membership enjoyed.

Amount: Varies

- Criteria:
1. Applicants must be full or part time NCCC students who have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours and have and maintain a 2.5 GPA.
 1. Applicants must have community service experience and involvement in college activities.

- Procedure:
1. Complete the application and the essay. Include information on your career goals and financial need.
 2. Incorporate into your essay your college and community volunteer involvement.
 3. Submit two (2) letters of recommendation from non-relatives.

NCCC Athletic NJCAA Scholarship Rules

The Athlete recipients must be planning on participating in a Division 1 or 2 intercollegiate sports team at NCCC and must adhere to NJCAA Scholarship rules while maintaining a 2.0 GPA to remain eligible.

Amount: Varies

Procedure: Please contact the Athletics Department (H-167) for more information at 716-614-6270.

Niagara Educational Foundation Volunteer Services Scholarship

Established with a significant contribution from the Niagara Educational Foundation in 2006, this scholarship assists full-or part-time students with demonstrational community service to non-profit or public service organizations.

Amount: Varies

Criteria:

1. Applicant must be a current or incoming student to NCCC attending either full or part-time.
2. Scholarship award is based on financial need and academic performance.
3. Applicants must have and maintain a 2.5 GPA.
4. Resident of Niagara County

Procedure:

1. Complete the application and the essay. Include information on your career goals, and financial need.
2. Incorporate into your essay demonstrated volunteer and/or intern service to either Niagara County non-profit and public service organizations, NCCC, Niagara Educational Foundation or other related entities.

NCCC Food Service Scholarship

The NCCC Food Service Scholarship was established in 1998 to financially assist students pursuing a degree in the Food Service/Professional Chef curriculum at NCCC. Today, it has been made available for students pursuing a degree in either Hospitality, Culinary Arts or Baking & Pastry Arts.

Amount: Varies

Criteria:

1. Applicant must be an incoming student accepted into or enrolled in either Hospitality Management, Hospitality Operations or Restaurant Management
2. Applicants must have and maintain a 2.5 GPA

Procedure:

1. Complete the application and the essay. Include information on your career goals and financial need.
2. Incorporate into your essay any specific interests relating to Culinary Arts.

NCCC Foundation, Inc. Scholarship

The NCCC Foundation, Inc. was established in 1987, in part to provide scholarship awards to deserving students. The funds for these scholarships are secured from a variety of sources; including donations from local businesses and individuals, memorial gifts, grants and the revenue from the annual Scholarship Dinner.

Amount: **Varies**

Criteria: 1. Applicant must be a current or incoming student to NCCC attending either full or part-time.
 2. Scholarship award is based on financial need and academic performance.
 3. Applicants must have and maintain a 2.5 GPA.

Procedure: 1. Complete the application and the essay. Include information on your career goals and financial need.

Dr. Ernest and Clara Notar International Fund

A fund established by the late NCCC President Dr. Ernest Notar and his wife Clara to sponsor foreign exchanges and provide opportunities to expand cultural horizons.

Dr. Ernest and Clara Notar International Fund – International Recruitment Scholarship

Amount: **Varies**

Criteria: 1. Applicants must be accepted into an approved program at NCCC.
 2. To present a strong profile in the scholarship selection process, international applicants to NCCC should have demonstrated leadership skills, a desire to make a unique contribution to the campus community, special talents or circumstances, academic awards or other recognition, or any of a number of other characteristics that go beyond the minimum of student academic achievement. Highlight these factors in the personal statement as part of the application.
 3. Applicants must maintain a 2.0 GPA to continue to receive scholarship each semester.

Procedure: 1. Complete the application and the essay. Include information on your career goals and financial need.
 2. Incorporate into your essay a personal statement about how you hope to benefit from this experience.

Semester Available: Fall, Spring & Summer

Deadline(s): First week in August for Fall; Second week in December for Spring; First week in May for Summer. Once funds become available, the International Education Committee, with the approval of the Executive Vice President & Dean of Academic Affairs, will have the authority to extend a deadline date based on special circumstances.

Contact: Cindy Oberjosh, 614-6291 or Mark Bonacci, 614-6755 for more information

Owls Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 1995 by the wives of retirees from Occidental Chemical Management, to assist women who are seeking to reenter the job market after an absence.

Amount: Varies

- Criteria:
1. Applicant must be a female, second year, non-traditional NCCC student.
 2. Applicant must have and maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA.
 3. Applicant must be seeking to reenter the job market after an absence.

- Procedure:
1. Complete the application and the essay. Include information on your career goals and financial need.

Pietak Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2004 in memory of Adam and Josephine Piwowarczyk Pietak by their children.

Amount: Varies

- Criteria:
1. Applicant must be a resident of North Tonawanda, NY.
 2. Applicant can be a current or incoming NCCC student enrolled in the Liberal Arts and Sciences curriculum or a degree program in the Business curriculum.
 3. If applicant is a continuing student, he or she must have and maintain a 2.5 GPA.

- Procedure:
1. Complete the application and the essay. Include information on your career goals and financial need.
 2. Submit one (1) letter of recommendation from a non-relative.

Dr. Kenneth and Dorothy Raymond Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Dr. Kenneth & Dorothy Raymond of Niagara Falls in 1997. Dr. Raymond, Professor Emeritus and former chair of the Math Department, retired in 1991 from NCCC after teaching for 27 years.

Amount: Varies

- Criteria:
1. Applicant must be an incoming freshman enrolled in a Math, Science, or Technology program.

- Procedure:
1. Complete the application and the essay. Include information on your career goals and financial need.

Red Coach Inn Scholarship

Thomas Reese owns the Red Coach Inn in Niagara Falls NY. He and his wife, Susanne, believe that a strong work ethic, leveraged with education, is the key to a student's future success. They have established the Red Coach Inn Scholarship to help students achieve their goals in pursuing a degree in Culinary Curriculums.

Amount: Varies

- Criteria:
1. Applicants can be a current or incoming full time student who demonstrate a strong work ethic and a desire to meet their educational goals.
 2. Applicants must have and maintain a 2.5 GPA.
 3. Applicants must be enrolled full time in the Culinary Arts degree program.
- Procedure:
1. Complete the application and the essay. Include information on your career goals and financial need.
 2. Incorporate into your essay your culinary work experiences.
 3. Submit one (1) letter of reference from your current or past employer in the culinary field.

J. Ward Reid Jr. Memorial Scholarship

J. Ward Reid was a local businessman from Lockport, NY, who was a stalwart supporter of education as a means toward a more prosperous life. Established in his memory by his family, the scholarship will continue his legacy of a strong work ethic, leveraged with education, while recognizing students in business related curriculums.

Amount: Varies

- Criteria:
1. Applicants can be a current or incoming full time student who demonstrates a strong work ethic and a desire to meet their educational goals.
 2. Applicants must have and maintain a 2.75 grade point average (GPA).
 3. Applicants must be enrolled in one of the following degree programs: Business Administration, Retail Business Management, Business Management, Accounting, International Business, Gaming and Casino Management, Hospitality Management/Operations, Restaurant Management, Tourism Management or Event Planning.
- Procedure:
1. Complete the application and the essay. Include information on your career goals and financial need.

Patricia Siola Distinguished Alumni Award

Dr. Patricia L. Siola, NCCC Distinguished Alumna, established this scholarship in 2000 to assist children or grandchildren of NCCC Alumni in their pursuit of education at Niagara County Community College.

Amount: Varies

- Criteria:
1. Applicant must be a NCCC sophomore (24 or more NCCC credits).
 2. Applicant must be enrolled as a full-time student in Liberal Arts-Math/Science, Physical Therapist Assistant, Radiologic Technology, Surgical Technology or Nursing program at NCCC.
 3. Applicant must have and maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA.
 4. Applicant must be a Niagara County resident.
 5. Applicant must be a child or grandchild of an NCCC alumnus.

- Procedure:
1. Complete the application and the essay. Include information on your career goals and financial need.
 2. Incorporate into your essay the name of the NCCC Alumnus parent or grandparent and the year they graduated.

E. Doris Chalstrey Smith Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 1997 by George Charles & Beryl Smith, son and daughter-in-law of E. Doris Chalstrey Smith, to recognize and support their neighbors on the Tuscarora Indian Reservation.

Amount: Varies

- Criteria:
1. Applicant can be incoming or current students of NCCC.
 2. Applicant must be an enrolled member of the Tuscarora Nation.
 3. Student must maintain a 2.5 GPA to be considered for future awards.

- Procedure:
1. Complete the application and the essay. Include information on your career goals and financial need.

Dr. Frances J. Sorge-Dotton Scholarship

The scholarship was established in the name of Dr. Frances J. Sorge-Dotton by her husband, Robert Lawrence Dotton, to help students who like her, carry multiple responsibilities while trying to better themselves.

Amount: Varies

- Criteria:
1. Applicant must be a current or incoming student to NCCC enrolled in the Nursing program attending either full or part-time.
 2. Scholarship award is based on financial need.
 3. Continuing students must have a minimum GPA of 2.7.

- Procedure:
1. Complete the application and the essay. Include information on your career goals and financial need.
 2. Incorporate into your essay information on your short and long term nursing career goals.

Michael D. Tobin Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established by David Tobin, retired professor of English, and his wife Cathy in memory of their son Michael. The scholarship's purpose is to assist students in the Liberal Arts—Humanities and Social Sciences Curriculum. Michael had a zest for living and a strong sense of community spirit, especially in Lockport and at his beloved Camp Kenan, where he was a camper and a counselor for eight years.

Amount: Varies

Criteria: 1. Applicant must be a current or incoming student enrolled in the Liberal Arts—Humanities and Social Sciences Curriculum and attending either full or part-time.
 2. Applicant must have a 3.0 or high school equivalent for incoming students.
 3. Student must show evidence of financial need.
 4. Student must be a USA resident.

Procedure: 1. Complete the application and the essay. Include information on your career goals and financial need. Complete the application and the essay
 2. Incorporate into your essay why you chose this curriculum and include a section about your participation in organizations such as your church, the Lockport YMCA, Camp Kenan, or your contributions/service to the community.

Unifrax Corporation Scholarship

The Unifrax Corporation of Niagara Falls, New York established this scholarship in 1999. The funds may be used for tuition, fees, books, or other related expenses.

Amount: Varies

Criteria: 1. Applicant must be a June graduate of Niagara Falls High School or Niagara Catholic High School attending NCCC in the fall.
 2. Recipient must be planning to enroll as a full-time matriculated student (12-18 credit hours) at NCCC during the fall semester the award is issued.

Procedure: 1. Complete the application and the essay. Include information on your career goals and financial need.

Donald Voisinet Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2000 by retiring NCCC Professor Donald Voisinet. Don was instrumental in creating and building the Computer Aided Design Drafting program at NCCC and upon retirement, wanted to establish a fund that would financially assist talented CADD students. Money for this scholarship has been donated by Professor Voisinet, alumni, and business and industry that have supported the CADD program since its inception.

Amount: Varies

Criteria: 1. Applicants must be enrolled in the CADD Program at NCCC.
 2. Applicants must be enrolled in a minimum of 6 credit hours per semester.
 3. Applicants must have completed a minimum of 25 credit hours at NCCC (or equivalent transfer credits).
 4. Applicants must have a minimum curriculum GPA of 2.5 (on 4.0 scale).

Procedure: 1. Complete the application and the essay. Include information on your career goals and financial need.

Wendel Duchscherer Scholarship Fund

Wendel Duchscherer Architects & Engineers established this scholarship in 2001. This national professional consulting firm founded in Lockport, NY, is committed to supporting the students and graduates of Niagara County Community College

Amount: Varies

- Criteria:
1. Applicants must be a current or incoming full-time student at NCCC and enrolled in the CADD or a math, sciences related program.
 2. Continuing students must have a minimum 2.5 GPA.
 3. Scholarship award is based on financial need and academic performance.
- Procedure:
1. Complete the application and the essay. Include information on your career goals and financial need.

James L. Woodward Memorial Scholarship

Mr. Woodward was a lover and preserver of the animal kingdom. This scholarship was established in his memory by his wife, Donna, and their children, Daniel, Linda, William, Deborah and Michael.

Amount: Varies

- Criteria:
1. Applicants must be an incoming student enrolled in the Animal Management Curriculum.
 2. Applicants must maintain a 2.0 GPA to continue to receive scholarship each semester.
- Procedure:
1. Complete the application and the essay. Include information on your career goals and financial need.
 2. Incorporate into your essay a paragraph addressing your hobbies and interests and how animals are an important part of your life.

Scholarship Essay Tips

The Scholarship Committee has the difficult task of determining the best applicant for a donor's scholarship funds. This can be very difficult when multiple applicants perform well in school, participate in numerous extracurricular activities and work. This is why the most important aspect of your scholarship essay is the subject matter.

Make sure that your essay is type-written and no more than two (2) pages!

- When you begin to brainstorm subject ideas consider the following points:
 2. What sets you apart from others? Use your own voice!
 3. Follow the specific procedures for each scholarship that you are applying for additional information to include. Demonstrate personal traits and attributes in yourself and how they are similar to those of the person for whom the scholarship is named.
 4. Be succinct. Write what you know...
 5. Talk about YOU! Avoid comparing yourself to other student's situations.
 6. If you've had to overcome adversity, talk about it, but don't exaggerate. What was the most difficult time in your life, and why? How did your perspective on life change as a result of the difficulty?
 7. Write about your most important extracurricular or community activities and include examples of why you continued to participate in these activities.
 8. Use good grammar and double check for spelling and paragraph errors.
 9. PROOFREAD! Always have someone else proofread what you have written!
 10. Lastly, don't forget to re-read your essay and ask yourself if you feel it is compelling enough and be sure to include a strong conclusion.
- If you do not receive a scholarship this semester, reevaluate your essay and make an appointment with the Scholarship Office located within the Financial Aid Complex (A-114).
- Submitting an identical essay when you failed to receive a scholarship from a previous semester is a recipe for failure!

Best wishes for a successful essay writing season!