

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 for both the fall and spring semesters for incoming and current NCCC students. The Scholarship committee selects recipients based on established criteria as well as a scoring system. The funds to award scholarships are determined from the interest generated on the Foundation's 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

- You must have started the (FAFSA) Free Application for Federal Student Aid application online even if you will only be eligible for student loans so that your scholarship need can be accurately determined.
- Review this complete list of scholarships before you start applying for scholarships. This list includes all of the NCCC scholarships available through the online Award Spring Scholarship System as well as additional scholarships that require paper applications. These will be labeled (**Paper Application**) **Not available through the Award Spring Scholarship System.**
- From the HOME page or HOW TO APPLY tab on the Scholarship webpage; www.niagaracc.suny.edu/scholarships you will click the blue tab labeled **Login Now** to begin your online AwardSpring application. The system will run you through a series of steps including demographics, major, GPA, qualifying questions to uploading an essay and most recent unofficial transcripts all of which will be used to determine your eligibility. The system will let you know what you are eligible for and from that point, you may be asked to upload a letter of recommendation(s) or provide a paragraph for that specific scholarship.

Documents required to upload

1. Write a 2-page (or less) double-spaced typed essay. This written essay is used for all scholarship applications. Include information about yourself, your career goals as well as extracurricular or community service activities and why you would need the scholarship funds. Essay Writing Tips are available on the scholarship webpage under RESOURCES .
 2. Unofficial high school or most recent college transcript with the most recent cumulative GPA. *(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)*
- 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.

For more information visit the webpage www.niagaracc.suny.edu/scholarships or Scholarship Office located within the Financial Aid Complex (A-114) or call (716) 614-6205

NCCC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

(Listed in alphabetical order)

Marie F. Abbondanza Memorial Scholarship

All Majors

Marie Abbondanza had a firm belief that a college education was a gateway to a more productive life and endowed those accepting the challenge with an enlightened view of the world around them, a greater ability to affect the lives that they touched and skills to return to their families and communities the blessings that they themselves received.

Frequency: Fall semester only

1. Criteria:
 1. Applicant must be a current or incoming student to NCCC, residing in Western New York and attending either full or part time.
 2. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0.
 3. Scholarship award is based on financial need, academic performance and the successful completion of the procedures outlined below.
 4. The applicant's involvement in extracurricular activities and volunteer work will be taken into consideration.
 5. Single parents, male or female, will also be given consideration.
 6. Submit one (1) letter of recommendation from a current teacher, employer, civic or spiritual leader highlighting your qualities of family values, integrity and sense of personal achievement.

ACF of Greater Buffalo and NFCI Scholarship

Majors: Culinary Arts and Baking and Pastry Arts programs

The American Culinary Federation of Greater Buffalo with ACF accredited NCCC / Niagara Falls Culinary Institute (NFCI), offers this scholarship for culinary and pastry arts students pursuing an associate's degree at NFCI. The ACF of Buffalo and NFCI has established the scholarship for individuals looking to further their goals and future objectives. The ACF & NFCI are focused on fostering cooks and chefs with knowledge, skills and professionalism to high standards in the hospitality industry.

Frequency: Spring semester

Criteria:

1. Applicants must be full time students who demonstrate a strong work ethic and a desire to meet their educational goals.
2. Member of the American Culinary Federation of Greater Buffalo in good standing
3. Essay should be 350 words and include how your experiences at NFCI and membership in the ACF of Greater Buffalo will assist with developing your knowledge, skills and professionalism to benefit the hospitality industry. Please include your ACF number in essay as well.
4. Applicants must have and maintain a 2.5 grade point average (GPA).
5. Applicants must be enrolled full time in either the Culinary Arts or Baking & Pastry Arts degree programs at the Niagara Falls Culinary Institute.
6. Submit one (1) letter of reference from an employer, civic or spiritual leader highlighting your quality of family values, integrity and sense of personal achievement.

ACF of Greater Buffalo in Memory of Bill Metzgar Scholarship

Majors: Culinary Arts and Baking and Pastry Arts programs

The American Culinary Federation of Greater Buffalo with Jamie Metzgar and ACF accredited NCCC / Niagara Falls Culinary Institute (NFCI), offers this scholarship for culinary and pastry arts students pursuing an associate's degree at NFCI. The ACF of Greater Buffalo – In Celebration of Bill Metzgar's Life and NFCI have established the scholarship for individuals looking to further their goals and future objectives. The ACF of Greater Buffalo – In Celebration of Bill Metzgar's Life and NFCI are focused on fostering cooks and chefs with knowledge, skills and professionalism to high standards in the hospitality industry.

Frequency: Fall semester

Criteria:

1. Applicants must be full time students who demonstrate a strong work ethic and a desire to meet their educational goals.
2. Member of the American Culinary Federation of Greater Buffalo in good standing
3. Essay should be 350 words and include how your experiences at NFCI and membership in the ACF of Greater Buffalo will assist with developing your knowledge, skills and professionalism to benefit the hospitality industry. Please include your ACF number in essay as well.
4. Applicants must have and maintain a 2.5 grade point average (GPA).
5. Applicants must be enrolled full time in either the Culinary Arts or Baking & Pastry Arts degree programs at the Niagara Falls Culinary Institute.
6. Submit one (1) letter of reference from an employer, civic or spiritual leader highlighting your quality of family values, integrity and sense of personal achievement.

Alliance Niagara Federal Credit Union Award

All Majors

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.

Frequency: Fall and spring semesters

- 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).

Nicole M. Argo Memorial Award

All Majors

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.

Frequency: Fall semester only

- 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.
 5. Submit one (1) letter of recommendation 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

All Majors

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.

Frequency: Fall and spring semesters

- 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).

Barnes & Noble College Bookstore Award

All Majors

Since 2009 Barnes & Noble has been NCCC's bookstore. This bookstore award was established by Barnes & Noble College to support NCCC's mission of student success. As a vested partner at both campuses, Barnes & Noble College is committed to student success. This award is to be used in the Barnes & Noble Bookstore to purchase required and recommended NCCC course material. Barnes & Noble College is dedicated to elevating education and is a trusted ally to over 4 million students and faculty. Barnes & Noble College: *Bringing You What's Next!*

Frequency: Fall and spring semesters

- Criteria:
1. Applicants may be full time or part-time students.
 2. Applicants must have and maintain a 2.5 grade point average (GPA).

Barbara Burns-Higgins Memorial Scholarship

Majors: Nursing

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.

Frequency: Fall and spring semesters

- 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 and include in your essay information on your volunteer or employment history in a health care facility.
 4. Priority will be given to non-traditional students.

Canada Family Culinary Scholarship

Majors: Niagara Falls Culinary Institute (NFCI) programs

This scholarship is in honor of Jerry Canada Jr's father, Jerry G. Canada Sr., a beneficiary of a NCCC education, and aunt, Joan F. Canada. Although lacking any formal training in the culinary arts, both very much enjoyed the creative and social aspects that exist around a well prepared meal. Both individuals would be impressed by the Culinary Institute, its potential to have a positive impact on Niagara Falls and the opportunities it presents to students aspiring for a professional career in the foodservice industry. It is Jerry's hope that this scholarship will enable individuals who might not otherwise be able to attend the Institute an opportunity to do so with limited financial burden.

Frequency: Fall semester only

- Criteria:
1. Applicant must be a graduate of a Niagara County High School.
 2. Preference will be given first to graduates of Niagara Falls High School and second to Niagara Wheatfield High School, before opening it to all Niagara County High School graduates.
 3. Applicants must be enrolled full time in one of the programs at the Niagara Falls Culinary Institute (NFCI).
 4. Applicant must have and maintain a 2.5 GPA in their culinary program.
 5. Include in your essay information on why you are interested in a degree from the Culinary Institute, career aspirations and how achieving a degree might have a positive impact on the community. Essay should indicate whether you intend to work in Niagara County after graduation.
 6. Submit one (1) letter of recommendation from a current teacher, employer, civic or spiritual leader highlighting your qualities of family values, integrity, and sense of personal achievement.

Dennis Cassick Memorial Scholarship

All Majors

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.

Frequency: Fall semester only

- Criteria:
1. Applicant must be a non-traditional student.
 2. Applicant must have and maintain a minimum 2.25 GPA.
 3. Include in your essay information on 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.”
 4. Submit one (1) letter of recommendation from a current teacher, employer, civic or spiritual leader highlighting your qualities of leadership, integrity, and sense of personal achievement.

Peter I. Certo Memorial Scholarship

All Majors

This scholarship was established by the Certo Family in memory of Peter I. Certo. Peter graduated from NCCC in 1973 with his Associates Degree in Business Administration. In 1993 he joined the Foundation Board and remained a strong supporter of the school until his untimely death in 2017. Peter was a big advocate for education and hard work; which he believed were the keys to success. The scholarship established in his memory, will continue his legacy of dedication, strong work ethic, and giving back to the community.

This scholarship benefits students pursuing higher education at NCCC while recognizing in perpetuity the importance Peter placed on his relationship with the college and the importance of his contributions to the college.

Frequency: Fall and spring semesters (1 student each)

- Criteria:
1. Applicant must be an incoming or current student at NCCC, residing in Western New York and enrolled either full or part-time
 2. Applicant must have and maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA.
 3. Student must be a USA resident.
 4. The applicant must be of good character that has demonstrated participation and leadership in extracurricular and community activities.
 5. Complete the application and essay. Include information on your career goals and financial need.
 6. Submit two (2) letters of recommendation one from current teacher or employer and one from the community where the applicant participated in activities in the community or served in a volunteer capacity.

David R. and Mary L. Chamberlain Scholarship Fund

Majors: Graduates of Engineering Program

This scholarship was established in 2017 by one of the NCCC Foundation's founding Board Members; David Chamberlain and his wife Mary. David proudly served on the Foundation Board for over 22 years. As President of D.R.C. Development and an Engineer himself, David and Mary believe that the pursuit of excellence is through education. It is their hope that this scholarship will reward a student's achievements as he/she pursue their advanced degree in Engineering. This scholarship is limited to NCCC Graduates of the Engineering program who will be transferring to a 4-year institution. Preference will be given to Clarkson and the University of Buffalo.

Frequency: One scholarship up to \$5,000 paid after completing the first fall semester at a 4-year institution

Criteria:

1. Applicant must be in their final semester of study at NCCC in the Engineering Program and have been accepted into a NYS Bachelor program in Engineering Studies. Both fall and spring NCCC graduates will be considered for scholarship, but the award will only be reviewed in the spring.
2. Applicant must have and maintain a minimum 3.5 Grade Point Average (GPA) at NCCC and a minimum 3.0 Grade Point Average (GPA) in the fall semester at the 4-year institution.
3. Priority will be given to students transferring to Clarkson University and the University at Buffalo

Covanta Community Scholarship

Majors: Environmental Studies or Engineering Studies

The Covanta Community Scholarship was established in 2014. Covanta Niagara owns and operates an Energy-from-Waste facility in Niagara Falls which has been converting waste into clean energy since 1980. The electricity and steam produced at the facility supplies surrounding businesses and the regional power grid. This scholarship is awarded to recognize a student with a high level of activity in his/her community and is seeking to pursue an Associate Degree in Environmental Studies or Engineering Studies at NCCC.

Frequency: Fall and spring semesters

Criteria:

1. Applicant must be a graduate of a Niagara County High School with a regents diploma and a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or a B (83-85) average. Preference will be given to applicants graduating from a City of Niagara Falls High School.
2. Applicant must be planning to enroll as a full-time matriculated student at NCCC for the fall semester of the year the award is issued.
3. Applicants must be pursuing an Associate Degree in Environmental Studies or Engineering Studies.
4. Applicants must have and maintain minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
5. Include in essay any previous volunteer community service and demonstrated involvement in high school activities as well as information on career goals.

John W. Danforth/Donald Basile Memorial Scholarship

Majors: Mechanical Technology or CADD program

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.

Frequency: Fall semester only

- 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.
 3. Include in your essay if you or one of your parents are a member of either the Steamfitters Local 129 or employees of the John W. Danforth Company in Buffalo.

Nicholas A. DiCamillo Memorial Scholarship

Majors: Niagara Falls Culinary Institute (NFCI) programs

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.

Frequency: Fall and spring semesters

- Criteria:
1. Applicant must be enrolled in either the Culinary Arts or Baking and Pastry 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.

Distinguished Student Scholarship (DSS)

All Majors

(Paper Application on page 28) – not available through the AwardSpring Scholarship System

The Distinguished Student Scholarship is the most prestigious scholarship awarded to incoming freshman at NCCC. Applicants must be graduating from a Niagara County High School and meet the criteria listed below.

Frequency: Fall semester only

Amount: Full tuition (awarded for 4 semesters)

- Criteria:
1. Applicant must be graduating from a Niagara County high school with a Regents diploma in June 2017 with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or a B (83-85) average.
 2. Applicant must be planning to enroll as a full-time matriculated student at NCCC for the fall semester of the year the award is issued.
 3. Applicant must have previous volunteer community service and demonstrated involvement in high school activities (Include in essay).
 4. Applicant must provide assurance that he or she plans to remain in or return to Niagara County after completion of his/her education and future volunteer commitments (Include in essay).

- Procedure:
1. Submit (2) complete copies of all required information by the deadline date to the NCCC Scholarship Office located within the Financial Aid Complex (A-114). The required information includes; the Distinguished Student Scholarship application, official sealed high school transcripts, a two page essay addressing the topics on the essay section of the application, and (2) letter of recommendations.
 2. Submit the DSS application to your guidance counselor for signature as well as completion of academic standing, confirmation of a Regents diploma and inclusion of **official sealed transcripts**; it is the student's responsibility to ensure the application is postmarked and/or received at NCCC by the due date below.

Dolce/Valvo Scholarship

Majors: Nursing, Physical Education Studies, or Liberal Arts and Sciences: Humanities and Social Sciences, (Jointly registered with SUNY College at Buffalo - Childhood Education 1-6 BS)

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.

Frequency: Fall and spring semesters

- Criteria:
1. Applicant must have and maintain a 2.75 GPA.
 2. Applicant must be a sophomore enrolled in either Nursing, Physical Education Studies, or Liberal Arts and Sciences: Humanities and Social Sciences, (Jointly registered with SUNY College at Buffalo - Childhood Education 1-6 BS)
 3. Submit two (2) letters of recommendation; 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

All Majors

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.

Frequency: Fall and spring semesters

- 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.
 3. Applicant must have and maintain a 2.25 GPA.
 4. Include information in your essay on how you have overcome obstacles or share characteristics consistent with Anne E. Edwards's spirit of generosity.

Empire State Diversity Honor Scholarship

All Majors

The New York State budget includes funds for SUNY to administer this scholarship for students from a broad range of backgrounds who will contribute to the diversity of the student body in their chosen program or school.

Frequency: Fall and spring semesters

- Criteria:
1. Applicant can be an incoming or current NCCC student attending either full or part-time.
 2. Applicant must have and maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA.
 3. Applicant must be a New York State resident.
 4. Applicant must demonstrate that they have overcome a disadvantage or other impediment to success in higher education. Even though financial need is not a requirement for program eligibility, applicants may utilize economic disadvantage as a basis for eligibility. Membership in a racial/ethnic group that is underrepresented in the program or school for which the student is applying may serve as a plus factor in making awards, but may not form the sole basis of award.

The Barbara Ennis Memorial Volunteer Scholarship

All Majors

This scholarship was created in memory of Barbara Ennis (NCCC class of "69"). This scholarship is presented to Lockport Senior High School seniors, to reward them for community service and volunteerism.

Frequency: Fall semester only

- Criteria:
1. Applicant must be a Lockport Senior High School senior.
 2. Applicant must plan on enrolling as either a full-time or part-time, matriculated student at NCCC.
 3. Applicant must have and maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA.
 4. Applicant must demonstrate good citizenship, a strong work ethic and high motivation.

Anthony S. Gullo Faculty Association Scholarship

All Majors

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.

Frequency: Fall semester only

Amount: Varies (awarded for 4 semesters)

- 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.
 2. Applicant must be accepted as a full-time or part time, matriculated student at NCCC.
 3. Applicant must have a minimum of 85% non-weighted, cumulative average or 3.0 overall college grade point average.
- Procedure:**
1. Incorporate into your essay information on your career goals along and the name of the Faculty Association member or retiree relative. Do not address financial need.
 2. 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 Department Award

Majors: Health Studies, Physical Education, Recreation Studies, Personal Training or Dietetics

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

Frequency: Fall and spring semesters

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

NYS Federation of Home Bureau Scholarship – Donna Belling

Major: Baking & Pastry Arts or Culinary Arts

The local chapter of this statewide organization raises scholarship money through memorials and anniversary gifts to the group.

Frequency: Fall only

- Criteria:**
1. Applicant must be enrolled full time in either Baking & Pastry Arts or the Culinary Arts curriculum for at least 1 year (either at NCCC or transferred from elsewhere).
 2. Scholarship award is based on academic achievement.
 3. Applicants must have and maintain a 2.85 GPA.
 4. Niagara County resident
 5. Incorporate into your essay your career goals, demonstrated experiences and activities in selected field, and information about economic disadvantages you may have encountered.

NYS Federation of Home Bureau Scholarship – Agnes Kazmierczak

Major: Criminal Justice or Accounting

The local chapter of this statewide organization raises scholarship money through memorials and anniversary gifts to the group.

Frequency: Fall only

- Criteria:**
1. Applicant must be enrolled full time in either Criminal Justice or Accounting curriculum for at least 1 year (either at NCCC or transferred from elsewhere).
 2. Scholarship award is based on academic achievement.
 3. Applicants must have and maintain a 2.85 GPA.
 4. Niagara County resident
 5. Incorporate into your essay your career goals, demonstrated experiences and activities in selected field, and information about economic disadvantages you may have encountered.

NYS Federation of Home Bureau Scholarship – Niagara County

Major: Criminal Justice or Nursing

The local chapter of this statewide organization raises scholarship money through memorials and anniversary gifts to the group.

Frequency: Fall only; if not applicants, then it carries over to spring

- Criteria:**
1. Applicant must be enrolled full time in either Criminal Justice or Nursing curriculum for at least 1 year (either at NCCC or transferred from elsewhere).
 2. Scholarship award is based on academic achievement.
 3. Applicants must have and maintain a 2.85 GPA.
 4. Niagara County resident
 5. Incorporate into your essay your career goals, demonstrated experiences and activities in selected field, and information about economic disadvantages you may have encountered.

NYS Federation of Home Bureau Scholarship – Elma Pangburn

Major: Criminal Justice or Physical Education

The local chapter of this statewide organization raises scholarship money through memorials and anniversary gifts to the group.

Frequency: Fall only; if not applicants, then it carries over to spring

- Criteria:**
1. Applicant must be enrolled full time in either Criminal Justice or the Physical Education curriculum for at least 1 year (either at NCCC or transferred from elsewhere?).
 2. Scholarship award is based on academic achievement.
 3. Applicants must have and maintain a 2.85 GPA.
 4. Niagara County resident
 5. Incorporate into your essay your career goals, demonstrated experiences and activities in selected field, and information about economic disadvantages you may have encountered.

John R. LaPorta Memorial Scholarship

All Majors

This memorial scholarship was established in 2015 in memory of John R. LaPorta by his parents, Angelo and Joan LaPorta, and his sister, Paulette Ziff. John was a lifelong resident of North Tonawanda. He graduated from NCCC in 2007 with an AAS in Business Administration with Merit and was working toward a Certificate in Music. John's love for music encompassed playing the keyboard and drums, writing songs, and performing with friends. His family established this scholarship in John's memory to help student's achieve their goals through education and their love of music.

Frequency: Fall only; 1 student for both fall & spring

- Criteria:
1. Applicants can be current or incoming non-traditional students.
 2. Applicants must have and maintain a 2.2 grade point average (GPA).
 3. Applicants must demonstrate their love for music, and involvement with assisting others.

Non-traditional student (defined below – can be any of these)

- Older than traditional college aged student (ages 18-25)
- Delays enrollment (does not enter postsecondary education in the same calendar year that he or she finished high school);
- Attends part time for at least part of the academic year;
- Works full time (35 hours or more per week) while enrolled;
- Is considered financially independent for purposes of determining eligibility for financial aid;
- Has dependents other than a spouse (usually children, but sometimes others);
- Is a single parent (either not married or married but separated and has dependents); or
- Does not have a high school diploma (completed high school with a GED or other high school completion certificate or did not finish high school).

Louise Henry Memorial Scholarship

All Majors

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.

Frequency: Fall and spring semesters

- Criteria:
1. This scholarship is open to enrolled Tuscarora residents or Native American territory residents of the Tuscarora community.
 4. Applicant must have earned at least a 2.0 average in high school or college.
 5. Applicant can be an incoming or current student at NCCC.
 6. Submit three (3) letters of recommendation (cannot be members of immediate family).

Gordon G. Mahnke and Mildred B. Mahnke Endowment Fund

All Majors

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

Frequency: Fall and spring semesters

- Criteria:
1. Applicant must be a current or incoming student to NCCC attending either full or part-time.
 2. Applicants must have and maintain a 2.25 GPA.
 3. Scholarship award is based on financial need and academic performance.

Terry C. Mason Memorial Scholarship

All Majors

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.

Frequency: Fall semester only

- 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.
 4. 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 Memorial Art Scholarship

Majors: Fine Arts program

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.

Frequency: Fall semester only

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

Ruth J. McDonald Memorial Music Scholarship

Majors: Music program

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.

Frequency: Fall and spring semesters

- 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.

Gerald L. Miller Family Memorial Scholarship

All Majors

This memorial fund was created by late Gerald L. Miller, former NCCC President, and his wife Dorothy in memory of their son Mark and his parents Harold & Marjorie. Mark was the Assistant Manager of the NCCC Bookstore and a beloved member of the NCCC family. The Gerald L. Miller Family Memorial Scholarship fund can be used to cover the cost of tuition, books and supplies, or funds needed to graduate while attending NCCC. Students are given preference if they are pursuing a degree in fine arts, business, or have a financial need.

Frequency: Fall and spring semesters

- 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.

June Marie Moreland Nursing Scholarship

Majors: Nursing

June Marie Moreland, a 1968 graduate from the NCCC Nursing Program, established this scholarship to recognize the achievements of a student pursuing a degree in Nursing at NCCC. For more than forty-five years, June has provided patients with professional and compassionate care. She comforted patients during pre and post op, rehabilitation, and both geriatric and acute psychiatric nursing care. June treated all with dignity and respect. Now retired, she wants to help Nursing students achieve their goals in working in the medical field to assist others.

Frequency: Fall and spring semesters

- Criteria:**
1. Applicant must be accepted in the Nursing Program at NCCC. Preference will be given to non-traditional students and single moms who are in Niagara County.
 2. Applicant must be enrolled as a full-time matriculated student at NCCC for the semester of the year the award is issued.
 3. Applicant must have a minimum cumulative GPA of **2.75**
 4. Scholarship award is based on financial need and academic performance

Eugene and Maria Munk Memorial Scholarship

All Majors

Alma Human established this scholarship in 1999 in memory of her parents and husband. She passed away in 2009.

Frequency: Fall and spring semesters

- Criteria:
1. Applicant must have and maintain a 2.25 GPA.
 2. Applicant must be a current or incoming student residing in the Western New York area and enrolled in NCCC to obtain an associate degree.
 3. Applicant must be a **non-traditional** student (refer to the description below).
 4. Based on financial need and academic performance.
 5. Applicant must be involved in community service and demonstrate good qualities of citizenship.
 6. Include a paragraph in your essay describing your community service activities.

Non-traditional student (defined below – can be any of these)

- Older than traditional college aged student (ages 18-25)
- Delays enrollment (does not enter postsecondary education in the same calendar year that he or she finished high school);
- Attends part time for at least part of the academic year;
- Works full time (35 hours or more per week) while enrolled;
- Is considered financially independent for purposes of determining eligibility for financial aid;
- Has dependents other than a spouse (usually children, but sometimes others);
- Is a single parent (either not married or married but separated and has dependents); or
- Does not have a high school diploma (completed high school with a GED or other high school completion certificate or did not finish high school).

NCCC Alumni Association Scholarship

All Majors

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.

Frequency: Fall and spring semesters

- Criteria:
1. Applicants must be full or part time NCCC students who have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours.
 2. Applicant must have and maintain a cumulative 2.5 GPA.
 3. Applicant must be the child or grandchild of an NCCC Alumnus and provide the name of the parent or grandparent and the year they graduated from NCCC.
 4. Applicant must have community volunteer involvement.

NCCC Foundation Scholarship

All Majors

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.

Frequency: Fall and spring semesters

- 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.

Niagara County Bicentennial Scholarship

All Majors

Niagara County celebrated its bicentennial in 2008, recognizing the rich history and culture that contribute to the uniqueness of each city, town and village. Celebrations took place at NCCC and in other key locations to reminisce about the people, past and present, who have worked to enrich Niagara County. This scholarship is created to continue Niagara's legacy by recognizing a history scholar.

Frequency: Fall semester only

- Criteria:
1. Applicant must be a resident of Niagara County
 2. Applicant must be involved with the history of Niagara County either through employment or volunteering. Volunteerism should be focused on the history of Niagara County. Include in your essay information on your career goals as well as your involvement in the history of Niagara County.
 3. Applicant can be either a current or incoming student of NCCC attending full time
 4. Applicant must have and maintain a 3.0 grade point average (GPA).
 5. Submit (1) letter of recommendation from a current teacher, employer, civic or spiritual leader highlighting your qualities of family values, integrity and involvement with the history of Niagara County.

Niagara Educational Foundation Volunteer Services Scholarship

All Majors

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.

Frequency: Fall and spring semesters

- 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
 5. 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

Owls Scholarship

All Majors

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.

Frequency: Fall and spring semesters

- 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.

Non-traditional student (defined below – can be any of these)

- Older than traditional college aged student (ages 18-25)
- Delays enrollment (does not enter postsecondary education in the same calendar year that he or she finished high school);
- Attends part time for at least part of the academic year;
- Works full time (35 hours or more per week) while enrolled;
- Is considered financially independent for purposes of determining eligibility for financial aid;
- Has dependents other than a spouse (usually children, but sometimes others);
- Is a single parent (either not married or married but separated and has dependents); or
- Does not have a high school diploma (completed high school with a GED or other high school completion certificate or did not finish high school).

Edward & Frances Pawenski Memorial Scholarship

Majors: Nursing program or Allied Health program

This scholarship was established in loving memory of one of Niagara County Community College's founding Trustees; Edward J. Pawenski, and his dedicated wife Frances. In 1958, as a member of the Niagara County board of Supervisors, Mr. Pawenski initiated the resolution to study if a community college would be viable in Niagara County.

Mr. Pawenski proudly served on the Board of Trustees of the College from its founding in 1962 until 2012, serving 19 of those years as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Mr. and Mrs. Pawenski were dedicated to the students of NCCC and this scholarship honors that dedication.

Frequency: Fall and spring semesters

- Criteria:
1. Applicant must be a current NCCC student enrolled in the Nursing program or Allied Health program.
 2. Applicant must have and/or maintain a 3.0 GPA.
 3. It is preferred that the applicant have experience working or volunteering in the health care field or as a first responder.
 4. Include in your essay career goals, community service and NCCC involvement.

Pietak Scholarship

Majors: Liberal Arts & Sciences or Business programs

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

Frequency: Fall and spring semesters

- 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.
 4. Submit one (1) letter of recommendation from a non-relative.

Stella and Clayton Quiett Memorial Nursing Scholarship

Majors: Nursing

This scholarship was established by Susan Quiett Manning in memory of Stella Quiett, who came from Canada in 1928 at age 18 to become a registered nurse. Despite many changes in her field over the years, she remained competent and compassionate in her work.

Frequency: Fall semester only

- Criteria:**
1. Applicant must be a current NCCC student entering their second year in the Nursing program.
 2. Applicant must have and maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA.
 3. Include in your essay a paragraph describing the reasons for becoming a nurse and the aspects of patient care you believe are the most important.
 4. Submit one (1) letter of recommendation from a faculty member regarding your character and academic ability.

Dr. Kenneth and Dorothy Raymond Scholarship

Majors: Liberal Arts & Sciences: Math and Science program

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.

Frequency: Fall and spring semesters

- Criteria:**
1. Applicant must be an incoming freshman enrolled in the Liberal Arts and Sciences: Math and Science program.
 2. Applicant must have and maintain a minimum 2.25 GPA.

Red Coach Inn Scholarship

Majors: Niagara Falls Culinary Institute (NFCI) programs

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.

Frequency: Fall and spring semesters

- 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 one of the programs at the Niagara Falls Culinary Institute (NFCI).
 4. Incorporate into your essay a paragraph about your culinary work experiences.
 5. Submit one (1) letter of recommendation from your current or past employer in the culinary field.

J. Ward Reid Jr. Memorial Scholarship

Majors: Mostly Business/ Niagara Falls Culinary Institute (NFCI) programs – see below

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.

Frequency: Fall and spring semesters

- 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 or certificate programs: Business Management Certificate, Business Accounting, Business Administration, Retail Business Management, Gaming and Casino Management, Hospitality Management, Hospitality Operations Certificate, International Business, Restaurant Management, Tourism Management and Event Planning or Tourism Management Certificate.

Rotary Club of Lockport Norman W. Sinclair Memorial Scholarship

All Majors

This scholarship was established by the Rotary Club of Lockport and the Lockport NY Rotary Foundation in memory of Norman W. Sinclair. Mr. Sinclair was a long time Lockport Rotarian, past President of Lockport Savings Bank, a founding member Niagara County Community College's (NCCC) Foundation, and served as Chairman of the Foundation Board.

This scholarship benefits students pursuing higher education at NCCC while recognizing in perpetuity the importance Mr. Sinclair placed on his relationship with the college and the importance of his contributions to the college.

Frequency: Fall semester only

Criteria:

1. Applicant must be an incoming NCCC student to be enrolled full-time
2. Applicant must have resided in the Lockport School District and be a graduate of the district or a regional private or parochial high school.
3. The applicant must be of good character, have scholastic achievement, demonstrated participation and leadership in extracurricular and community activities.
4. Incorporate into your essay your career goals, scholastic achievement, demonstrated leadership, and participation in extracurricular and community activities.

Robert Michael Sdao Memorial Scholarship

Niagara Falls Culinary Institute (NFCI) programs

This memorial scholarship was created in 1992 in memory of Robert Michael Sdao by his parents, the late F. Robert, NCCC Board of Trustee and Foundation Board member, & Geraldine Sdao. They established this scholarship as Bobby's legacy to help students achieve their goals through education.

Frequency: Fall and spring semesters

- Criteria:**
1. Applicants can be a current or incoming students who demonstrates financial need, strong work ethic and a desire to meet their educational goals. (Include in essay)
 2. Applicants must have and maintain a 2.5 grade point average (GPA).
 3. Applicants must have previous volunteer community service with demonstrated involvement (Include in essay).

Patricia Siola Distinguished Alumni Award

Majors: LA&S: Math and Science, Nursing, or Physical Therapist Assistant, Radiologic Technology or Surgical Technology programs

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.

Frequency: Fall semester only

- Criteria:
1. Applicant must be a NCCC sophomore (24 or more NCCC credits).
 2. Applicant must be enrolled as a full-time student enrolled in one of the following programs; Liberal Arts and Sciences: Math and Science, Nursing, Physical Therapist Assistant, Radiologic Technology or Surgical Technology.
 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.
 6. Incorporate into your essay the name of the NCCC Alumnus parent or grandparent and the year they graduated.

E. Doris Chalstrey Smith Memorial Scholarship

All Majors

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.

Frequency: Fall and spring semesters

- Criteria:
1. Applicant can be current or incoming 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 award

Dr. Frances J. Sorge-Dotton Scholarship

Majors: Nursing

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.

Frequency: Fall and spring semesters

- 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.
 4. Incorporate into your essay information on your short and long term nursing career goals.

Statler Foundation Scholarship

Majors: Niagara Falls Culinary Institute (NFCI) programs

(Paper Application on pages 30-31) - available through the AwardSpring Scholarship System

This scholarship is available to students who are in their second year in one of the programs at the Niagara Falls Culinary Institute and enrolled full time. The maximum award for one academic year is \$2,000 per student. Funds for this scholarship are generously made available from the Statler Foundation and are based upon availability each semester. NCCC reserves the right to increase/decrease the actual dollar amount granted based upon the available funds from the Statler Foundation.

Frequency: Fall and spring semesters

Amount - Varies; \$2,000 maximum per academic year per student (Fall/Spring)

- Criteria:**
1. Applicant must be a second year student enrolled full time in one of the programs at NFCI.
 2. Applicants must have and maintain a 2.25 grade point average (GPA).
- Procedure:**
1. Complete the Statler Foundation Scholarship application.
 2. Submit an essay no more than 300 words that includes information on your personal background, interest, hobbies, when you became interested in the industry, your experience in the field: as a customer, worker and with personal contacts with people in the field. Your aptitudes and interests for success in your field and what progress you expect to make in the field in the next 10 years; ex: 2 years school, 5 years school – Internship/Apprenticeship, 10 years of work. Also include information on your career goals and financial need.
 3. Submit a copy of your unofficial academic transcript with the most recent cumulative GPA. If you are a first time freshman submit a copy of your high school transcript. If you are a GED recipient submit your final scores.
 4. Submit three (3) signed letters of recommendation preferably from an instructor or administrator at NCCC or previous college, a work or volunteer supervisor, or anyone who can attest to your work and/or school ethics.
 5. Hand in your completed application packet to NFCI or to the Scholarship Office located within the Financial Aid Complex, A-114 by the deadline date.

Michael D. Tobin Memorial Scholarship

Majors: Liberal Arts & Science: Humanities and Social Science program

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.

Frequency: Fall semester only

- Criteria:
1. Applicant must be a current or incoming student enrolled in the Liberal Arts and Science: Humanities and Social Science curriculum, 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.
 5. 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

All Majors

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.

Frequency: Fall semester only

- Criteria:
1. Applicant must be an incoming student planning on registering full time (12-18 credit hours) as a matriculated student at NCCC during the fall semester the award is issued.
 2. Applicants include incoming June graduates, non-traditional students, and Veterans.
 3. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.25.

Donald Voisinet Scholarship

Majors: CADD program

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.

Frequency: Fall semester only

- 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).

Wendel Scholarship

Majors: CADD, Computer Science, Engineering or LA&S: Math and Science programs

Wendel 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.

Frequency: Fall semester only

- Criteria:
1. Applicants must be a current or incoming full-time student at NCCC and preference will be given to family members of Wendel employees.
 2. Students must be enrolled in CADD, Computer Science, Engineering Studies or Liberal Arts and Sciences: Math and Science.
 3. Incoming students must have at least a 2.25 or greater GPA.
 4. Continuing students must have at least a 2.5 or greater GPA.
 5. Scholarship award is based on financial need and academic performance.

Paper Applications Required

For the complete list of instructions and the application to apply click on the **Distinguished Student Scholarship tab** on the Scholarship webpage at www.niagaracc.suny.edu/scholarships

Distinguished Student Scholarship

(Paper Application) - Not available through the AwardSpring Scholarship System

The Distinguished Student Scholarship is the most prestigious scholarship awarded to incoming freshman at NCCC. Applicants must be graduating from a Niagara County High School and meet the criteria listed below.

Frequency: Fall semester only

Amount: Full tuition (awarded for 4 semesters)

- Criteria:**
1. Applicant must be graduating from a Niagara County high school with a Regents diploma in June 2020 with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or a B (83-85) average.
 2. Applicant must be planning to enroll as a full-time matriculated student at NCCC for the fall semester of the year the award is issued.
 3. Applicant must have previous volunteer community service and demonstrated involvement in high school activities (Include in essay).
 5. Applicant must provide assurance that he or she plans to remain in or return to Niagara County after completion of his/her education and future volunteer commitments (Include in essay).

- Procedure:**
1. Submit (2) complete copies of all required information by the deadline date to the NCCC Scholarship Office located within the Financial Aid Complex (A-114). The required information includes; the Distinguished Student Scholarship application, official sealed high school transcripts, a two page essay addressing the topics on the essay section of the application, and (2) letter of recommendations.
 2. Submit the DSS application to your guidance counselor for signature as well as completion of academic standing, confirmation of a Regents diploma and inclusion of official sealed transcripts; it is the student's responsibility to ensure the application is postmarked and/or received at NCCC by the due date below.

DISTINGUISHED STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

By accepting this scholarship, you understand that this is an academic scholarship and it will be terminated in the event that you fail to meet the scholarship requirements. **DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MARCH 6th 2020**

Please visit www.niagaracc.suny.edu/scholarships for additional NCCC Scholarships

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| Name _____ | Email Address _____ |
| Address _____ | Telephone No. _____ |
| City/State/Zip _____ | |
| Year of High School Graduation _____ | NCCC @ # _____ |
| Ethnicity: <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian/Non-Hispanic | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> African American /Non-Hispanic | <input type="checkbox"/> Native American/Alaskan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic | <input type="checkbox"/> I do not wish to give this information |
| I permit authorized NCCC personnel and the Scholarship Committee to access my academic and financial aid records by signing this document. All Committee discussions are confidential. Decisions are based on the information you include in your essay and your academic achievements including GPA. All decisions are final. | |
| _____ | _____ |
| Applicant's Signature | Date |

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT

Official sealed high school transcript is to be submitted with your Scholarship Application packet.

ESSAY

Essays are mandatory, must be type-written and no more than two pages. You will not have the opportunity for a personal interview. Decisions are based on the application, the information in your essay, your transcript and letters of recommendation.

Within your essay, please address the following topics:

- Your intended college major and career goal.
- How your career goal will benefit the community. (Keep in mind that a criterion for the Distinguished Student Scholarship is that the recipients plan to remain or return to Niagara County after completion of their education)
- High school involvement and community activities that you have participated in during the last four years. (Include specific contributions and/or awards and be specific about your participation level in each activity)
- Future commitments to community/volunteer organizations.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Include two (2) letters of recommendation from two different individuals.

- One letter should address your academic capabilities and demonstrated performance.
- The second letter should be a character reference. Please do not ask relatives to write letters of recommendation. (Counselor, teacher, employer, coach, clergy or family friend are acceptable)

SUBMISSION

Submit TWO (2) copies of all required information to the NCCC Scholarship Office located within the Financial Aid Complex (A-114) 716.614.6205. Must be received or postmarked on the deadline date of Friday, **March 6, 2020**.

THIS SPACE TO BE COMPLETED BY HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR

The above student ranked _____ in a class of _____ at the end of his/her junior year.

The student's weighted average was _____

Is a Regents Diploma expected in June 2020? _____ Yes _____ No

PLEASE ATTACH TWO (2) COPIES OF THE STUDENT'S TRANSCRIPT WITH THIS APPLICATION.

Counselor Signature

Date

High School