

DISTINGUISHED STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

For June 2023 Niagara County High School Graduates

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.

Scholarship Award: 2 years "tuition-free" education

- Criteria:**
1. Applicant must be graduating from a Niagara County high school (includes Homeschool) with a Regents diploma in June 2023 with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or a B (83-85) weighted 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 Enrollment Center Complex (A-114). The required information includes; the Distinguished Student Scholarship application, official high school transcripts, a two page essay addressing the topics on the essay section of the application, and (2) letters of recommendation.
 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 transcripts; it is the student's responsibility to ensure the application is postmarked and/or received at NCCC by the due date below.

Scholarship Requirements:

1. You must start the Financial Aid FAFSA application online even if you and your parent's taxes are not complete so that your scholarship need can be accurately determined.
2. The scholarship award is determined after financial aid is applied. Should a student receive full financial aid (Federal and State free aid), he/she will receive the distinction of the Distinguished Student Scholarship, and the award will be \$500 per semester.
3. Completion of full time study (minimum of 12 credit hours) each semester.
4. Maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA each semester including CAP classes. If the GPA is under the required 3.0 after one of the four semesters, funding will be ceased at that point.
5. Volunteer for two years in October at the Annual NCCC Foundation Scholarship Gala.

Contact: You're High School Guidance Counseling Office or the NCCC Scholarship Office located in the Foundation Office (A-265). Phone: 716-614-5910 | Email: found@niagaracc.suny.edu

Submission: Submit TWO (2) copies of all required information to the NCCC Scholarship Office 716.614.6205. It must be received or postmarked by the deadline date of **Friday, March 24, 2023.**

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