



NIAGARA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION, INC.
3111 SAUNDERS SETTLEMENT ROAD
SANBORN, NY 14132

DISTINGUISHED STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP INSTRUCTIONS ***For June 2024 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 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 all required information by the deadline date to the NCCC Foundation Office located within the Notar Administration building. The required information includes: the Distinguished Student Scholarship application, official high school transcripts, an essay, up to two pages, addressing the topics on the essay section, and two (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 transcript; 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. While enrolled as a student, volunteer at yearly Foundation events.

Contact: Your High School Guidance Counseling Office or the NCCC Foundation Office located within the Notar Administration Building A-201 or by calling 716.614.5910.

Submission: Submit a copy of all required information to the NCCC Foundation Office. It must be received or postmarked by the deadline date of **Friday, February 23, 2024.**

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



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DISTINGUISHED STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

*By applying to 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, FEBRUARY 23, 2024***

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Name _____	Telephone No. _____	
Address _____	Year of High School Graduation _____	
City/State/Zip _____	NCCC @ # _____	(if already registered)
Personal or T-wolves Email Address _____	Major _____	
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 share 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 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. 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 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 all required information to the NCCC Foundation Office located within the Notar Administration Building A-201. The application packet must be received or postmarked on the deadline date: **Friday, February 23, 2024**

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 2024? _____ Yes _____ No

PLEASE ATTACH ONE COPY OF THE STUDENT'S TRANSCRIPT WITH THIS APPLICATION.

_____	_____	_____
Counselor Signature	Date	High School