

# SECU Foundation

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## Two-Year Scholarship Program For NC Community Colleges 2020 Operating Procedures

Commencing with the fall semester, recipients of the scholarships will be selected each year from students meeting the eligibility criteria at local community colleges. The college will use its Scholarship Selection Committee to select two new eligible recipient(s) each academic year. **Please note, the Scholarship Selection Committee must have three or more members and each member must sign the brief statement (on the respective community college's letterhead) from the committee which verifies the selection of recipients.**

The Community College will complete a Student Data Form for each recipient and email to the SECU Foundation as a Word Document on or before the deadline established each year. Funds will be forwarded to the community college financial aid office. Funds will be made payable to the local Community College on behalf of the student and applied to the student's account to pay tuition, books, fees, course supplies and transportation.

Recipients of the scholarships consent to the release of their names and images for publications of the System Office, the local Community College, and/or the State Employees' Credit Union and the SECU Foundation.

The Scholarship Selection Committee at each community college will select students who best exemplify the credit union philosophy of "People Helping People". There is no formal application process. Information for the scholarship is available through the financial aid office. The Scholarship Selection Committee will collect required information and submit electronically to SECU Foundation at [secufoundation@ncsecu.org](mailto:secufoundation@ncsecu.org) by **July 17, 2020:**

- Completed Student Data Form (Submitted as Microsoft Word Document only)
- Signed and Dated Consent Form
- Student Bio (Resumes will not be accepted as a student bio)
- Student Photo (Submitted electronically as a jpeg file)

Scholarships are not transferable to another student or another school.

A representative(s) of the local State Employees' Credit Union branch must be invited to the College to present a letter of award to the recipients at the College's recognition programs.

## Consent Form

The SECU Foundation and the State Employees' Credit Union (SECU) may use photographs, quotes, slides, videos, or illustrations of students in newsletters or publications, in slide presentations, videos, and/or web sites and social media about the scholarships, in any SECU or SECU Foundation news coverage, in video productions aired on television and in other similar forms of communication. Local media (TV, newspaper, radio stations) frequently want to interview students to add a personal touch to stories. Students' comments may be used in newspapers or broadcast on radio or TV.

I give permission to the SECU Foundation, SECU, and/or the news media to use photographs, quotes, slides, videos, illustrations, interviews, likeness, and school information of the student listed below. Further, I authorize their use without inspecting or approving the finished product or its specific use. I understand that we will not receive compensation, monetary or otherwise, for the use of the likeness of the student listed below.

I acknowledge the *People Helping People* Scholarship is *not* transferable.

I have received or reviewed a copy of the Eligibility Criteria (available on the SECU Foundation website at [www.ncsecufoundation.org](http://www.ncsecufoundation.org))

The student listed below is eligible for the "*People Helping People*" Scholarship

The student listed below is not a director, employee, or family member of a director or employee of SECU or the SECU Foundation, or a family member of a member of the scholarship selection committee. *(Note: For the purpose of this scholarship program, family member includes spouse, parents, siblings, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and spouses of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, of a selection committee member, employee or director of SECU, or employee or director of SECU Foundation. Family member also includes persons living in the same residence and maintaining a single economic unit as a selection committee member, employee or director of SECU, or employee or director of SECU Foundation.)*

I also authorize SECU and SECU Foundation to contact the applicable community college to obtain educational data related to the following: graduation, major, post-graduation employment information (if available).

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Please Print*

**Signature of** Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parents/Guardian (if under 18): \_\_\_\_\_  
*Please Print*

**Signature of** Parent/Guardian (if under 18): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address, city, state, zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this completed and signed form with other requested documents.

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## **Guidelines for Writing Your People Helping People® Scholarship Bio**

Congratulations on your selection as an SECU Foundation *People Helping People* Scholarship recipient! Upon receiving this award, a biography should be completed and submitted by each winner. Below are some guidelines to assist you.

- Identify the community college you will be attending as well as your career goals upon graduation.
- Discuss why you feel you were selected for the scholarship. Details could consist of community service/involvement, school and extracurricular activities, including part-time job experience, future plans, etc.
- Share your thoughts on the impact this scholarship will have regarding your educational goals.
- Review your bio for typographical or formatting errors and make any necessary corrections.
- Bio should not be more than 5-6 sentences.

**Submit your completed bio, resumes will not be accepted as student bios, along with your photo, signed consent form and community college acceptance letter to your financial aid counselor.**