

The NC Community Colleges Foundation
ENDOWMENT FOR TEACHER PREPARATION

Due Thursday August 30, 2018

**THE North Carolina COMMUNITY COLLEGES FOUNDATION
ENDOWMENT FOR TEACHER PREPARATION
Eligibility Criteria**

OVERVIEW

The North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) Foundation, Inc., The General Assembly of North Carolina and Bank of America have contributed more than \$2 million toward the establishment of an endowment within the North Carolina Community Colleges Foundation to support an expanded role for North Carolina's community colleges in teacher preparation.

The Endowment funds an annual scholarship/loan for prospective teachers enrolled in community college degree programs tied to baccalaureate completion programs.

APPLICATION DEADLINES: Application deadline (to JSCC) is Thursday, August 30, 2018.

I. GENERAL GUIDELINES

Eligibility and priorities: The scholarship/loans for 2018-2019 will be awarded to a limited number of students enrolled full-time in the first or second year of a community college degree program to prepare students for transfer to a baccalaureate program in elementary or secondary education.

Factors in the selection process include students' academic success and progression towards a career in teaching, substantive community involvement, and demonstrated financial need. Candidates shall be selected without regard to race, gender, color, creed, religious preference, age, national origin, or disability.

For the 2018-2019 academic year, the Foundation will give preference in awarding grants to students who meet one or more of the following qualifications:

1. Students who are "career changers" who have returned to school from other occupations or from home responsibilities.
2. Students preparing to teach mathematics or science in middle or high school.
3. Students enrolled in community colleges serving low-wealth counties, as designated by the North Carolina Department of Commerce 2018 Tier I and II Counties.

<https://www.nccommerce.com/research-publications/incentive-reports/county-tier-designations>

Those counties are:

Tier I

Alleghany, Anson, Ashe, Bertie, Bladen, Camden, Caswell, Cherokee, Chowan, Clay, Columbus, Edgecombe, Gates, Graham, Greene, Halifax, Hertford, Hyde, Jackson, Jones, Lenoir, Macon, Martin, McDowell, Mitchell, Montgomery, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Person, Richmond, Robeson, Scotland, Swain, Tyrrell, Vance, Warren, Washington, Yadkin, Yancey

Tier II

Alamance, Alexander, Avery, Beaufort, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Cleveland, Craven, Cumberland, Currituck, Dare, Davidson, Davie, Duplin, Forsyth, Franklin, Gaston, Guilford, Harnett, Hoke, Lee, Madison, Nash, Onslow, Pamlico, Pitt, Polk, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Rutherford, Sampson, Stanly, Stokes, Surry, Transylvania, Wayne, Wilkes, Wilson

Funding, conditions and requirements: The total award per recipient will be \$2,500 per semester for up to two consecutive semesters of full-time study (a minimum of 12 hours per semester). Receipt of second semester funds will be contingent upon satisfactory academic performance, with a minimum grade point average of 2.7 on a 4.0 scale and progress towards a community college degree. Recipients may re-apply for a second year of funding.

Upon acceptance of the scholarship, recipients must:

1. Complete all credentials and begin work as a teacher in a public or charter school in a tier I or II county in North Carolina within six years of the first award;
2. Teach two full years for each year of scholarship/loan received. Any additional teaching obligation must be completed within ten years of receiving the scholarship/loan;
3. Attend a meeting of the Foundation, if invited; and
4. Sign a promissory note for each award, which will be forgiven once the scholarship/loan obligations are fulfilled.

Recipients who do not meet these obligations will be required to repay the loan within ten years of the award.

II. APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants must fill out the attached application and submit it by **Friday, September 7, 2018** to the North Carolina Community Colleges Foundation. Applicants must also complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The committee may include representatives of the State Board of Community Colleges, the Foundation Board, NC GSK Foundation, local community colleges, and System Office staff.

**NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGES
FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT FOR TEACHER
PREPARATION APPLICATION**

Full Name: _____

Social Security Number: _____
(This is used for record keeping purposes only)

Home Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

County: _____

Home Telephone Number: () _____ Work: () _____

Community College Name: _____

Community College date of anticipated graduation: _____

Associate Degree being pursued: _____

Name of four-year institution where you plan to pursue your bachelor's degree:

Anticipated Graduation Date from four-year institution: _____

Anticipated teaching field: _____ Current College GPA: _____

Have you completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the year in which you are seeking a scholarship/loan? Yes No
You are required to complete the FAFSA to participate in this program.

Are you currently receiving financial aid? Yes No
If so, please attach a copy of your financial aid award letter.

Additional Required Information:

- 1. Previous educational and work experience:** On a separate sheet (limit one double-spaced, 12-point font, typed page), please describe your previous educational experiences and your work history.
- 2. Motivation to teach:** On a separate sheet (limit three double-spaced. 12-point, typed pages), please describe your reasons for choosing classroom teaching as a career, your goals for your future as a teacher, your reasons for choosing to begin your teacher preparation at a community college, and the qualifications that make you the best candidate for this scholarship.
- 3. Letters of recommendation:** Please attach three letters of recommendation from someone who can speak to your suitability for a career in classroom teaching. One letter must come from an instructor, counselor or other faculty or staff member at the community college or high school in which you are enrolled or plan to enroll.
- 4. Transcripts/test reports:** Please include official transcripts from high school and any post-secondary educational institution which you have attended.

Candidate Signature _____ **Date** _____

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