North Carolina Community Colleges
Short-Term Workforce Development (STWD) Grant
2025-2026 Student Application

The Short-Term Workforce Development (STWD) Grant Program, established by Session Law 2021-180, is a state-funded financial aid program for eligible Workforce Continuing Education (WCE) students pursuing high-demand, family-sustaining wage credentials identified as N.C. Workforce Credentials at either the Essential or Career level. These credential pathways may consist of a single WCE course or a series of courses. The list of eligible credentials is available at https://nccareers.org/credentials.

Use of Scholarship Funds
Scholarship awards are determined by each college based on student needs, local industry needs, number of eligible students, and cost of course, up to a maximum of either $750 per course. The scholarships help cover the cost of tuition, fees, books, supplies, credentialing tests, transportation, childcare, and other components of the total cost of attendance.

Student Eligibility Requirements
At a minimum, eligible students applying for this scholarship must be:

1) A resident of North Carolina
    a. As required by Session Law 2021-180 Section 6.6. (c), eligible students must establish residency under the criteria outlined in G.S. 116-143.1 following the coordinated and centralized residency determination process administered by the State Education Assistance Authority known as the NC Residency Determination Service (RDS).
2) A Student enrolling in Workforce Continuing Education (WCE) pathways/courses leading to an N.C. Workforce Credential identified as either Essential or Career level. These pathways may consist of a single WCE course or a series of courses. The list of eligible credentials is available at https://nccareers.org/credentials.

Application Process

- Students will complete the STWD Grant application for the targeted academic year.
- Applications are filed with the college Financial Aid office, Workforce Continuing Education department, or another college-designated office.
- Applicants bear full responsibility for completing the STWD Grant application before the deadline established by the local college.

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Instructions: Complete this application and return the completed application to the college's Financial Aid Office or Workforce Continuing Education Department.

Eligibility Criteria:

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1) A resident of North Carolina as outlined in G.S. 116-143.1 and following the coordinated and centralized residency determination process administered by the State Education Assistance Authority known as NC Residency Determination Service (RDS).
2) A Student enrolling in Workforce Continuing Education (WCE) pathways/course(s) leading to an N.C. Workforce Credential identified as either Essential or Career Level. These pathways may consist of a single WCE course or a series of courses. The list of eligible credentials is available at https://nccareers.org/credentials.

Applicant Information:

Full Name: _____
Home Address: _____
City: _____ , State: __ , Zip Code: _____
E-Mail Address:
Phone Number: (xxx) xxx-xxxx Mobile Number: (xxx) xxx-xxxx

Residency Determination:

Before submitting this application, you must complete residency determination via https://ncresidency.cfnc.org/residencyInfo/ and be determined to be a resident of North Carolina. Upon completing this step, you will be provided a Residency Certification Number ("RCN"), which must be provided below.

Residency Certification Number ("RCN"):

Education Program Information:

College Attending/Enrolled: _____
NC Workforce Credential pursuing: _____
Course(s) in which you plan to enroll or are already registered:

1. _____ *(e.g., CJC-3938 Basic Law Enforcement Training)*
2. _____
3. _____

Application Attestation:

I have read and understand the requirements for assistance. I attest that the information provided on this form is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date**:** _____