SC WINS SCHOLARSHIP AID PROGRAMS

Policies

A statewide technical college scholarship program designed to address workforce shortages in South Carolina. The scholarship covers any remaining tuition, fees, and required course-related expenses left after applying all other scholarships or grants.

Programs

A student must pursue a professional certificate, industry-recognized credential (IRC), diploma or degree from one of the SC Technical College System's 16 colleges. Students can receive the SC•WINS for only one certificate, diploma or degree unless the additional certificate, diploma or degree constitutes progress in the same field of study.

Criteria

Qualifying students must:

- Be a South Carolina resident
- Be enrolled in an eligible program
- Meet one of the following criteria:
    - o Be employed,
    - o Take a financial literacy course offered at the technical college, or
    - o Complete 100 hours of voluntary time contributing to a nonprofit or public service organization

GPA/Continued Eligibility

All credit-seeking students must maintain a 2.0 GPA each academic year.

Changing Majors

Changing majors is allowed within the acceptable disciplines in workforce program areas.

Covered Expenses

Recipients can receive up to $5,000 per academic year after applying all other scholarships or grants. The scholarship may cover the cost of tuition, fees, and course-related expenses. Not to exceed 6 semesters of eligibility for a Certificate program and 9 semesters of Eligibility for a Degree program.

**CCTC Policy is to award up to $2500.00 in the fall and spring semester. Once drop add is over, the counselors clean up excess awards because this fund is not refundable. This will guarantee fund availability for spring and potentially summer semester.

Students in eligible programs are given a tracking requirement to complete the SC Wins affidavit form located in forms library. Once completed, the form generates a completion notification to the state aid counselor through the CRM and the tracking requirement is marked as satisfied. The award has a maximum annual award of $5,000.00 per year.

Priority awards of $5,000.00 are awarded to the students in priority programs as designated by STATE TECH. Those programs are as follows:

Welding

Nursing

HVAC

Cybersecurity

Mechatronics

All other programs with the exception of AA and AS will get enough funds to cover the balance of tuition, fees and books. AA and AS are not eligible under this scholarship.

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