The Academic Service Scholarship is awarded to students who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement. Recipients are awarded the equivalent of in-state registration fees for twelve credit hours. In return students are required to complete a 75-hour work obligation each semester at the college.

To apply, please submit your NSCC Financial Aid and Scholarship Application through your myNSCC account. You must complete this application by May 1 each year to be considered for the scholarship. Awards will be made contingent upon available funding.

Scholarship Criteria:

• First priority for this scholarship will be given to returning recipients who maintained eligibility for the award.

• New awards will be given first to current year high school graduates who met the qualifications and will be awarded based on the order of earliest completion of the NSCC Financial Aid application. If funds remain, then returning students who met the qualifications for returning students will be awarded based on the order they completed the NSCC Financial Aid application. Applications received after the May 1 priority date will be reviewed in order of receipt based on the availability of funds.

• Current year high school graduates must have a minimum 2.9 high school grade point average to qualify. Students must have graduated on or after May 1 preceding the start of each award year to be considered a current year high school graduate. Students who begin their college career in the summer term prior to the beginning of the award year are still eligible for this category.

• To qualify as a returning student, an applicant must have earned a minimum of twelve credit hours with a cumulative 2.5 grade point average inclusive of learning support classes.

• Applicants must be enrolled in an Associate Degree program. Recipients must not have earned a prior Bachelor’s Degree.

• Applicants must be enrolled in a minimum of twelve credit hours.

• Applicants must be residents of Tennessee or be exempt from payment of out-of-state tuition. Applicants must also have been confirmed to be lawfully present in the United States either through completing the FAFSA or through other means.

• Additional charges for Regents Online Degree Program classes are not included in this scholarship.

• Recipients are required to complete a 75-hour on-campus work obligation for each semester the Academic Service Scholarship is received. It is the student’s responsibility to work with the Financial Aid office to secure a position.

• Recipients may be awarded the Academic Service Scholarship at NSCC for a maximum of five semesters.

Students who receive the Academic Service Scholarship in the Fall semester must complete at least 12 credit hours during the Fall term and maintain a 2.5 grade point average (cumulative and for each semester the scholarship is received) and complete the 75-hour work obligation in order to receive the scholarship for the Spring semester or otherwise be considered for renewal.

A recipient who has lost eligibility due to GPA may reapply for the scholarship after completing at least twelve credit hours during a subsequent semester and achieving a 2.5 cumulative grade point average. Students falling under this category will be considered under the returning student category when reapplying. Students who have lost the scholarship due to not completing the work agreement will lose eligibility for the scholarship permanently. Exceptions to this provision may be made when approved by the president or his designee.

Applicable maintenance fee / tuition refunds will be credited to the scholarship except in cases when the student is also receiving federal Title IV benefits and totally withdraws. In such cases, the refund is credited back to the appropriate program(s) according to the NSCC “Return of Title IV Funds” Policy.