The Cathy O'Bryant Memorial Scholarship is awarded from the Cathy O'Bryant Memorial Endowment Fund of the Nashville State Community College Foundation. This endowment was established in memory of former NSCC instructor Cathy O'Bryant, a devoted teacher and talented photographer. The scholarship is made possible by the generous donations of friends and faculty members. Each recipient can receive a maximum award of $1,000 for each award year.

To apply, please submit your NSCC Financial Aid and Scholarship Application through your myNSCC. You must complete this application each year. Awards will be made contingent upon available funding.

Final selection for the Cathy O'Bryant Memorial Scholarship will be made by the members of the Cathy O'Bryant Memorial Scholarship Committee.

Scholarship Criteria:

- Applicants must be pursuing an Associate Degree in Visual Communications with a concentration in Photography. Recipients must not have earned a prior Bachelor’s Degree.

- Applicants must be enrolled in a minimum of six credit hours, with at least three credit hours related to their concentration in Photography.

- Applicants must have completed at least one semester at NSCC with a minimum of six credit hours within their concentration in Photography.

- Applicants must have a minimum 3.25 cumulative grade point average.

- Eligible applicants will be contacted by mail and must submit supplemental application materials, including:
  - A 200 word essay explaining their current circumstances and career aspirations.
  - A portfolio with ten (10) images, submitted via a link to a Dropbox folder or an online gallery.

Students who receive the Cathy O'Bryant Scholarship in the Fall semester must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 and complete six credit hours to remain eligible for the Spring disbursement of the scholarship. Scholarship recipients are also encouraged to volunteer during the following year fundraising activities.

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.