

Scholarship Programs

ALL students may apply for scholarships. The following is a listing of our institutional scholarships available at the college. The application for the following year will be available late fall and close mid spring. Please visit our website at <https://nwsc.edu/admissions/financial-aid/scholarships/> for the online application process.

Academic Scholarship

Academic Excellence
Ambassador Scholarship
Applied Technology Scholarship
Cosmetology Instructor Training Scholarship*
College Bowl Scholarship
Continuing Excellence

Dual Advancement

GED Leadership Scholarship*
Opportunity Scholarship
Performing Arts Scholarship
Talent Search Scholarship

***Application process not online, awarded by designated departments.**

Scholarship Policies and Procedures

Students may reapply for one additional year. Institutional scholarships must complete 27 credit hours per year (fall, spring, summer) and maintain the appropriate CGPA as outlined below. Students will not be awarded who fail to meet the minimum qualifications after the first year.

Academic/Student of the Year	3.00	27 hours
Ambassador	2.5	27 hours
Applied Tech	2.5	27 hours
College Bowl*	3.0	27 hours
GED Leadership	2.5	27 hours
GED Empowerment	2.5	27 hours
Opportunity*	2.5	27 hours
Band & Chorale Performing Arts*	2.5	27 hours
Talent Search	2.5	27 hours
Academic Excellence	3.25	27 hours

***Scholarship has additional renewal criteria not listed. Please speak with SFS Office for additional information.**

Shoals Scholar Dollars

Students must be from Lauderdale and Colbert counties who recently graduated high school and meet the required criteria. Students must have a high school average of 75 or higher, 98% high school attendance, and no major disciplinary actions. Must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 2.5 college GPA. No probationary period is granted if guidelines are not met.

Senior Adult Scholarship Program

Students who meet College admission requirements and who are 60 years of age or older are eligible for the Senior Adult Scholarship program. The award is based upon space availability in each course. The scholarship covers tuition only in college-credit courses (defined as courses measured in both credit hours and scheduled weekly contact hours that are part of an organized and specified program leading to a formal award-associate degree or certificate).

Ready to Work Program

These scholarships are based on recommendations from the Director of the Ready to Work Program. Recipients receive up to 4 credit hours of instruction on this scholarship which is also authorized by the Alabama Community College System.

GED Free Class

Based on authorization from the Alabama Community College System, all Alabama students receiving their GED are allowed up to 4 credit hours of instruction.

Third Party Scholarships

These are scholarships received on behalf of a student from an outside party. NWSCC must receive payment from the third party before any funds are applied to a student's account.