Financial Aid

Piedmont Community College offers financial aid to qualified students from a variety of Federal, State and private sources. Students may apply for financial aid at www.fafsa.gov. All applicants for federal financial aid must possess a high school diploma, a GED, or prove ability to benefit, prior to awarding of funds. Financial aid options include the following:

- **Federal Pell Grant** awards are based on financial need. A recipient must complete the free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- **Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)** is funded by the Federal Government. A student must demonstrate need by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The minimum award is $100 and the maximum award is $4,000.
- **Federal Work-Study (FWS)** provides jobs for students who have demonstrated financial need as determined by the Estimated Family Contribution. Eligible students are employed at the institution on a part-time basis. The Financial Aid Officer will consider the student’s need for financial assistance, class schedule, and academic progress, when assigning a job and determining how many hours a week a student may work under this program. The rate of pay is at least equal to the current minimum wage.
- **North Carolina Community College Grant Program** consists of need based, state funded grants. Apply by filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- **North Carolina Education Lottery Scholarship Program** consists of need based, state funded grants. Apply by filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- **The State Employees Credit Union Foundation** “People Helping People” two-year scholarship program was established to assist North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS) students achieve academic success. Piedmont Community College may award two scholarships with a value of up to $5,000 each. These scholarships are distributed semi-annually in two payments. Contact the Financial Aid Office for more details.
- **The Wells Fargo Technical Scholarship Program** offers one $500 scholarship per North Carolina Community College per year. This scholarship is distributed in two payments. Contact the Financial Aid Office for more details.
- **The Rodney B. Powell Memorial Scholarship** will award one or more scholarships, depending on availability of funds. Applicants must be North Carolina residents, be enrolled as a full-time student in an Associate in Applied Science Degree program of study in Electrical/Electronics Technology within the Progress Energy service area. In addition, all applicants must maintain a 3.0 grade point average. Contact the Financial Aid Office for more details.
- **The Golden LEAF scholars Program** offers scholarships for permanent residents of counties designated as an economically distressed highly tobacco dependent county and demonstrates an economic need under the federal TRIO formula (Person and Caswell Counties are included). Applicants must demonstrate the effect of the declining economy on the student’s family, successful academic record (grade point average of 3.0 or higher) and involvement in leadership and/or community service. Contact the Financial Aid Office for more details.
- **The GlaxoSmithKline Teacher Preparation Scholarship** will award up to $2,500 per semester for up to two years of consecutive full time study if funds are available. The Scholarship supports selected community college students who want to serve North Carolina as a public school teacher. The recipient will be selected by a committee established by the North Carolina Community College System. Contact the Financial Aid Office for more details.
- **The Datatel Scholars Foundation Scholarship** is for outstanding students currently attending an eligible Datatel client college or university. It is open to full-time and part-time students enrolled in at least six credit hours. Award amounts range from $1,000 to $2,500.
- **The Coca-Cola Two-Year Colleges Scholarship Program** is for students that have performed community service within the last twelve months. Students must be a US citizen or permanent resident with a minimum GPA of 2.5. Students must also enroll in at least 2 courses at a two year university next term. Children or grandchildren of Coca-Cola employees are not eligible for this scholarship.
- **Nurse Education Scholarship Loan Program** awards students up to $3,000, depending on the student’s demonstrated financial need. Students enter into a contract with the state of North Carolina in which they agree to work full-time as a licensed nurse in North Carolina. Must be U.S. citizen and North Carolina resident.
- **The Trustees Scholarship** is given to the student with the highest academic rank in the graduating class from both Person High School, Bartlett Yancey High School, Roxboro Community School and PCC GED program. Student must submit Foundation Scholarship application. Each Scholarship recipient must be enrolled in a program of at least 12 months duration at Piedmont Community College. The amount of the Trustees Scholarship is $1,500. It is to be used to pay tuition, fees and books.

The Piedmont Community College Foundation, Inc. administers certain private scholarships. Determination and selection of scholarship recipients is the sole responsibility of the Foundation.
Other Scholarships offered through the PCC Foundation, Inc.:

- Piedmont Community College Trustees’ Scholarship (4)
- P&A Industrial Fabrications, LLC Scholarship (5)
- Piedmont Community College Foundation Scholarship (10)
- Person Co. Veterans Agricultural Fair Association, Inc. Endow (8)
- Piedmont Community College Foundation Scholarship (2)
- Barbara Jean Hiskey Memorial Scholarship Endowment (2)
- Progress Energy Endowed Scholarship (2)
- Roxboro Kiwanis Club
- S. Ray and Nancy Crews Scholarship Endowment (2 - Technical)
- S. Ray and Nancy Crews Scholarship Endowment (2 - Non-Technical)
- R. D. Bumpass Scholarship for Academic Excellence
- Thomas Gold and Maude Meadows Brooks Scholarship Endowment
- Thomas R. and Vickie B. Gilliam Scholarship Endowment
- Dr. Andres’ T. Melero Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- Dr. H. James Owen Scholarship Endowment
- Dr. H. James Owen Scholarship Endowment
- Fred and Frances Barwick Scholarship Endowment
- Ella R. and Casper Timberlake Scholarship Endowment
- SunTrust Bank (2)
- Earl E. Bradsher Scholarship Endowment
- Bryant-Durham Electric Service Company, Inc. Scholarship
- Charles E. Hubbard, NC/VA State Trooper Honorary Scholarship
- Eva Espinoza Memorial Scholarship
- Forever Remembering PFC Richie Jones Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- Roxboro Lion's Club Scholarship
- Scott Bright Memorial Healthcare Scholarship
- The VFW Post 2058 Scholarship in Honor of Thomas Clark, Bobby Walker, Ben Owens, Howard Jones, George Miller, Walter Fox, and Richard Dones
- Wachovia-Wells Fargo Scholarship Endowment
- Durham Coca Cola Scholarship Endowment in Memorial of Herbert Lea
- Dialight Corporation Scholarship Endowment
- Ruth Martin Owen Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- Bill Green Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- Roxboro Savings Bank Scholarship Endowment
- Thomas Carter Florance Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- Ed and Grace Cox Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- W. Knox and Zelma Whitefield Moore Scholarship Endowment
- Royal Jackson and Carrie Crumpton Rogers Memorial Scholarship
- Landon and Mildred Bradsher Scholarship Endowment
- CJ and Vera Moore White Scholarship Endowment
- Elbert and Mary Moore Scholarship Endowment
- Jack and Mabel Moore Hester Scholarship Endowment
- Mary Ruth Moore Gentry Scholarship Endowment
- F. L. “Hugh” Moore Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- Stovall Family Scholarship Endowment
- W. Henry Hicks Scholarship Endowment
- Cogentrix Scholarship Endowment
- Exchange Club of Roxboro Scholarship Endowment
- Crown Crafts Scholarship Endowment
- Enos “Country” Slaughter Scholarship Endowment
- J. Henderson Munday Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- James Obadiah and Ida T. Pearce Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- R. Arnold Rogers Scholarship Endowment
- Roxboro Civitan Club Scholarship
- Roxboro Woman's Club Scholarship Endowment
- Victor and Dorothy Williford Scholarship Endowment
- Walter, Alpha, Neil Humphries Scholarship Endowment
- Gordon P. Allen Family Scholarship Endowment
- Jean K. Andrews Scholarship Endowment
- David Ray Moore
- James Lee Thomas Memorial Scholarship
- Kathy Gentry Cates Scholarship
- Mr. and Mrs. Abraham and Jennifer (White) Mandujano
- Mr. and Mrs. Howard and Dorothy (Blalock) Whitfield
- Mr. and Mrs. Timothy and Ellen (White) Rogers
- Mr. Curtis Eugene Moore
- Ramell Moore
- Smiley Nursing Scholarship
- The Westmoreland Family Scholarship Endowment
- The Hugh Gravitt Scholarship Endowment
- Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Cox Memorial Scholarship
- Phillip Kerns Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- Samuel M. Oakley, Jr. Scholarship
- W. T. “Billy” Watkins Scholarship Endowment
- Wheeler L. Carver, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- Wheeler L. Carver, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- Brookland Home Extension Club Scholarship Endowment
- Anne Rogers Brooks Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- John R. Bradsher Scholarship Endowment

External Scholarships

- PCC Ambassadors (3)
- Progress Energy Direct
- Spuntech Facility (3)
- GKN Automotive Inc. Endowment (6)
- Educational Opportunity Scholarship (6)
- Pete Slaughter Person County Rescue Squad Memorial Scholarship (2)
- Becky Williamson Memorial Scholarship Endowment (CE)
- Rowan Walters Scholarship Endowment (2)
Student Consumer Rights and Responsibilities

Students have the right to ask:

• What financial assistance is available, including information on all Federal, State and institutional financial aid programs.
• What the deadlines are for submitting application for each of the financial aid programs available.
• What the cost of attending is, and what the refund policy is.
• What criteria are used to select financial aid recipients.
• How financial need is determined. This process includes how costs for tuition and fees, room and board, travel, books and supplies, personal and miscellaneous expenses, etc., are considered in each budget.
• What resources (such as parental contribution, other financial aid, assets, etc.) are considered in the calculation of need.
• How much financial need, as determined by the institution, has been met.
• About the various programs in the student aid package. If the students believe they have been treated unfairly, they may request reconsideration of the award made.
• What portion of the financial aid received must be repaid, and what portion is grant aid. If the aid is a loan, the students have the right to know what the interest rate is, the total amount that must be repaid, the payback procedures, the length of time to repay the loan and when the repayment is to begin.
• How the school determines whether the students are making satisfactory academic progress and what happens if the students are not.

It is the student’s responsibility to:

• Review and consider all information about a school’s program before enrolling.
• Pay special attention to the application for student financial aid, complete it accurately, and submit it on time to the right place.
• Understand errors on financial aid application can delay processing and awarding of financial aid.
• Intentional misreporting of information on application forms for federal financial aid is a violation of the law and is considered a criminal offense subject to penalties under the U.S. Criminal Code.
• Return all additional documentation, verification, corrections and/or new information requested by either the financial aid office or the agency to which the application was submitted.
• Accept responsibility for all agreements signed.
• Notify the loan services of changes in name, address, or school status if the student has a loan.
• Perform in a satisfactory manner the work that is agreed upon in accepting a Federal Work Study award.
• Know and comply with the deadlines for application or reapplication for aid, the College's refund procedures, and the requirements for the return of federal aid when a student withdraws from school.

All students receiving federally funded financial aid or any other aid administered by Piedmont Community College should be aware that their financial assistance is conditional upon maintaining good standing and satisfactory academic progress, as outlined in the Academic Regulations Section.

Violations of Piedmont Community College's Code of Conduct are grounds for loss of all federally funded and school administered financial aid. Failure to maintain satisfactory academic progress will result in placement of the student on financial aid probation and a possible loss of financial aid. Piedmont Community College may, at its discretion, require payment of financial aid prorated for the time remaining in an award period. Financial aid may be reinstated upon regaining good standing and maintaining satisfactory academic progress.

Return of Title IV Refund Policy

For those Financial Aid students who completely withdraw from classes on or before the 60 percent point of the enrollment period for which they are charged, the College will calculate a return of Title IV refund. The unearned portion of Title IV Aid (Pell, SEOG Grants and Direct Loans) must be returned to the Federal Government. Future eligibility for federal funding may be affected when a student withdraws from classes.

Veterans Educational Assistance Program

Persons who serve active duty in the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard, as well as members of the National Guard and the five service components of the selected Reserve, may earn entitlement to educational assistance benefits as a veteran, or while on active duty or as a drilling Guard or Reservist.

Educational Assistance Benefits are available for Veterans, Active Duty Military, National Guard and Selected Reserve and, in some instances, spouse, surviving spouse, or child of the veteran who is totally disabled due to service connection or deceased as the result of service-connected disability. Individuals must qualify based upon conditions and benefits in effect at the time of entry into the service and kind of discharge insured upon separation.

*Visit the Dept. of Veterans Affairs GI Bill website as www.gibill.va.gov for information on eligibility requirements.
North Carolina Veterans Scholarships are available to children of certain deceased or disabled veterans or of veterans who were listed as POW/MIA. The veteran must have been a legal resident of North Carolina at the time of entry into service, or a child must have been born in North Carolina and resided here continuously.

Visit www.doa.nc.gov/vets for more information regarding these scholarships.

**Veterans Benefits Procedures**
Veterans who enroll in the College for the first time and wish to receive benefits should consult the Veterans Affairs Coordinators in Building E, Person County Campus. Veterans cannot receive benefits until they have completed all of the admission procedures of the College; therefore, it is advisable to submit an application as early as possible. The Veterans Administration requires about six to eight weeks to approve an application for benefits. Veterans need to supply appropriate information upon request, and failure to do so jeopardizes their receipt of benefits.

Veterans enrolling in approved courses must pursue the exact curriculum listed in the College catalog, unless adequate documentation is received from the corresponding program administration. Students must adhere to the college’s attendance policy, maintain satisfactory academic progress, and exhibit satisfactory conduct for continued eligibility for benefits.

**Standards of Progress**
Veterans are not certified for auditing a course, independent study or distance learning remedial courses. Grades “W”, “WP” and “WF” will be reported as a reduction in the number of certified hours to the Dept. of Veterans Affairs based on the last date student attended class.

The Veterans Administration does not certify a veteran for independent study.

The student must maintain satisfactory academic progress as required by the College. If the student does not maintain satisfactory academic progress, the student is placed on academic probation. A veteran may receive Veterans Administration benefits for only (1) semester while on academic probation.