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2020 High School Scholarship Program Eligibility Criteria

SECU Foundation established the *People Helping People* four-year scholarship program to help North Carolina public high school students attend college. SECU Foundation takes an active role in assisting communities across North Carolina and truly believes in “People Helping People!” Each of the 115 North Carolina Local Education Agencies (“LEAs”)/School Districts will receive a minimum of one scholarship for a senior **to attend one of the 16 constituent campuses of the University of North Carolina System.** Although the SECU Foundation Scholarship program wishes to recognize academic achievement, the *People Helping People* Scholarship has a much broader purpose; recognizing leadership, integrity and community involvement.

The SECU Foundation *People Helping People* Scholarship is **only available to graduating public high school seniors who are either current members of State Employees’ Credit Union (“SECU”) or the child of a parent/guardian who is a member of SECU at the time of application. Membership eligibility does not include Local Government Federal Credit Union or NC Press Association Credit Union members.** Preference will be given to students whose parents or guardians and family members are public sector employees (state, local or federal government; public health; public education) who live and work in North Carolina. Additionally, preference will be given to those majoring in public service degree programs (such as Public Health, Education, Public Administration, and Public Policy). While not a requirement, identification of a financial need, as determined by submission of a Free Application for Federal student Aid (FAFSA), will be taken into consideration by the selection committee. Scholarship recipients in good academic standing will be able to receive the scholarship up to a maximum of eight (8) consecutive semesters at the same university. Students selected should not be the recipient of other large scholarships.

We require all applicants to follow the formal application process set by the SECU Foundation. All graduating seniors meeting the stated criteria will be eligible for consideration. The criteria have been designed to give the LEA Scholarship Selection Committee flexibility in awarding the scholarship. The LEA Scholarship Selection Committee will recognize an individual in the senior graduating class deserving of an opportunity to attend college and will select recipient(s) without regard to race, sex, color, creed, religious preference, age, national origin or disability. The LEA Scholarship Selection Committee will use the following criteria to award the SECU Foundation *People Helping People* Scholarship to a recipient who:

1. Is either an SECU member or is eligible for membership through a parent/guardian. Student or their parent/guardian must be a member at the time of application.
2. Is a senior at a North Carolina public high school who has been accepted to one of the 16 constituent campuses of the University of North Carolina System.
3. Is a US citizen and a resident of North Carolina under NCGS 116-143.1 and is eligible for in-state tuition.
4. Best exemplifies the “People Helping People” philosophy of SECU, and has demonstrated

leadership, excellence of character, integrity, and community involvement.

5. Demonstrates scholastic achievement with a maintained 2.5 or higher unweighted grade point average on a 4.0 scale and may be deserving of financial aid.
6. Will use the scholarship to pay for full-time *undergraduate* student tuition and fees.
7. Agrees to continue as a full-time student in good standing with the same university for up to eight (8) consecutive fall/spring semesters payable at \$1,250 per semester. Scholarships are not transferable without prior approval of SECU Foundation.
 - a. A written appeal for transfer must be made to the SECU Foundation prior to transfer.
 - b. No transfers will be allowed to a university outside of the UNC System.
 - c. Any gap in active enrollment will result in non-eligibility for funding for each semester missed.
8. Is not a director, employee, or family member of a director or employee of SECU or the SECU Foundation, or a family member of a member of the scholarship selection committee. ***For the purpose of this scholarship program and a student's relation to a director, employee, or selection committee member, family member includes spouse, parents, siblings, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and spouses of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, of a selection committee member, employee or director of SECU, or employee or director of SECU Foundation. Also, for the purpose of this scholarship program and a student's relation to a director, employee, or selection committee member, family member also includes persons living in the same residence and maintaining a single economic unit as a selection committee member, employee or director of SECU, or employee or director of SECU Foundation.*** However, please note that the student must be a member of SECU or be eligible for membership through a parent or guardian at the time of application to be eligible for the scholarship.

The decision of the LEA Scholarship Selection Committee will be **final** if all requirements have been met.

Each SECU Foundation Scholarship recipient must receive a copy of the Eligibility Requirements.

2020 State Employees Credit Union
People Helping People Scholarship Packet

The amount of this scholarship is \$10,000. The packet is due to Ms. Karla by 3:00 on March 2nd.

SECU Scholarship Checklist

- Application, created and printed in Microsoft Word Community
- Involvement Essay (at the end of the application, also created in Word)
- People Helping People Consent Form
- Copy of Letter of Acceptance
- Student Bio
- Recent Photograph

Application for SECU Scholarship

Has been shared with you. If you cannot find it, like link for it is:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/17v-ctcKRu8u3pwRXVZtGL71xd9px5BI0haKVJXOSRLQ/edit>

When you access the application, it looks like this:

The screenshot shows a form titled "SECU Foundation" with the tagline "PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE". To the right, it says "2020 Application for High School Scholarship Program". Below the title, it instructs: "Please complete all information on this form. Application must be returned as a Word document only." The form is divided into sections: "Personal Information" (with sub-sections for First Name, Middle Name, Last Name, Social Security Number, Home Street Address, City, State, Zip Code, Telephone #, Gender, Race/Ethnicity), "GPA - Weighted", "GPA - Unweighted", "Permanent E-mail", and "Have you submitted your FAFSA?".

IMPORTANT: You MUST click "File" and DOWNLOAD AS> Microsoft Word. The form will be fillable and MUST be completed and printed in WORD format. Save it if you must complete it later but print the Word.docx and hand in with your packet. Your essay will be typed on the 2nd page of the application. **Remember to address all the things the prompt asks for!**

Guidelines for Writing Your People Helping People® Scholarship Bio

- Identify from which high school you will be graduating.
- Include the university you will be attending as well as your intended major and career goals upon college graduation.
- List examples of any community service/involvement, school and extracurricular activities you may have participated in, including part-time job experience, future plans, etc. You may choose to include highlights from your application essay.
- Share your thoughts on the impact this scholarship will have regarding your educational goals.
- Review your bio for typographical or formatting errors and make any necessary corrections.

Submit your completed bio along with your application, photo, signed consent form, and university acceptance letter to your high school counselor.

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2020 *People Helping People* Scholarship Consent Form

The SECU Foundation and State Employees' Credit Union ("SECU") may use photographs, quotes, slides, videos, or illustrations of students in newsletters or publications, in slide presentations, videos, and/or on websites and social media about the scholarships, by the news media and in any SECU or SECU Foundation news coverage, in video productions aired on television, and in other similar forms of communication. Local media (TV, newspaper, radio stations) frequently want to interview students to add a personal touch to stories. Students' comments may be used in newspapers or broadcast on radio or TV. **Please return this completed and signed form with other requested documents.**

I give permission to the SECU Foundation, SECU and the news media to use any photographs, quotes, slides, videos, illustrations, interviews, likeness, and school information of the student listed below. Further, I authorize their use without inspecting or approving the finished product or its specific use. I understand that we will not receive compensation, monetary or otherwise, for the use of the likeness of the student listed below.

At the time of application for the scholarship, the student listed below is a member of SECU or is eligible for membership through a parent or guardian who is a SECU member. I authorize SECU Foundation to verify SECU membership.

I acknowledge the SECU *People Helping People* Scholarship is *not* transferable without the prior written consent of the SECU Foundation.

I have received or reviewed a copy of the Eligibility Criteria (available on the SECU Foundation website at www.ncsecufoundation.org) and confirm that the student listed below meets all Eligibility Criteria.

The student listed below is not a director, employee, or family member of a director or employee of SECU or the SECU Foundation, or a family member of a member of the scholarship selection committee. *For the purpose of this scholarship program and a student's relation to a director, employee, or selection committee member, family member includes spouse, parents, siblings, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and spouses of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, of a selection committee member, employee or director of SECU, or employee or director of SECU Foundation. Also, for the purpose of this scholarship program and a student's relation to a director, employee, or selection committee member, family member also includes persons living in the same residence and maintaining a single economic unit as a selection committee member, employee or director of SECU, or employee or director of SECU Foundation.* However, please note that the student must be a member of SECU or be eligible for membership through a parent or guardian at the time of application to be eligible for the scholarship.

I also authorize SECU Foundation to contact the applicable university to obtain educational data related to the following: graduation, major, post-graduation employment information (if available)

Student's Social Security Number:

Student's name (please print):

Signature of Student:

Date:

Parent's Social Security Number:

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s) (please print):

Signature of Parent/Guardian:

Date:

Street address, city, state, zip: