



Scholarship Application Fall 2017 Semester

Application period: Monday, January 30th - Tuesday, February 28, 2017

Return completed application to:

**SCCC Foundation Office
Student Center Building D – Room D320**

Deadline: February 28, 2017 by 3:00 p.m.

TODAY’S DATE: _____ CURRENT OVERALL GPA: _____

FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ SEX: _____ STUDENT ID#: _____

ARE YOU A VETERAN: _____ MAJOR: _____

PERSON WRITING LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION: _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

EMAIL _____

TELEPHONE # _____ ALTERNATE # _____

Checklist for Students (please ensure all items are complete when handing in application)

- ___ Application (including *signed* Release of Information Form)
- ___ List with checks by the scholarships applied to
- Note: 1. Students may apply for as many scholarships as qualified for 2. If scholarship selections are not specified or checks are placed by all or no scholarships the application will not be considered. 3. For assistance with selecting scholarships best suited to applicant, contact the SCCC Foundation
- ___ Completed essay(s) – see instructions and sample essay
- ___ Letter (one only) of recommendation- see instructions and letter template
- ___ Kindly no staples (paperclips only) in the submitted application

The Foundation’s mission is to support and enhance the College’s dedication to providing education and cultural opportunities and services for the residents and communities of Sussex County and beyond.



THE FOUNDATION FOR
SUSSEX COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
One College Hill Road ~Newton, NJ 07860

RELEASE OF INFORMATION CONSENT

*I hereby agree that Sussex County Community College,
During the period of my enrollment and
one (1) year thereafter, may:*

Required

a. Provide transcripts to the sponsor(s) of the scholarship as required by the terms and conditions of the scholarship or as deemed necessary in conjunction with the scholarship by Sussex County Community College or its representatives.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Optional

b. Use my name and/or likeness as well as certain personally identifiable information (town, GPA, hobbies, scholarship information) in connection with this scholarship for promotional purposes including, but not limited to, press releases, advertisements, annual report, handbooks or catalogues. I waive any and all claims for remuneration in connection with these events.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone Number _____

Email _____

Agriculture

___ Clearing Corp School of Agriculture Endowment Scholarship

Arts/Communications/Broadcasting

___ AAUW Arts Scholarship in Memory of Virginia Ray Randall
___ Sussex-Bay Endowment Scholarship
___ Thursdays on the Green Scholarship
___ Vernon Council for the Arts Endowment Scholarship

Business

___ Clearing Corporation Business Learning Endowment Scholarship
___ Earl Felio Endowment Scholarship
___ Holiday Inn Express Scholarship
___ Jacob J. & Allison C. Smith Endowment Scholarship
___ Leonard Sanders Memorial Endowment Scholarship
___ SB Foundation/Sussex Bank Business Scholarship

Child Development

___ Betty Thibodeau Endowment Scholarship

Computer Science / Graphic Design

___ Gail Collis Memorial Scholarship
___ George Paffendorf Memorial Endowment Scholarship
___ Jeffrey & Lisa Quinn Endowment Scholarship

Criminal Justice/Public Safety

___ 200 Club of Sussex County Scholarship
___ William Pierce Sr. Memorial Endowment Scholarship

Education

___ Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Epsilon Chapter Scholarship
___ Eloise Walko Memorial Endowment Scholarship
___ Judith A. Taterka Endowment Scholarship
___ Maureen Komlo Memorial Scholarship

Nursing

___ Cheta Desormeaux RN Endowment Scholarship

Sciences/Social Sciences/Veterinary

___ AAUW STEM Scholarship
___ Newton Veterinary Hospital Scholarship
___ Patricia C. Taterka Veterinary Tech Endowment Scholarship
___ Thorlabs STEM Scholarship

Writing/Literature

___ Betty June Silconas Poetry Endowment Scholarship
___ Brian Dunn Memorial Endowment Scholarship

For International Students:

___ SCCC Foundation Scholarship for International Students

For Non-Traditional Aged Students:

___ 100 Women Endowment Scholarship
___ Antiques & Treasures Endowment Scholarship
___ Donald Ryan Memorial Adjunct Faculty Federation Scholarship
___ Douglas Hobbs Memorial Adjunct Faculty Federation Scholarship
___ Joseph and Karen Quinlan Scholarship
___ Ladies' Saturday Retreat Scholarship
___ Linda and Rhea Fountain Endowment Scholarship

For Project Self-Sufficiency Participants

___ Beverly & Bruce Gordon Scholarship
___ Charles M. Seider Endowment Scholarship

General Scholarships

___ 9/11 Memorial Scholarship
___ A. Roy & Susan Knutsen Endowment Scholarship
___ Bain Book Scholarship
___ Barnes & Noble Scholarship
___ Blanche M. Loftus Memorial Scholarship
___ Branchville Businessman's Club Scholarship
___ Branchville Rotary Club Scholarship
___ CenturyLink Endowment Scholarship
___ Colin Mackey Memorial Scholarship
___ Donald & Ruth Williams Endowment Scholarship
___ Dr. Andrew McKenzie Scholarship
___ Dr. Bradley & Linda Gottfried Endowment Scholarship
___ Dr. William A. Connor Endowment Scholarship
___ Epic Management Inc. Scholarship
___ Faculty Federation Scholarship
___ Franklin Mutual Insurance Scholarship
___ Hank Pomerantz Scholarship
___ Jack Kurlander Memorial Foundation Endowment Scholarship
___ Jeffrey Syberg Memorial Endowment Scholarship
___ Justin Christian Annual Memorial Scholarship
___ Lakeland Bank Scholarship
___ Mr. & Mrs. Alan S Tenenbaum Scholarship
___ Nancy Eigner Endowment Scholarship
___ NJ Firefighters & Police Foundation Endowment Scholarship
___ Nicholas Marino Memorial Endowment Scholarship
___ Paver Scholarship
___ Pvt. Peter S. Hotalen, American Legion Post 157 Scholarship
___ Red Callahan Endowment Scholarship
___ R. Poust Heating and Cooling Scholarship
___ Robert A. Vandenberg Scholarship
___ Ronald Dale Tyler Endowment Scholarship
___ Safety Scaffolds Scholarship
___ SCCC Foundation Medallion Scholarship
___ Sirvaraman Anbarason Academic Endowment Scholarship
___ Susan M. Rafter Memorial Endowment Scholarship
___ Sussex Bank/SB Foundation US Armed Forces Veteran Assistance Scholarship
___ Sussex Bank/SB Foundation US Armed Forces Reservist Advantage Scholarship
___ Sussex Bank/SB Foundation US Armed Forces College Start Scholarship
___ Sussex County Chamber of Commerce Scholarship
___ Sussex County Community College Board of Trustees Scholarship
___ Sussex County Community College SGA Scholarship
___ Syberg Family Endowment Scholarship
___ Syberg Veteran Scholarship
___ Tall Cedars of Lebanon/Rangers of SC Forest #37 Endowment Scholarship
___ The Aryanna Brahs Memorial Scholarship
___ William S. Finch Endowment Scholarship
___ YES - Success Scholarship
___ Zonta of Sussex Endowment Scholarship

FALL 2017 SEMESTER at Sussex County Community College

Scholarship Awards Range FROM \$250 TO \$2,000

(scholarships may only be applied to the semester the application is intended for)

1. COMPLETE PAGES 1 AND 2. BE SURE TO SIGN PAGE 2.
(RELEASE OF INFORMATION CONSENT) APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT THIS FORM!
2. REVIEW EACH SCHOLARSHIP TO WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING. MAKE SURE THAT YOU MEET ALL CRITERIA. SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENT CRITERIA AND ELIGIBILITY CAN BE FOUND ONLINE AT SUSSEX.EDU/SCHOLARSHIPS.
3. CHECK OFF EACH SCHOLARSHIP YOU ARE APPLYING FOR ON PAGE 3.
4. *Submit an essay using the attached guide and sample essay*
 - PLEASE NOTE SOME SCHOLARSHIPS MAY REQUIRE AN ADDITIONAL ESSAY. PLEASE CHECK THE INDIVIDUAL SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA.
 - PLEASE BE SURE TO ADDRESS ANY SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS YOU ARE APPLYING FOR IN YOUR ESSAY QUESTIONS AND IN ANY ADDITIONAL ESSAYS YOU SUBMIT.

EXAMPLES:

- a) DO YOU NEED TO BE 23 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER?
- b) ARE YOU ACTIVE IN CAMPUS ACTIVITIES?
- c) ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE PSYCHOLOGY CLUB?
- d) ARE YOU RELATED TO A FIREFIGHTER OR POLICE OFFICER?
- e) WHAT SPECIFIC CHALLENGES OR ACCOMPLISHMENTS HAVE YOU MET OR ATTAINED?

THE ESSAY AND ANY ADDITIONAL ESSAYS ARE IMPORTANT COMPONENTS OF YOUR APPLICATION. (NOTE: IF YOU HAVE APPLIED FOR A SCHOLARSHIP IN A PREVIOUS SEMESTER, YOU MUST SUBMIT NEW MATERIAL) CONTENT, GRAMMAR AND SPELLING ARE ALL IMPORTANT COMPONENTS OF YOUR APPLICATION.

5. IN ORDER TO APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP – **all applicants** (EXCEPT INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS) ARE **required** TO FILE A FAFSA/FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID – GO TO WWW.FAFSA.GOV TO APPLY.
6. *Submit a letter of recommendation using the attached guide and letter template*
PROVIDE ONLY ONE LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION IN SUPPORT OF YOUR CANDIDACY UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED UNDER SPECIAL CRITERIA. MOST STUDENTS SELECT A FACULTY MEMBER. YOUR LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION MUST BE CURRENT AND DATED NO EARLIER THAN THE BEGINNING OF THE SPRING 2017 SEMESTER. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATIONS NOT SUBMITTED BY THE DEADLINE WILL AUTOMATICALLY DISQUALIFY THE APPLICANT.

7. RETURN YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION (INCLUDING THE SIGNED RELEASE FORM) TO THE SCCC FOUNDATION OFFICE, STUDENT CENTER BUILDING D, ROOM D-320, BY THE DEADLINE, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017 AT 3:00 PM.
8. SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS WILL BE APPLIED DIRECTLY TO THE STUDENT'S ACCOUNT FOLLOWING THE START OF THE FALL OF 2017 SEMESTER. FUNDS ARE AWARDED TO STUDENTS WHO QUALIFIED BASED ON THE SPECIFIED CRITERIA OF THE SCHOLARSHIP. IF THE STUDENT FAILS TO MEET THE SPECIFIED CRITERIA NECESSARY TO RECEIVE THE SCHOLARSHIP OR IF THE STUDENT'S CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE, THE FOUNDATION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RESCIND THE SCHOLARSHIP OFFER AND WITHDRAW THE AWARD.

**If you have any questions or need assistance, make an appointment to stop by the Foundation Office, D Building, Room D-320
973-300-2121 or email foundation@sussex.edu
Scholarship Chair – Melanie Arpaio – scholarships@sussex.edu**

Be sure to follow all instructions and Good Luck!!

IMPORTANT!!
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Tuesday, February 28, 2017

**Please return completed application to the SCCC Foundation Office
located in the Student Center Building D – Room D-320
no later than 3:00 p.m.**

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION ESSAY TEMPLATE INSTRUCTIONS

On the next page you will see a Sample Scholarship Essay, as you will write when you submit your application. The personal essay must address three points:

- Why do you feel you are deserving of this scholarship?
- Why is a college career important to you?
- What are your future college and/or career plans?

The Sample Scholarship Essay must address these three points, and should not exceed 250 words (that's approximately one page of text, double-spaced in 12 point font). The Scholarship Committee scores each essay on whether or not the essay addresses all three points, and also on how convincing you are on all three points.

Some scholarships require a separate essay IN ADDITION to this essay. Read the instructions carefully for each scholarship for which you are applying. In that separate essay you may be asked to meet specific criteria; make sure you do that in your separate, scholarship-specific essays. Keep in mind that the majority of our scholarships are awarded based on this main scholarship essay.

So now let's look at an exemplar of an excellent scholarship essay. Feel free to use this as a template for your own essay, including the formatting.

January 30, 2017

To: Scholarship Committee

From: Lucky Skylander [insert your name instead]

Re: Scholarship Essay

Dear Scholarship Committee:

My name is Lucky Skylander and I am applying for scholarship funding for next semester. I feel I deserve a scholarship because I currently carry a full course load and maintain a 3.2 GPA. As a psychology major, my coursework is challenging, and I have made it a priority to organize myself so that I get the best grade possible. In addition to attending school full-time, I also work part-time and am active in several clubs on campus.

Obtaining a college education is important to me because I am the first person in my family to be able to attend college. My parents are supportive and want me to have every chance for success. A two-year degree is the equivalent of what a high-school diploma used to be – a necessity. I plan to finish here at SCCC and then continue my education. I know that with a college education, my career chances are better!

After graduating from SCCC, I think I would like to attend Skylander University [insert your potential future college's name instead]. Since my major is psychology, I could stay there to obtain a Bachelor's degree and even a graduate degree. I am excited about what my future will bring.

Thank you for your consideration of my scholarship application. I will do my best to make sure your committee is proud of the decision to grant me scholarship funding.

Sincerely,

Lucky Skylander

SCHOLARSHIP LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

TEMPLATE & INSTRUCTIONS

On the next page you will see a Sample Letter of Recommendation, as an example of one you have been asked to submit by a student at Sussex County Community College. Please note that each scholarship application is scored based on a number of factors inherent to the student's records at the college, and also on two outside pieces of information: their personal essay and your letter of recommendation. Providing the Scholarship Committee with the information needed to make a sound decision is extremely important.

We want you to sing the praises of the student, of course. Do tell us why you feel they are deserving of scholarship funding. When the Committee reviews each letter of recommendation, in addition to the detailed information you provide, we score it using a rubric containing these two criteria:

- How well do you seem to know the student? You demonstrate this by telling us how long you've known the student and by providing information and evidence that indicates that you have a relationship with the student which enables you to attest to their character and their potential.
- How compelling and convincing is the recommendation? You are clearly going to try to be as convincing as possible, and any enthusiastic detail you can provide will be helpful to us in making our decision.
- The Scholarship Committee would appreciate if you would access our Reference Letter Template at Sussex.edu/scholarships, and please follow the following instructions:
- Reference the student's name only once, at the top of the letter.
- In place of the student's name in the body of the letter, please substitute the word "student." (We try to read and score "blind" and constant reminders that we are reading about perhaps our own favorite students make it difficult to be unbiased!)
- E-mail the Letter of Recommendation **NO LATER THAN 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 28, 2017** to scholarships@sussex.edu.

You will receive a confirmation e-mail acknowledging that your Letter of Recommendation was received.

Student applications that are not fully complete by 3 p.m. on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 will not be considered for scholarship funding. To submit a complete application the student must submit their application, their personal essay, and additional essays for special scholarship criteria plus their Letter of Recommendation must have been received on time. We encourage you to remind the student of the importance of the deadline.

So now let's look at an exemplar of a letter of recommendation.

January 30, 2017

To: Scholarship Committee

From: Lucy Recommender [insert your name here]

Re: Letter of Recommendation for Lucky Skylander

Dear Scholarship Committee:

I am honored to have known this student in a work capacity for the past five years, and to have known him personally since he was in preschool. As his employer since he was age 15, I have seen him grow and thrive. He is an incredibly responsible employee and also finds time to work as a volunteer in our community. He is a volunteer firefighter, is training to be an EMT, and works weekends helping out at a rescue animal sanctuary. During his employment with XYZ Company [insert your organization's name if you wish], this student has taken on increasing work hours and responsibility and has been promoted three times.

I have known this student's family through our church as well. His family does experience some financial hardship, so I am certain that any scholarship funding would be helpful. They are very supportive of his college career, and it would be a shame to see this student have to rely entirely on student loans for college.

I cannot recommend him highly enough for scholarship funding! He is a kind, hardworking, intelligent individual and deserves every opportunity that SCCC can offer. I am positive that he will use the scholarship funding wisely by applying himself in all of his classes, and that someday SCCC will be proud to say that he has graduated from your school.

Thank you for considering his application and for accepting this letter of heartfelt recommendation.

Sincerely,

Lucy Recommender [insert your own name here]