Financial Aid

Purpose
North Georgia Technical College believes that the talents, hopes, and ambitions of our people are among the most valuable resources this nation possesses. With this thought in mind, North Georgia Technical College continues to promote grants, scholarships, and employment opportunities for its qualified, deserving students who must find funds in order to attend. Therefore, the fundamental purpose of the financial aid programs at North Georgia Technical College is to assist students who would normally be unable to attend a postsecondary institution without financial assistance. Scholarships and grants are available for credit students (associate degree, diploma, and technical certificate programs). However, amounts of assistance are subject to change from one fiscal year to another.

How to Apply
To apply for financial aid, a student should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov. If a student requires assistance in completing the application or would like for the North Georgia Technical College financial aid staff to review the application, he/she will need to provide the information (tax records, social security information, etc.) used in the completion of the application. To apply for HOPE funds only, a student may complete the Georgia Student Finance Application (GSFAPP) at www.gafutures.org. Students should allow two to three business days for applications to be processed by GSFAPP. Applicants completing a FAFSA should receive a Student Aid Report or confirmation from the Department of Education via mail or email. Applicants completing a GSFAPP should receive confirmation via their NGTC email account. The Financial Aid Office will receive notification of the student’s application and contact the student if any additional information is required.

Using Financial Aid to pay for Tuition and Fees
To use financial aid for tuition and fees, students must have a completed FAFSA on file with NGTC and their financial aid file must be complete prior to the tuition and fee payment deadline.

Students are advised to pay special attention to the Financial Aid Priority Deadlines that are listed on NGTC’s website. If a student applies for financial aid past the priority date deadline, the student’s application will be processed in the order that it was received. Because of processing times, the student is not guaranteed to have aid posted to his/her account before the payment deadline. If this occurs, the student should be prepared to pay his/her fees prior to the payment deadline and await reimbursement, if eligible.

Student Eligibility
In order for a student to receive financial assistance from federal or state aid programs, he/she must:
- Be a U.S. citizen/national or an eligible non-citizen.
- Be registered with the Selective Service (if required).
- Attend a participating institution.
- Be working toward a degree, diploma, or certificate.
- Be making satisfactory academic progress.
- Not owe a refund on a federal grant or be in default on a federal educational loan.
- Have financial need (except for HOPE Program).
- Have a high school diploma or GED®.
Also:

- Less than half-time students may be eligible for Federal PELL Grants and some other student aid programs.
- Students attending two colleges in the same enrollment period must inform both financial aid administrators (students cannot receive federal aid at more than one college per term).
- Students who have received a bachelor’s degree are not eligible for Federal PELL Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, State HOPE Scholarship, State HOPE Grant, State Zell Miller Grant, State HOPE Career Grant, or State Zell Miller Scholarship.
- Convictions of drug distribution or possession may make a student ineligible for financial aid awards.

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) for Financial Aid

All students receiving financial aid must maintain satisfactory qualitative (cumulative GPA) and quantitative (maximum time frame) progress in accordance with the statements listed below. Progress will be reviewed each semester. Students must declare a major and be working toward the completion of that major in order to receive financial aid.

Notes: The SAP policy applies to all students regardless of whether he/she has previously received aid. SAP is checked at the end of each semester. Standards for the Title IV students are the same or stricter than non-Title IV students enrolled in the same educational program.

Qualitative:

- Students must maintain a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 2.0. The GPA is computed by the Registrar’s Office on a scale of 4.0.
- Successful completion of learning support classes requires a C* or better.
- Students enrolled in a program of study of more than two academic years must have a GPA of at least a 2.0.

Quantitative:

- Students must successfully complete two-thirds (67%) of all hours attempted.
  - Example: Cumulative hours attempted (hours at NGTC as well as any hours transferred in as credit) = 25 x 67% = 16.75 (must round up to next whole number). In this example, you must successfully complete at least 17 hours to be making satisfactory progress. See unsuccessful grades below.

Successful grades include A, A*, B, B*, C, C*, and D. Unsuccessful grades include D*, F, F*, IP, W, W*, WF, WF*, WP, and WP* (see Grading Scale and Symbols section for more detailed information). SAP is calculated at the end of each term. Failure to maintain satisfactory academic progress will result in the loss of financial aid including Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, state grants and scholarships (HOPE/Zell), and state Student Access Loans. The SAP policy applies to all students, regardless of whether they have previously received aid.

- Financial Aid Warning: To maintain satisfactory progress for financial aid, a student must successfully complete at least 67% of all courses attempted at North Georgia Technical College and maintain at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA. If a student fails to complete 67% of the credit hours attempted and/or maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA, he/she will be placed on financial aid warning for the following semester. Students may receive aid while on financial aid warning. If the 67% completion rate and the 2.0 cumulative GPA is achieved the following semester, the student is placed in good standing.

- Financial Aid Suspension: If the 67% completion rate and/or cumulative 2.0 GPA are not achieved, the student will be placed on financial aid suspension, and be ineligible to receive aid until the student’s completion rate is at least 67% and/or the student has raised their cumulative GPA to at least a 2.0.
Financial Aid Maximum Time Frame:
- Students must complete their educational objective within a maximum time of 150% for full-time enrollment. Enrollment of less than full-time will be prorated accordingly. This means that a student will be ineligible for financial aid once he/she has attempted one and a half times the minimum number of credit hours necessary for completing program requirements. For example, a student in a program requiring a total of 50 semester credit hours will receive financial aid up to 75 semester credit hours for that program. Transfer credits accepted by NGTC will be counted in the maximum time frame. Maximum time frame criteria will be checked at the end of each term.

Grades of W and WP are not used in calculating a student’s GPA but are counted as credit hours attempted. WF is counted as an F. If a course is repeated, all hours attempted will be counted for purposes of the 67% completion rate and maximum time frame requirements; and all grades except for IP will be used in calculating the minimum GPA of 2.0. The IP will be considered the next semester when a grade is inserted. Satisfactory Academic Progress for the previous term will be reevaluated once the grade of IP has been finalized.

Satisfactory academic progress for transfer students for the first semester enrolled at North Georgia Technical College will be assessed based on previous transcripts. After the first semester, only the student’s academic record at the current school will be evaluated. However, transfer records are considered when measuring the maximum time of 150%.

A student will be notified in writing by the Financial Aid Office if he/she is in violation of the standards of satisfactory progress and of the termination of the Title IV funds and/or state funds.

Special Considerations Affecting SAP Criteria

Learning Support Classes
Learning support classes are counted in the quantitative measures affecting SAP (both completion rate and 150% maximum timeframe). Successful completion of all learning support coursework is required to meet qualitative progress. This is defined as completing all learning support coursework with a grade of A*, B*, or C*.

Dropped and Repeat Coursework
All coursework taken at North Georgia Technical College will be included in the qualitative and quantitative measures for SAP. This includes courses that are withdrawals or repeated. Courses that are dropped during the drop/add period or courses in which a student is a no show are not counted. Successful grades include A, A*, B, B*, C, C*, and D. Unsuccessful grades include D*, F, F*, W, WP, WF, and WF*. Grades IP are treated as unsuccessful and SAP will be reevaluated once a final grade is posted.

Transfer Credits
Credits that are transferred from other institutions (including courses taken as a transient) will count in a student quantitative SAP measure (pass rate and 150% maximum time frame) but will not count in the qualitative (GPA measure).

How to Re-establish Financial Aid Eligibility
Students may regain financial aid eligibility after being placed on suspension by either:

- Meeting the cumulative SAP standards described in this policy in their course of study at a future evaluation (end of semester)
- Successfully appealing as described in this policy and being placed on Warning.

This DOE satisfactory academic progress policy became effective beginning the 2018-2019 academic year and supersedes any previous regulation.
Repeated Coursework

Students who repeat coursework in which they have previously earned a passing grade will be subject to review by the Registrar’s Office and the Financial Aid Office. Depending on the student’s particular program of study and other various factors, financial aid may not be applicable to pay the repeated coursework.

Financial Aid Appeal Procedures

Students have the right to appeal the denial of financial aid eligibility if they feel that they have extenuating circumstances which prevent them from making satisfactory progress. This appeal must be made in writing to the Financial Aid Appeal Committee. A Satisfactory Academic Progress Appeal must be submitted explaining the extenuating circumstances, how these circumstances have changed, and their plan to maintain satisfactory academic progress, if the appeal is approved. Supporting documentation is required. A decision concerning reinstatement of financial aid eligibility will be communicated to the student in writing via mail or email. The decision of the Financial Aid Appeal Committee shall be final.

Tips for Submitting the SAP Appeal:

1. Explain in detail the extenuating circumstances in your personal statement and be sure to include documentation to support your statement. An attempt should be made to explain all terms with failing grades or withdrawals since SAP uses cumulative GPA and credit hours. Examples of extenuating circumstances include, but are not limited to:
   - Death of a relative
   - Hospitalization of immediate family members
   - Personal injury or illness
   - Unexpected work issues beyond the student’s control
2. Once you have completed your appeal and the attached documents, please submit it to the Financial Aid Appeal Committee via FAappeals@northgatech.edu.

Title IV Federal Refund

If a student receives Title IV funds (PELL or SEOG), a complete withdrawal from classes or dropping classes may require repayment of funds. If a student completes more than 60% of the term, he or she will have earned 100% of the aid for that term. If a student completes 60% or less of the term, the percentage of the period is equal to the percentage of aid earned. Once a student has completely withdrawn from all of his/her coursework, the Financial Aid Office will determine the amount of funds to be returned to the appropriate Title IV Federal Programs using Return to Title IV Guidelines. Students are notified in writing by the Financial Aid Office and the Business Office once the calculations have been completed. Holds are placed on student accounts by the Business Office when repayment is not made. Students should monitor their student account on Banner Web for changes to account balances.

Students are advised to contact their Financial Aid Advisor before making changes to course schedules or programs of study. Changing from one program of study to another may affect eligibility for financial aid awards.
State Student Aid Programs

HOPE Grant
The State HOPE Grant is available to qualified Georgia residents who are enrolled in a diploma or technical certificate program. High school grades, graduation dates, and family income are not a consideration in determining eligibility for the HOPE Grant. Assistance will cover a percentage of tuition only. Room and board costs, mandatory fees, and books/supplies are not covered through the HOPE Grant. Students are required to maintain at least a 2.0 HOPE-Cumulative Grade Point Average to remain eligible for HOPE Grant. Students who fall below the required 2.0 HOPE-Cumulative Grade Point Average at a required checkpoint will lose eligibility for HOPE Grant. Students may receive HOPE Grant/Zell Miller Grant funding for a maximum of 63 semester credit hours. To apply, a student should complete a FAFSA or GSFAPP Application.

The HOPE Grant also awards a one-time $500 voucher to qualified Georgia residents who pass the GED® exam. The voucher is to be applied toward the cost of education in a degree, diploma, or technical certificate program. Students must complete a FAFSA or GSFAPP Application to receive HOPE Grant GED® funding.

HOPE Scholarship
The State HOPE Scholarship is available to qualified Georgia residents who are enrolled in a degree program. HOPE Scholarship eligibility for high school graduates is determined by the Georgia Student Finance Commission at the time of his/her high school graduation (1993 or later). The HOPE Scholarship may also be available to qualified Georgia residents who have attempted 30 semester hours or 60 semester hours toward a degree with a HOPE Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.0 or better. Once a student is determined eligible for HOPE Scholarship, he/she is required to maintain at least a 3.0 HOPE Cumulative Grade Point Average to remain eligible for HOPE Scholarship. Students who fall below the required 3.0 HOPE Cumulative Grade Point Average at a required checkpoint will lose eligibility for HOPE Scholarship. Assistance will cover a percentage of the tuition only. Room and board costs, mandatory fees, and books/supplies are not covered through the HOPE Scholarship. Students may receive HOPE Scholarship funding or a combination of Zell Miller Scholarship/HOPE Scholarship/HOPE Grant/Zell Miller Grant funding for a maximum of 127 attempted semester credit hours. Students must have graduated high school within the past seven years, received their GED® within the past seven years, or previously received HOPE Scholarship prior to June 30, 2011. To apply, a student must complete a FAFSA or GSFAPP Application.

Zell Miller Grant
The Zell Miller Grant is available to qualified Georgia Residents who are enrolled in a diploma or technical certificate program and have at least a 3.5 Hope Cumulative Grade Point Average. High school grades, graduation dates, and family income are not a consideration in determining eligibility for the Zell Miller Grant. Assistance will cover 100% of tuition only. Room and board costs, mandatory fees, and books/supplies are not covered through the Zell Miller Grant. Students are required to maintain at least a 3.5 HOPE Cumulative Grade Point Average to remain eligible for the Zell Miller Grant. Students who fall below the required 3.5 HOPE-Cumulative Grade Point Average at the End-of-Term checkpoint will lose eligibility for the Zell Miller Grant. Students may receive Zell Miller Grant/HOPE Grant funding for a maximum of 63 semester credit hours. To apply, a student must complete a FAFSA or GSFAPP Application.
Zell Miller Scholarship
The State Zell Miller Scholarship is available to qualified Georgia residents who are enrolled in a degree program. The Zell Miller Scholarship Program is merit-based with specific academic and grade point average requirements. Eligibility for high school graduates is determined by the Georgia Student Finance Commission at the time of his/her high school graduation (2011 or later). Assistance will cover 100% of tuition only. Room and board costs, mandatory fees, and books/supplies are not covered through the Zell Miller Scholarship. Students are required to maintain at least a 3.30 HOPE Cumulative Grade Point Average to remain eligible for the Zell Miller Scholarship. Students may receive the Zell Miller Scholarship or a combination of Zell Miller Scholarship/HOPE Scholarship/HOPE Grant/Zell Miller Grant funding for a maximum of 127 attempted semester credit hours. To apply, students should complete the FAFSA or GSFAPP Application.

Student Access Loan—Technical Colleges
The State Student Access Loan for Technical Colleges (SAL) is a need based, low interest loan program available to qualified Georgia residents who are enrolled in a certificate, diploma, or degree program. SAL is intended to help cover the gap in tuition costs, fees, and books. Students must have first applied for and exhausted other student financial aid options including federal, state institutional, and private scholarship and grant programs and Veterans Education Benefits. Students must be also enrolled in at least 6 credit hours in their program of study and meet all other eligibility requirements to receive SAL. To apply, a student must complete the FAFSA and the SAL Application available at www.GAfutures.org.

HOPE Career Grant
The HOPE Career Grant is available to qualified Georgia residents who are enrolled in an GSFC approved certificate or diploma program. Students must also meet all eligibility requirements of the HOPE Grant Program or Zell Miller Grant Program. A student’s HOPE Career Grant award is a fixed amount per term based upon the student’s program of study and number of hours of enrollment. A list of approved programs is available on www.gafutures.org. The GSFC approved designated HOPE Career Grant program of study list is updated and published by July 1 each year. To apply, students must complete a FAFSA or GSFAPP Application.

Federal Student Aid Programs
To apply for all federal financial aid programs, students must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by visiting www.fafsa.ed.gov. The FAFSA application must be renewed every year. New FAFSA applications are available on October 1 of every year. Fall semester marks the beginning of a new award year for financial aid purposes and the academic year encompasses Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters. Students receiving financial aid benefits during the Summer semester must renew their FAFSA in order to receive aid for the subsequent Fall semester.

PELL Grant
The Federal PELL Grant is a Title IV Program that provides eligible undergraduate students, who meet certain income guidelines as determined by the U.S. Department of Education, with aid to help meet the costs of postsecondary education. Pell Grant does not require repayment. Eligibility is determined by the U.S. Department of Education using a student’s expected family contribution (EFC), a formula developed by the federal government, and the number of credit hours in which a student is enrolled. Students must be qualified undergraduates enrolled in a federally approved eligible program leading to a degree, diploma, or eligible technical certificate of credit. Pell Grant is not available to students who have a bachelor’s degree, owe a refund to any Title IV Aid Program, or are in default on a student loan.
Pell Grant recipients are subject to a Lifetime Usage Limit of 600%, which is 6 full-time years in which a student receives their full annual Pell Grant Award each year.

For the purpose of Pell, NGTC operates on a two-term disbursement schedule. This means that a student’s annual Pell Grant award is divided into two disbursements. The annual maximum Pell Grant award ($6,195 for 2019-2020) is divided between the Fall ($3,098) and Spring ($3,097) terms. Any remaining funds are available for disbursement in the Summer semester. Students who are enrolled for at least 12 credit hours, both Fall and Spring semesters, will have additional Pell Grant funds available to them for the Summer semester. The student must be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours for the Summer semester and meet all other eligibility requirements. A student not enrolled for at least 12 credit hours both Fall and Spring semester should have a portion of their annual Pell Grant Award available to disburse for Summer semester. Enrollment status determines the amount of Pell Grant funds awarded each semester.

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To apply, students must complete the FAFSA by visiting [www.FAFSA.ed.gov](http://www.FAFSA.ed.gov).

**Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant**

The Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) is based on financial need. Students must be qualified undergraduates enrolled in a federal approved eligible program leading to a degree, diploma, or eligible Technical Certificate of Credit. The Financial Aid office will use the results from the student’s FAFSA to determine eligibility. The maximum FSEOG a student may receive per academic year will depend on the availability of funds.

**Federal Work Study Program**

The Federal Work Study program provides employment opportunities to eligible students to help meet the costs of postsecondary education. Students must be qualified undergraduates enrolled in a federal approved eligible program leading to a degree, diploma, or eligible technical certificate of credit. Federal Work Study awards are made on a fiscal year basis. Federal Work Study positions are only available to students that have a remaining unmet need after all forms of aid have been applied. Eligibility is based on your unmet need as determined by your budget, family contribution calculated by the federal government, and any other aid received. Work Study opportunities are posted to student email and NGTC’s website as positions become available along with job description, wage scale, and application. Applications should be submitted to the Financial Aid Office. Please note, Work Study positions are treated similarly to any other job opportunity and students must complete all required employment forms as well as submit to a criminal background check upon being hired.
Private Loans
Private student loans are different from federal student loans in that they are not guaranteed by the Federal government. They require a credit check and often require a co-signer. Terms and conditions vary significantly by lender. Carefully consider your needs, and select a loan product that best meets your individual situation.

The following list of private loan products offers a variety of loan options with competitive interest rates. Students, however, are free to borrow from any lender, even if they are not listed here. North Georgia Technical College does not endorse or support any specific lender or student loan program/product.

- Sallie Mae Smart Loan

If you choose a loan option that is not listed, please contact the lender directly to determine the application process.

Students must have a completed FAFSA on file, be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours in their program of study, and meet all other eligibility requirements. Private Loan amounts may not exceed a student's cost of attendance.

North Georgia Technical College does not participate in the Federal Stafford Student Loan program or the Federal Parent PLUS Loan program.

Nelnet Payment Plan
North Georgia Technical College has contracted with Nelnet, a third party vendor, to provide a payment plan option for students. Tuition payment plans break down tuition balances into affordable monthly payments. There is no interest, payment options are flexible, and setup fees are charged. Information regarding dates of enrollment and payment requirements are available from Financial Aid Office, as well as the Business Office.

Scholarships
Scholarships are administered through a partnership between North Georgia Technical College and the North Georgia Technical College Foundation. Scholarship applications are available online and in the Institutional Advancement Office. Applications for assistance with tuition and fees are accepted prior to each semester of the school year; students must apply/re-apply for Foundation scholarships prior to each term. Applications must be submitted to the Institutional Advancement Office by the published deadline each semester; late applications cannot be considered. Students must meet selection criteria as established by each individual scholarship. The Foundation Scholarship Committee will determine eligibility and will award scholarships based on the availability of funds. All scholarships are based on documented financial need. Foundation scholarships are awarded in amounts up to $500 and are to be used exclusively for tuition and fees.

Students may receive assistance with books through the Foundation’s Lending Library. Lending Library applications are accepted during the first week of the semester. Books loaned through the Lending Library must be returned at the end of the semester.
ALL Foundation scholarship award funds will be paid directly to North Georgia Technical College; checks will not be issued to students. All Foundation scholarships are exclusively for students enrolled at North Georgia Technical College.

Scholarships available through the NGTC Foundation include:
- 2nd Chance Scholarship – funded by an anonymous donation, scholarship funds are designated for those who are currently or were formerly under sentence; are in good standing with the Georgia Department of Community Supervision; meet Adult Basic Education (GED®) or NGTC admission requirements; and have an unmet financial need.
- A&M Perpetual Scholarship – established through donations by alumni of the Georgia Ninth District School of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts (A&M School) which operated on the North Georgia Technical College campus from 1907 to 1933, awarded to dorm residents.
- Agriculture Scholarship – a student enrolled in the Tommy & Bernice Irvin School of Agriculture at NGTC
- Arthur Singer Healthcare Endowed Scholarship – a student enrolled in a healthcare program for which the Toccoa Clinic/NGHS offers employment.
- Blairsville Scottish Festival Scholarship – available to NGTC students who are residents of Union County and/or are attending the Blairsville Campus.
- Bob & Carol Head Memorial Endowed Scholarship - Preference given to students attending the Blairsville Campus or students residing in the Blairsville campus area attending another NGTC campus.
- Catherine Kelly McGuire RN Nursing Endowed Scholarship – funded by an anonymous donor, provides assistance to students enrolled in NGTC’s Associate of Science in Nursing program.
- Chris McCurry Welding Scholarship – established in memory of Chris McCurry - this scholarship honors his memory as well as his commitment and passion for his profession by allowing students enrolled in NGTC's welding program to pursue their dream of a welding career. Banks County residents enrolled in NGTC's Welding Program receive priority.
- CHSGa LPN Scholarship - student enrolled in the Licensed Practical Nursing Program
- Conny Shirley Memorial Scholarship – established in memory of former NGTC Director Conny Shirley – open to students enrolled in any program at NGTC
- Dan Dixon Technical Trade Scholarship – established in memory of former NGTC Instructor Dan Dixon, this scholarship is open to student enrolled in any technical trade program at NGTC who has a demonstrated financial need and/or at 3.0 GPA.
- Fulbright IST Scholarship – for students who are enrolled in the Industrial Systems Technology Program – must have completed at least two semesters in the IST Program and have a 3.25 or greater GPA.
- GED Testing Scholarships
- George Elrod Scholarship – established in memory of Coach George Elrod, awarded to deserving students in need of financial assistance.
- Haley Family Scholarship – established in honor of Bob & Jinx Haley to honor Mr. Haley's years of service to NGTC, open to students enrolled in any program at NGTC
- Harbin Lumber Company, Inc. Scholarship - students enrolled in the Engineering Technology AAS Program with a specialization in Industrial or Mechanical Engineering
- Harriet Davis Wilbanks Nursing Scholarship - students enrolled in the Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) Program
- J.C. and Belva Harris Memorial Scholarship – established to honor J.C. and Belva Harris for long devotion to both family and community and their support of technical education, awarded to residents of Franklin County.
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- John Dillon Engineering Scholarship – established to honor John Dillon who taught Mechanical Technology at North Georgia Technical College and is awarded to students enrolled in the Engineering program at the college.
- Kyle Glenn Holcombe Memorial Scholarship – established in memory of Kyle Glenn Holcombe, awarded at the beginning of fall semester, open to any student accepted for admission to North Georgia Technical College’s Electrical Lineworker program.
- Lake & Effie Copeland Scholarship – established by descendants of Lake and Effie in their honor.
- Lake Rabun Association Scholarship – established through a donation from the Lake Rabun Association, student must be a resident of Rabun County
- Lenora M. Sarling Perpetual Scholarship – established to honor Lenora Sarling and her interest in technical education.
- Marilyn McNeely Scholarship – established through gifts from the McNeely Foundation, provides assistance to students enrolled in a diploma or degree program at North Georgia Technical College.
- Marlowe-Evans GOAL Scholarship – established in 2004 to honor former North Georgia Technical College President Jim Marlowe and former Georgia State Board of Technical and Adult Education Member Bob Evans - both men were instrumental in starting the GOAL program in Georgia. The $500 scholarship is presented annually to one of the 12 NGTC GOAL finalists who has demonstrated outstanding community service. Martha Clarke Campbell Memorial Nursing Scholarship – founded by Emmett and Martha Shotts in memory of Mrs. Shotts’ mother, Martha Clarke Campbell, awarded each spring to students enrolled in one of North Georgia Technical College’s Allied Health programs.
- Charles Maynard/Opal & Barney Word Memorial Registered Nursing Endowed Scholarship – students must be a resident of Towns or Union County Georgia or Clay, North Carolina, have an unmet financial need, and maintain a 3.5 or better GPA
- Missions Committee Sharp Memorial United Methodist Church Scholarship – provides financial assistance to students from Towns County in completing their programs of study.
- Muir Scholarship – any student enrolled in any NGTC program.
- Nichols Scholarship – established by family members to honor the memory of Lenos and Sue Nichols, open to any student enrolled at North Georgia Technical College.
- NGTC Alumni Scholarship - must be a relative of an NGTC graduate, have a 3.0 or greater GPA and be in the second semester or later of student’s chosen program
- NGTC Faculty & Staff Scholarship – funded entirely by contributions from North Georgia Technical College Faculty and Staff.
- NGTC Foundation General Scholarships – funded by businesses and friends of North Georgia Technical College.
- Phillips Criminal Justice Scholarship – for students enrolled in NGTC’s Criminal Justice Program.
- Photography Scholarship - students enrolled in NGTC’s Photography Program
- President’s Scholarship – awarded each year in the spring to one senior at each high school in North Georgia Technical College’s eight-county service area and to one graduate from each of the Mountain Education Centers in the service area. Interested seniors should speak with their high school counselor to receive an application. Recipients are selected by high school or Mountain Ed Center staff.
- Savage Innovator’s Award - first year student in good academic standing with a 2.5 or greater GPA
- Sawnee EMC Brian Johnson Memorial Scholarship – established in 2016 in memory of Sawnee employee and awarded to a student with financial need in the Electrical Lineworker Program.
- Seabees Scholarship - students who are residents of Towns, Union or Fannin County Georgia or Clay or Cherokee North Carolina and are enrolled in one of NGTC’s Construction Trades Programs; preference given to veterans or a veteran’s family member
- ServPro Scholarship – awarded annually to a graduating high school senior
- Soque Garden Club Horticulture Scholarship – provides financial assistance to students from White County enrolled in the Horticulture program.
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♦ Stovall Machine Products – established through a donation from Stovall Machine Products, this scholarship is designated for students who are residents of Franklin County and who are enrolled in NGTC’s CNC or Tool and Die Program.
♦ Taste of Blairsville Scholarship
♦ Telford Endowed Scholarship – established by the Telford Family Foundation in honor of Mr. Gordon Telford (an advocate for technical education and former member of the North Georgia Technical College Board of Directors). To be eligible for consideration student must be a resident of Stephens, Franklin or Hart County, have an unmet financial need, and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better.
♦ Veteran’s Scholarship – funded by anonymous donors; established to assist honorably discharged US Veterans.
♦ William C. Clary, Jr., Perpetual Scholarship – established to honor W.C. “Bill” Clary, Jr., of Toccoa, who helped select the site for North Georgia Technical College in 1943 and was a key figure in the founding of the college; given to students who are residents of Stephens County.
♦ WoodmenLife Scholarship – established through a donation from WoodmenLife Chapter #553, this scholarship is open to any student enrolled in a program at NGTC and meeting the general criteria for scholarship consideration.

Other Financial Aid

Vocational Rehabilitation – Benefits may be available to students with physical or emotional disabilities as defined by the Division of Rehabilitation Services. Information is available from area Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Offices.

Veterans’ Benefits – Veterans’ Benefits are available to veterans and to spouses and children of disabled or deceased veterans. Additional information on the Veteran Affairs Benefits programs can be obtained by calling 1-888-GI-Bill1 (1-888-442-4551) or by visiting www.gibill.va.gov. North Georgia Technical College’s Veteran Certifying Officials are located in the financial aid office of the Clarkesville campus.