



Youth Development Centers Scholarships

for students attending N.C. Community Colleges after release from a YDC

Basic Facts:

YDC students who complete high school or earn a GED while at a Youth Development Center are eligible for scholarships covering tuition, books and related fees at any N.C. Community College. Curriculum program scholarships can be up to \$2,000 per year.

The scholarships are provided through a legislative appropriation to the N.C. Community College System. Scholarship awards are renewable each year and are subject to the availability of funds.

To be eligible, students must meet the following requirements:

- 1) have earned their high school credential at a YDC on or after June 1, 2002;
- 2) have submitted applicable scholarship application/certification forms;
- 3) have completed their YDC commitment (**by the time they actually enroll in classes**); and
- 4) be enrolled in a community college after August 1, 2003.

Additional Details:

- The purpose of the Youth Development Centers Scholarship program shall be to recognize the graduation or GED completion of students who earned their high school credential while committed to a Youth Development Center (YDC) of the North Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (DJJDP).
- Recipients of the scholarships must have completed their commitment to the YDC and be enrolled in curriculum or occupational extension programs of a member institution in the North Carolina Community College System. (**Students may apply for and receive approval for the scholarship prior to release, but they can access the funds only after release.**)
- Students enrolled in curriculum programs may be awarded one-year scholarships of up to two thousand dollars (\$2,000) per year (\$1,000 per semester) for 12 semester hours or more not to exceed actual costs and subject to availability of funds. Enrollments for less than 12 semester hours shall be prorated. Funds may be used for tuition, books, college assessed fees, and student insurance and course related supplies. (**Note: All funds go directly to the college after a student enrolls. No money is awarded directly to the student.**)
- Students enrolled in occupational extension courses and/or Human Resources Development programs may be awarded registration fees, textbook costs and course supplies up to \$500 per semester and not to exceed actual costs.
- The Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention shall certify youth as eligible who complete a high school diploma, adult high school diploma or GED program on or after June 1, 2002 while committed to a YDC and enroll after August 1, 2003.
- Certification forms must be signed by representatives of the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and the North Carolina Community College System before students can be awarded a YDC scholarship. To obtain appropriate forms, contact Tracy McPherson, DJJDP Education Transition Coordinator, 919-733-3388 ext. 325 or tracy.mcpherson@ncmail.net.