

State Contractual Scholarship Fund Program (SCSF)

Frequently Asked Questions

SCSF is a grant which means funds received through this program do not have to be repaid.

For questions about any unfamiliar terms used with the documentations on this site, please visit our [Financial Aid Definitions](#).

NEW AND RENEWAL APPLICANT QUESTIONS:

- Q1. How can I apply for SCSF funding?
- A student must complete a “Free Application for Federal Student Aid” (FAFSA) and request results be sent to the institution(s) he/she plans to attend. The student must have financial need as determined by the FAFSA.
- Q2. What are the eligibility requirements for SCSF?
- To be eligible for an SCSF, an applicant must meet the following eligibility requirements:
 - Be a resident of North Carolina for tuition purposes under the terms and conditions of the current Residence Manual of The University of North Carolina
 - Be enrolled as a full-time or part-time undergraduate in a degree-granting program at an eligible independent, nonprofit institution in North Carolina or be enrolled in a licensure program
 - Have documented unmet financial need
 - Not be enrolled in a program of study designed primarily for career preparation in a religious vocation
 - Be certified as eligible under SCSF rules
- Q3. May a SCSF recipient receive other scholarships, grants or loans when receiving SCSF funds?
- Yes. The SCSF recipient may receive additional scholarships, grants, loans and/or work-study up to the need of the student as determined for Federal Title IV aid.
- Q4. Is a SCSF portable to another school if I elect to enter another eligible independent, nonprofit school after one semester?
- The recipient may receive a SCSF Grant at the transfer institution if funds are available at the transfer institution and the Grant is awarded in the recipient’s financial aid package.
- Q5. May I receive a SCSF if I am enrolled in a study abroad program sponsored by my institution?
- Eligible students enrolled in study abroad programs sponsored by an Approved Institution or sanctioned by written agreements between the Approved Institution and another institution may qualify for the SCSF under the Program Rules.
- Q6. How much can I receive through SCSF?
- The award amount varies depending on the recipient’s need and financial aid award.

- Q7. If I receive a SCSF, when will I receive the funds?
- Funds are electronically transmitted to the recipient's college. Each disbursement is made by the institution based on the institution's policies.
- Q8. If I have one associate degree, may I work toward another associate degree and still receive the SCSF?
- If you have one associate degree, you may not receive the SCSF while working on an additional associate degree. You may, however, receive the SCSF while working toward a baccalaureate degree, if otherwise eligible for the Grant. You may not receive a SCSF for lower division coursework (e.g., freshman or sophomore) unless the coursework is normally fully acceptable at the senior institution as part of a transfer agreement to pursue a baccalaureate degree.
- Q9. If I am majoring in religion, may I receive a SCSF?
- Yes, provided the academic discipline is not designed by the Institution primarily for the purpose of career preparation in a religious vocation and the student otherwise meets the requirements of the SCSF Rules. The answer to this question focuses on the intent of the program, not the intent of the student.
- Q10. May I receive a SCSF if I am enrolled in a certificate program?
- No. In order to receive a SCSF, a student must be enrolled in a program of study that leads to an academic degree.
- Q11. Are high school students who are enrolled in an Approved Institution on a joint enrollment basis or early admission students eligible for the SCSF?
- Such students are eligible for SCSF awards, provided they meet the eligibility requirements of the SCSF program, including the "Minimum Academic Load" and "Matriculated Status" provisions.
- Q12. May a student who is enrolled simultaneously in a bachelor's and master's degree program receive the SCSF?
- Yes, if the student is still classified by the Approved Institution as a full or part-time Undergraduate Student during the School Term for which an SCSF is sought.