

CAMPUS ASSISTANCE, RESOURCES & SUPPORT (C.A.R.E.S)



We are committed to helping students overcome hurdles that may keep them from reaching their goals. It's part of how we support our students and their success – it's the "NC State Way". For additional information, contact Sarah Swank, Resource Navigator, at sswank@ncstatecollege.edu, 419-755-4730 or stop by her office located in the Byron Kee Center.

On-Campus Food Pantry

NC State has a self-service food pantry on campus that includes non-perishable food items and toiletries. The pantry is located within Byron Kee Center and is available for students between the hours of 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Thursday during fall and spring term.



Weekend Food Box

In partnership with Grace Episcopal Church of Mansfield, NC State provides students with boxes of shelf-stable items, fresh meat and fresh produce every Thursday. These boxes contain enough food to last a family through the weekend. Students who are interested in signing up for this program can contact Sarah Swank at sswank@ncstatecollege.edu or 419-755-4730.

Laptop Loaner Program

Students who need a laptop for their online classes and homework are now able to borrow a laptop through our Laptop Loaner Program. For more information, please contact Barb Keener at 419-755-4539 or bkeener@ncstatecollege.edu.

- The college also has a **Calculator Loaner Program**. Students who need a TI-84 calculator can contact Barb Keener at 419-755-4539 or bkeener@ncstatecollege.edu to make a request.
- Students who may be unable to afford internet service, can apply for assistance through a federal program called the **Affordable Connectivity Program**. The program provides up to \$30/month discount for internet service. A household is eligible if a member meets certain criteria such as has received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year. Eligible households must both apply for the program and contact a participating provider to select a service plan. Please contact Sarah Swank at 419-755-4730 or sswank@ncstatecollege.edu for additional information or visit <https://acpbenefit.org/>.

Textbook Assistance Grant

The Textbook Assistance Grant was created to help students with the cost of books. Eligible students must not be on academic probation, and will have a specific financial need for books that the student can provide documentation to support. An eligible student has the opportunity to obtain an annual gift of up to \$150. NOTE: The fund is a yearly grant and will close out for the year when all funds are depleted. If you have questions or would like to apply, contact Sarah Swank at sswank@ncstatecollege.edu or call 419-755-4730.

Childcare Assistance Stipend

The Childcare Assistance Stipend provides support to NC State students requiring assistance with paying for childcare. The stipend is an annual grant of up to \$800, to cover up to four weeks of childcare. The gift will not need to be repaid if the student graduates within two years of receiving it. To qualify for the Childcare Assistance Stipend, an applicant must:

- Live in Richland County or Crawford County, Ohio
- Currently attend North Central State College and seeking a program or certification
- Not be on academic probation
- Have a specific financial need for assistance paying for childcare for a defined timeframe

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Necessities Loan Fund

This loan provides for books, uniforms, fees, etc. to eligible students, in at least their third College semester with at least a 2.25 GPA, who receive little or no financial aid. The loan is forgiven if the student graduates from NC State within four years of first Necessities Fund loan (administered by the College Financial Aid Office). *Funds are limited and eligibility criteria must be met.* For more information visit: <https://ncstatecollege.edu/admissions-and-aid/financial-aid/grants-and-scholarships/>. Contact Sarah Swank at sswank@ncstatecollege.edu or call 419-755-4730 for assistance with applying.

Richland County Transit (Bus Service)

Richland County Transit offers FREE transportation to students who have a “paid” sticker on the back of their NCSC student ID. The buses transport students across Mansfield, Ontario, Shelby, and portions of Madison township. To learn more information, or to schedule a ride, please go to <http://www.rctbuses.com/> or call 419-522-4504.

Personal Counseling (Student Assistance Program)

This is a FREE service to currently enrolled North Central State students (College Credit Plus excluded) that provides evaluation, brief counseling, and referral services for a wide range of problems and/or concerns. Such concerns may relate to: college adjustment, emotional health, relationships, parenting, sexual identity, test anxiety, finances, or legal concerns. The Student Assistance Program (SAP) services are confidential and provided by New Directions, a Mansfield, Ohio counseling agency. Call New Directions at 419-529-9941 or visit their website at: <https://www.newdirectionsforlife.com/sap/>.

- The college also has a **Wellness & Mental Health** webpage that has information and a variety of campus and local resources focused on helping students develop self-care practices and social connections in order to enhance academic success: <https://ncstatecollege.edu/personal-wellness/>.
- **NAMI on Campus** is a student group dedicated to mental health awareness, support and education. They are dedicated to normalizing mental health conversation, equipping individuals with mental health resources and creating a culture that accepts and supports anyone with a mental health concern. For more information, contact Aubrie Hall at Aubrie@namirc.org or 419-522-6264, visit <http://www.namirc.org> or <https://www.instagram.com/namioncampus419/>.

For additional information, visit NC State’s Advocacy & Resource Page:
<https://ncstatecollege.edu/advocacy-and-resources/>