

Tuition Freedom★

SCHOLARSHIPS

North Central State College will provide up to an Associate Degree or up to either 32 or 64 hours tuition free to every qualifying College Credit Plus or Career Tech student, from a partner secondary school, to continue their education after graduating from high school.

QUALIFICATION FOR FALL 2024

- Complete 6-7* credit hours of college credit to qualify for 32 hours of TFS award **OR** Complete 8-9* credit hours of college credit to qualify for 64 hours of TFS award
 - Credit must be obtained through North Central State College (NCSC) College Credit Plus (CCP).
 - Credit can be obtained by utilizing current articulation agreements in place with NCSC and Career Tech Centers.
- Entering TFS students must take part in a half-day orientation program (multiple slots available April through August), and take NC State's First Year Experience course the first term of enrollment. The only exception to the FYEX course are direct admits to competitive health programs.
- Recent High School graduate (2023) and admitted to North Central State College.
- Achieve a 2.75 grade point average in all CCP classes. Career Tech students must have achieved a 2.75 grade point average in their articulated technical course work and all students a 2.75 high school cumulative GPA.
- Students who will not complete their 6-7* or 8-9* hours of credit until the end of spring semester may still be considered and awarded the TFS contingent on the achievement of a 2.75 grade point average and 8-9* semester hours of credit.
- Application deadline for the TFS is June 20, 2024.

* Students seeking direct admission into a health program will be required to have 7/9 hours.

ITEMS TO NOTE

The Tuition Freedom Scholarship (TFS) is "Last Dollar", meaning that any federal, state, or private money that is awarded to the student based on need or talent and is intended to help pay tuition, will be applied to the bill first. This only applies to grants and scholarships that do not have to be repaid by the family.

TFS recipients are required to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine eligibility for financial aid.

- For students looking at starting fall 2024 you can now file the FAFSA beginning in January 2024.
- Tuition Freedom Scholars need to file their FAFSA by the June 27th, 2024 priority date.
- If you plan to start the summer 2024 semester you will also need to file a FAFSA for the 2023-2024 academic year.

TFS will pay for a maximum of 32/64 credit hours of courses. Any coursework done through CCP or articulated credit will count against the 32/64 hours of credit. Books and fees are not covered by the TFS and are the responsibility of the student and /or family.

TFS recipients are required to maintain full-time status of 12-18 semester hours beginning the fall semester after high school graduation and enrollment must be continuous (fall-spring). TFS recipients must earn 30 semester hours per year. Summer semester and summer hours are dependent on fall/spring registration. TFS recipients must maintain a 2.75 cumulative GPA.

Students will have one year (beginning the summer or fall after high school graduation) in which to gain admission into any of the competitive health programs. If students do not gain admission, they will have two choices. Either—change to a non-health major or non-competitive health program that will allow them to go full-time (unless waived) and maintain the TFS **OR**—Stay in the same major and lose the TFS. Once the TFS is lost it will not be reinstated. Students who earn a certificate, such as LPN, can apply unused TFS funds toward a degree. LPNs must re-enroll within a year of graduation.

TFS students must enroll in classes that meet state and federal financial aid guidelines.

Application and Testing deadline — June 20, 2024
Acceptance deadline — June 27, 2024
FAFSA priority deadline — June 27, 2024
Any information requested by financial aid— July 11, 2024



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