

NC Patriot Star Family Scholarship Programs

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Patriot Foundation

Through scholarships, we support the educational goals of family members of fallen or disabled Veterans or injured service members and qualifying disabled Veterans.

\$9 MILLION

Given in educational scholarships

3000+

Scholarships given since 2003





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In 2020, Patriot Foundation and the North Carolina Legislature entered in a public/private partnership.

Allocations from the State allow Patriot Foundation to increase scholarship support of North Carolina military families attending North Carolina postsecondary institutions.

Patriot Foundation currently administers two scholarship programs using NC federal and state funds.



Scholarship Programs

NC Patriot Star Family RECOVERY Scholarship
NC Patriot STAR Family Scholarship

NC Patriot Star Family Recovery Scholarship Program

The Recovery Scholarship Program is funded through the American Rescue Plan with the goal of remediating the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. This federal program allocated monies to North Carolina, which in turn granted funds to Patriot Foundation. It is a need-based scholarship that includes specific household income requirements. This program will conclude December 2026.

NC Patriot Star Family Scholarship Program

The Star Scholarship program is funded annually through the NC Legislature and has the same eligibility criteria as the Recovery Program, except it does not have specific household income requirements.

NC Patriot Star Family Scholarship Programs

Eligibility Requirements

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Children and Spouses

- Attending or accepted to NC post-secondary school
- Resident of NC
 - or parent is active-duty permanently stationed in NC (for child only)
- Registered for Selective Service, if applicable
- Sponsoring service member meets one of the following residency criteria:
 - Resident of NC
 - Was a resident of NC at the time of entrance into service
 - Was permanently stationed in NC at the time of death
 - Active-duty permanently stationed in NC (for child only)
- Sponsoring service member meets following service criteria:
 - Killed in the line of duty
 - Died from service-connected injury or illness
 - Veteran living with a disability rating of 50% or greater
 - Active-duty service member incurred traumatic wounds or illness (for child only)
- Total household income less than 350% of the federal poverty level excluding Veteran Disability payments and related compensation (for Recovery Program only)



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Veteran

- Attending or accepted to NC post-secondary school
- Resident of NC
- Veteran living with a disability rating of 50% or greater
- Total household income less than 350% of the federal poverty level excluding Veteran Disability payments and related compensation (for Recovery Program only)

Scholarship Information

Scholarship Amounts

Scholarships are **up to \$5,000.00** per semester for the Recovery Program and **up to \$3,250.00** per semester for the Star Program.

Funds can be applied up to the **cost of attendance**. Students must have qualified expenses not already met by other grants, stipends, or scholarships.

Degree Eligibility

Scholarships can be applied towards **associate**, **bachelor's**, **graduate** and **doctoral** level programs.

Part-time students are eligible. Students must be at least half-time in their program of study.



Scholarship Information

Application Information

- Applicants will use a single application to apply for the two scholarship programs. The eligibility
 of the applicant will determine the scholarship program for which the applicant will be
 considered.
- Easy and secure online application through Submittable platform.
- Applicants will reapply each academic year. Goal is to follow students through their academic programs.

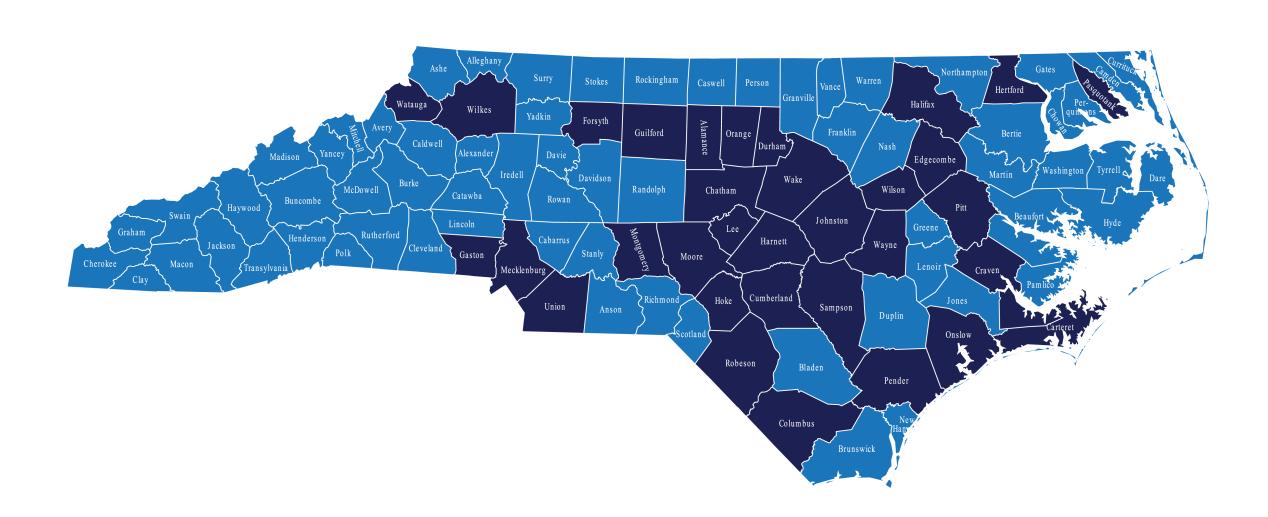
Application Deadlines

2023-2024 Application | April 1st - May 31st Spring 2024 Application | September 1st - October 31st



Scholarship Programs Impact

Recipients Represent 36 NC Counties



Recipients Represent 34 NC Institutions

Appalachian State University

Campbell University

Cape Fear Community College

Carteret Community College

Central Carolina Community College

Coastal Carolina Community
College

Craven Community College

Duke University

East Carolina University

ECPI-Charlotte

Elon University

Fayetteville State University

Fayetteville Technical Community
College

Guilford Technical Community College

High Point University

Hood Theological Seminary

Lees-McRae College

Manna University

Meredith College

Methodist University

NC A&T State University

NC Central University

NC State University

NC Wesleyan University

Sandhills Community College

UNC Chapel Hill

UNC Charlotte

UNC Greensboro

UNC Pembroke

UNC Wilmington

University of Mount Olive

Wayne Community College

Western Carolina University

Winston-Salem State University

"This scholarship means that there are genuine organizations in America that care about helping the families of wounded and disabled veterans...l believe this scholarship is a reassurance that veterans and their families are seen and heard... Receiving this scholarship would take an immense amount of pressure off of my family and prove that disabled veterans are still cared for and that **injured does not mean** insignificant."

Breonna T.
Fall 2022
NCPSFRSP Scholarship Recipient



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After stumbling off the ruck march of military life, this scholarship allows us to start our civilian life on a strong foundation.

ANDREA R. Scholarship Recipient





Let's Connect

Ways to learn more and get the word out:

- Assist with email and information distribution
- Schedule in-person or virtual meetings with staff and/or students
- Patriot Foundation representation at events/meetings

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