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January 12, 2018

Parents & Students:

Please read the information in this packet that explains the State Employees Credit Union "People Helping People" Scholarship Program. Beginning this year, a new procedure has been put in place for this scholarship. Each individual high school is no longer able to choose a candidate for this scholarship. Instead, candidates will be chosen by each individual district in North Carolina. LCPS has established a review committee that will conduct a blind review of submitted applications. Upon review, the top 3 candidates will be selected as district winners. In addition, 3 alternate candidates will be chosen in the event that the recipients are unable to accept the scholarship (receives full scholarship, declines the scholarship, chooses to attend a private or out of state university). **Completed applications (attached) and a resume need to be submitted to Mrs. Tyndall by Wednesday, February 28, 2018.** Interviews will be conducted on an as needed basis at the school level if necessary. If you are interested in this scholarship, you will need to adhere to these deadlines. This is a highly competitive scholarship, so I would encourage you to do your best!

The resume should include activities and honors during high school years. Be sure to include athletic, academic, and community activities and honors. Be very specific about your involvement.

Since this is a scholarship entitled "People Helping People", the scholarship requires that you complete at least a one-page essay. The essay should include how you, the student, has demonstrated leadership, excellent character, and integrity in school and in the community.

**DUE: February 28, 2018 to Mrs. Tyndall (Information must be submitted by the conclusion of the school day – 3 p.m. – late applications will not be accepted).**

**SLHS will submit applications to Central Office by Friday, March 16. The district will review candidates Tuesday, March 20.**

**\*The top 3 candidates chosen for this scholarship will not be notified until their school's Awards Day ceremony.**

Members of State Employees' Credit Union (SECU) established the *People Helping People* four-year scholarship program to help North Carolina public high school students attend college. SECU Foundation takes an active role in assisting communities across North Carolina and truly believes in "People Helping People!" Each of the 115 North Carolina Local Education Agencies (LEAs)/School Districts will receive a minimum of one scholarship for a senior to attend one of the 16 constituent campuses of the University of North Carolina System. Although the SECU Scholarship program wishes to recognize academic achievement, the *People Helping People* Scholarship has a much broader purpose; recognizing leadership, integrity and community involvement.

The SECU *People Helping People* Scholarship is only available to graduating public high school seniors who are either members of SECU or the child of a parent/guardian who is a member of SECU. Preference will be given to students whose parents or guardians and family members are public sector employees (state, local or federal government; public health; public education) who live and work in North Carolina. Additionally, preference will be given to those majoring in public service degree programs (such as Public Health, Education, Public Administration, and Public Policy). Scholarship recipients in good academic standing will be able to receive the scholarship up to a maximum of eight (8) consecutive semesters at the same university. Students selected should not be the recipient of other large scholarships.

We require all applicants to follow the formal application process set by the SECU Foundation. All graduating seniors meeting the stated criteria will be eligible for consideration. The criteria have been designed to give the Scholarship Selection Committee flexibility in awarding the scholarship. The committee will recognize an individual in the senior graduating class deserving of an opportunity to attend college and will select recipient(s) without regard to race, sex, color, creed, religious preference, age, national origin or disability. The Scholarship Selection Committee will use the following criteria to award the SECU Foundation *People Helping People* Scholarship to a recipient who:

1. Is either an SECU member or is eligible for membership through a parent/guardian.
2. Is a senior at a North Carolina public high school who has been accepted to one of the 16 constituent campuses of the University of North Carolina System.
3. Is a US citizen and a resident of North Carolina under NCGS 116-143.1, and is eligible for in-state tuition.
4. Identifies a financial need as determined by submission of a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
5. Best exemplifies the "People Helping People" philosophy of State Employees' Credit Union, and has demonstrated leadership, excellence of character, integrity, and community involvement.
6. Demonstrates scholastic achievement with a maintained 2.5 or higher unweighted grade point average on a 4.0 scale, and may be deserving of financial aid.
7. Will use the scholarship to pay for full-time *undergraduate* student tuition and fees.
8. Agrees to continue as a full-time student in good standing with the same university for up to eight (8) consecutive fall/spring semesters payable at \$1,250 per semester. Scholarships are not transferable without prior approval of SECU Foundation.
  - a. A written appeal for transfer must be made to the SECU Foundation prior to transfer.
  - b. No transfers will be allowed to a university outside of the UNC System.
  - c. Any gap in active enrollment will result in non-eligibility for funding for each semester missed.
9. Is not a Board Director, employee, or immediate family member of an employee of State Employees' Credit Union or the SECU Foundation. (*Note: For the purpose of this scholarship program, immediate family is defined as spouse, parents, siblings and children of an employee or persons living in the same residence and maintaining a single economic unit.*)

The decision of the Scholarship Selection Committee will be **final** if all requirements have been met.

Each SECU Foundation Scholarship recipient must receive a copy of the Eligibility Requirements.

The LEA Scholarship Selection Committee will ensure the required information below has been received for each recipient and submit the information to the SECU Foundation no later than **March 29, 2018** for confirmation of eligibility:

- **Completed Student Application and Essay. This document must be sent as a Word Document only. The document is macro enabled to allow SECU Foundation to import student data into our database directly. Please do not send this document as a PDF or Google Doc.**
- Copy of University Acceptance Letter
- Photo of Student (head shot only)
- A Brief Bio Written by Student with Accomplishments and Awards noted
- Written LEA Scholarship Selection Committee Statement, signed by all committee members verifying the recipient(s)
- Signed Consent Form. Each recipient of the scholarship and their parent/guardian must sign the Consent Form to release their names and images for press releases to the local news media as well as within State Employee's Credit Union and the SECU Foundation. In addition, both parents and student will be asked to submit their social security numbers on this Consent Form, to verify eligibility as an SECU member

The LEA Scholarship Selection Committee will advise SECU Foundation of the dates and times of the awards ceremony so that a representative of the local State Employees' Credit Union office and an SECU Advisory Board member may be in attendance to present a letter of award to the recipient at the high school awards day or recognition ceremony.

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Students  
need to  
submit  
the  
following:

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2018

## Application for High School Scholarship Program

Please complete all information on this form. Application must be returned as a Word document only.

Personal Information		
First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Social Security Number		
Home Street Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Telephone # (Include Area Code)		
Gender: (Male/Female)		
Choose an item		
Race/Ethnicity:		
Choose an item		
GPA - Weighted		
GPA - Unweighted		
Permanent E-mail		
Have you submitted your FAFSA?	Choose an item	
Demonstrated Financial Need?	Choose an item	
If your parent/ guardian works in the public sector field, which area?		
Are you a first generation university student?	Choose an item	
Do you have additional immediate family members in college currently? If so, please list how many.	Choose an item	
Please choose all applicable financing methods you are using to pursue your education:	<input type="checkbox"/> College Work Study	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Assistance
	<input type="checkbox"/> Full Time Work	<input type="checkbox"/> Part-Time Work
	<input type="checkbox"/> Loan	<input type="checkbox"/> Pell Grant
	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Savings	<input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Membership Information		
<i>In order to be eligible for the SECU "People Helping People" scholarship, you must either be an SECU member or be eligible for membership through a parent/guardian. Please note, you will be required to provide proof of eligibility if you are selected as a recipient.</i>		
Are you currently a member of SECU? Choose an item	If you are not currently a member of SECU, but are eligible for membership, please list how you are eligible: Choose an item	
University Information		
University Attending (Attach Acceptance Letter)		
Choose an item		
Intended Major		
High School Information		
High School Name		Is School an Early College or Cooperative Innovative School? (Check Box if yes) <input type="checkbox"/>
High School Street Address		
City	State	Zip Code
NC		
Contact Person for High School		
Contact Person E-mail		
Date of Awards Ceremony	Time of Awards Ceremony	
Location of Awards Ceremony		

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ESSAY

The purpose of the "People Helping People" Scholarship is to recognize leadership, integrity and community involvement in addition to academic achievement.

How have you contributed to your community (community projects, mission work, or volunteerism)? Please give examples identifying type and length of service. Explain how these activities were significant opportunities for you.

*Use the blank field on this page to complete your response.*

# SECU Foundation

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

High School Scholarship Program  
for North Carolina Public Schools

## Consent Form

The SECU Foundation and the State Employees' Credit Union may use photographs, slides, videos, or illustrations of students in newsletters or publications produced by the State Employees' Credit Union, in slide presentations, videos, and/or web sites about the scholarships, by the news media in any SECU Foundation news coverage, in video productions aired on television produced by the State Employees' Credit Union, and in other similar forms of communication. Local media (TV, newspaper, radio stations) frequently want to interview students to add a personal touch to stories. Students' comments may be used in newspapers or broadcast on radio or TV.

\_\_\_\_\_ I give permission to the SECU Foundation, State Employees' Credit Union or the news media to use photographs, slides, videos, illustrations, or interviews of my child. Further, I authorize their use without inspecting or approving the finished product or its specific use.

\_\_\_\_\_ I acknowledge the "People Helping People" Scholarship is *not* transferable.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have received or reviewed a copy of the Eligibility Criteria (available on the SECU Foundation website at [www.ncsecufoundation.org](http://www.ncsecufoundation.org)).

\_\_\_\_\_ I am eligible for the "People Helping People" Scholarship, as my parents/guardians are not employees of the State Employees' Credit Union or serve on the Board of Directors.

Last four of Student's Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please Print*

**Signature of Student:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parents/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please Print*

**Signature of Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Street address, city, state, zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this completed and signed form with other requested documents.**