



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
Dr. R. Scott Ralls, President

GOLDEN LEAF SCHOLARS PROGRAM

We are pleased to announce that the Golden LEAF Foundation has funded the **Golden LEAF Scholars Program – Two-Year Colleges** for spring and summer of 2011. This program will provide grants of up to \$750 during the spring term for curriculum degree seeking students and up to \$250 for occupational education students to be applied toward their tuition, registration fees, and related expenses at the community college where they are enrolled. Scholarships will be need and merit based and awarded on a **first-come, first-serve basis**.

Application deadline FEBRUARY 4, 2011.

To be eligible, a community college student must:

- Be a permanent resident of one of the 78 eligible counties as designated by the Golden LEAF Foundation. (Attachment I)
- Show financial need. All students will be required to disclose other financial aid awards in order for funding to meet the needs of the broad population of students.
 - Curriculum students should demonstrate a need based on FAFSA information.
 - Occupational Extension students should demonstrate a need under federal TRIO formula. (Attachment II) This criterion will be used so occupational education students will not need to file a Free Application for Federal Student Assistance (FAFSA).
- Degree seeking students must be enrolled half-time for a full award. Less than half-time students may be considered pending the availability of funds.

Finalists meeting all the eligibility criteria will undergo a separate “merit” competition. Selection is based on:

- The effect of the declining economy on his or her family
- Academic record
- Overall evaluation of the application
- Leadership and community service