








January, 2017


Dear Cape Fear High School Senior,

The "People Helping People" high school scholarship program will provide one (1) four-year scholarship to a graduating senior from each of the North Carolina traditional public high schools. This scholarship is valued at \$10,000 and is intended for a student to attend one of the 16 constituent campuses of the University of North Carolina. A runner up will also be named in the event that the named recipient is unable to accept the scholarship.

All graduating seniors meeting the stated criteria will be eligible for consideration. Cape Fear High School's local scholarship selection committee will recognize the individual in the senior graduating class most deserving of an opportunity to attend college. The decision of the Scholarship Selection Committee will be FINAL.

Although the SECU Scholarship Program wishes to recognize academic achievement, the "People Helping People" scholarship has a much broader purpose; recognizing leadership, excellence of character, integrity and community involvement. The recipient will be selected 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 "People Helping People" Scholarship to a recipient who:

-  Is a senior who has been accepted to one of the 16 constituent campuses of the University of North Carolina.
-  Is a US citizen and a resident of North Carolina, and is eligible for in-state tuition.
-  Demonstrates a financial need as determined by submission of a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
-  Best exemplifies the membership philosophy of credit unions, "People Helping People" and has demonstrated leadership, excellence of character, integrity, and community involvement.
-  Demonstrates scholastic achievement with a maintained 2.5 or higher grade point average on a 4.0 scale, and may be deserving of financial aid.
-  Will use the scholarship to pay for full-time undergraduate student tuition.
-  Agrees to continue as a full-time student in good standing with the same university for up to eight consecutive fall/spring semesters.

 Is not a Director, employee, or family member of an employee of the State Employees' Credit Union or the SECU Foundation. Preference will be given to a student whose parent(s) are public sector employees who live and work in NC.

**Cape Fear High School's application deadline is Thursday, April 13, 2017
at 4 pm.**

Application Procedures

Please gather and turn in the following information:

- ① Fill out a type-written 2016-2017 Student Information Packet (5 pages) found at Senior Space on our School's website: cfhs.ccs.k12.nc.us/seniorspace/
- ② Submit acceptance letters from any of the 16 constituent campuses of the University of North Carolina.
- ③ Submit ONE letter of recommendation from a non-family member who can comment on how you possess the qualities of "People Helping People" as demonstrated by leadership, excellence of character, integrity, and community involvement.
- ④ On a separate piece of paper, please provide a typed personal statement about yourself and how you possess the qualities of "People Helping People" as demonstrated by leadership, excellence of character, integrity, and community involvement.

This is due to Mrs. Hollingsworth in guidance by April 13, 2017 at 4 pm.

For additional information, please visit:
<http://www.ncsecufoundation.org/Scholarships.html>

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