SANFORD E. HARPER ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Sanford E. Harper was the father of Nashville State's President Dr. Shanna L. Jackson. When he passed in July 2020, the Nashville State Community College Board of Trustees started a fund to honor his memory. The fund has been expanded through the support of President Jackson and her mother Carol Harper to endow the Sanford E. Harper Scholarship. This scholarship was created to expand access to higher education, and provide flexible financial support to first-generation students pursuing an Associate of Applied Degree in Business.

Recipients may be awarded up to $1,500 per academic year, depending on available funding.

To be considered, you must submit the NSCC Financial Aid and Scholarship Form via your myNSCC portal by June 30th each year. Early submission is strongly encouraged.

To be considered for this scholarship, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the verification process.
- Must be a first-generation student.
- Must be pursuing an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Business.
- Must be enrolled in a minimum of six credit hours.
- Must have and maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0.
- Applicants must submit a 250-word essay describing how being a first-generation college student has shaped your educational journey, goals, and aspirations. Share any challenges you have overcome and explain how earning a degree will impact your future, your family, and your community. Essays should be emailed to Ryan Parker at ryan.parker@nscc.edu in a pdf format.
- Must be in good academic standing and meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements as defined by federal Title IV programs.

To remain eligible for continued scholarship support, students must continue to meet the initial criteria and also:

- Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.
- Successfully complete at least six credit hours each semester to qualify for disbursement in the following term.
- Re-enroll in a minimum of six credit hours for the upcoming semester.

Applicable maintenance fee/tuition refunds will be credited to the scholarship except in cases when the student is also receiving federal Title IV benefits and totally withdraws. In such cases, the refund is credited back to the appropriate program(s) according to the NSCC "Return of Title IV Funds" Policy.