

# General Scholarship Information

Scholarships at most institutions are comprised of three simple steps: researching, applying and awarding. Students should consider following these steps, paying close attention to dates and deadlines and always ask questions. Below is a calendar that indicates the important months in the scholarship process. Further, to aid in the scholarship search process, this document contains information about freshman and transfer student scholarships by type, and applicable criteria and due dates.

- 1) **Researching: September – December**  
*Students should be researching and looking for scholarships.*
- 2) **Applying: November – February**  
*Applications become available to apply for scholarships.*
- 3) **Awarding: February – May**

## Freshman and Transfer Student Scholarships at NC A&T State University

**Freshman Scholarships** - Incoming freshmen are automatically considered for scholarships once admitted to North Carolina A&T State University. In some cases, where indicated, individual scholarships will require a separate application. The freshman scholarships listed below are available to new students, enrolling in a degree seeking program and pursuing their first bachelor's degree. All students are encouraged to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for full consideration of all types of financial aid.

### Full Ride Scholarships:

#### *National Alumni Association Scholarship*

The National Alumni Scholarship recognizes exceptional academic talent and ability. This scholarship represents the Alumni Association's pledge to assist the university in attracting quality students. This award covers full tuition, related fees, room, board and books renewable for four (4) years as long as the students meet the yearly requirements.

#### Criteria:

- Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA (weighted)
- Minimum 1000 SAT (verbal and math only) or 22 ACT score
- One (1) page autobiography
- Three (3) letters of recommendation

**Applications are available beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>. Deadline to apply is January 15<sup>th</sup>.**

#### *Lewis and Elizabeth Dowdy Scholarship*

The Lewis and Elizabeth Dowdy Scholars Program is a preeminent scholarship awarded to entering freshmen who have shown excellence in academics and scholarly leadership during their high school matriculation. Recipients of this award will receive a 4 year renewable scholarship which includes tuition and related fees, room and board contingent upon meeting renewal requirements each year.

#### Criteria:

- Minimum 3.75 cumulative GPA (weighted)
- Minimum 1200 SAT (verbal and math only) or 26 ACT score

- One (1) page essay (topic identified in application)
- Two (2) letters of recommendation

**Applications are available beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>. Deadline to apply is January 15<sup>th</sup>.**

## Freshman and Transfer Student Endowment Scholarships

Endowment scholarships are privately donated funds that are given to North Carolina A&T students each year from private gifts made by individuals, groups or companies. To be considered for these scholarships, you should complete the Endowment Scholarship Application. Please review the criteria for each award as the processes will vary. Only one application is necessary to apply for the majority of these scholarships. Where indicated separate applications may be required. First priority is given to applications received by **March 1<sup>st</sup>.**

## Criteria for ISE Freshman and Transfer Student Endowment Scholarships:

The criteria for ISE freshmen and transfer students are usually established by the respective endowment committee. Generally, freshmen should have outstanding academic achievements, community service, and financial need. Transfer students should review the criteria of each in order to determine their eligibility. Below are applicable freshman and transfer student endowment scholarships:

### Freshmen:

- 1) **Steve Sessoms, Jr. Scholarship;**
- 2) **Comer-Dunn Scholarship**

### Transfer Students:

- 1) **Freelon Group Architects Endowed Scholarship Fund;**
- 2) **Myers Family and Dominion Resources Endowed Scholarship;**
- 3) **Emerson and Vernita Fullwood Endowed Scholarship;**
- 4) **Ricky A. and Henry W. Parker Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund;**
- 5) **Sam and Gwendolyn Harrison Family Endowed Scholarship Fund**

Applications for freshmen and transfer students can be found on the:

- Financial aid website:  
<http://www.ncat.edu/admissions/financial-aid/aid/scholarships/college-engin-schl.html>
- <http://www.ncat.edu/admissions/financial-aid/aid/scholarships/college-engin-schl.html>
- ISE website under the Prospective Student section:  
<http://www.ncat.edu/academics/schools-colleges1/coe/ise/prospectives/index.html>.

**NCAT Chapter Alumni Scholarships** are funded by contributions from North Carolina A&T Alumni Association Chapters nationwide, these scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic performance, involvement, and leadership skills with the additional criterion of geographic location. Chapter scholars must be residents of the geographical area served by the chapter. The selection criteria and value of scholarships vary from chapter to chapter. Applications are generally available to incoming freshmen; however students should inquire directly to the local Alumni Chapter for additional details.

- Baltimore Alumni Scholarship Application Deadline: April 30, of every year.
- Twin City Alumni Chapter Scholarship Deadline: June 30, of every year.

**Outside Scholarships** - Many organizations outside the University award scholarships each year to assist students in funding their education. The list below is external scholarships primarily for incoming freshmen. Please follow this link for a list of additional outside scholarships available to students <http://www.ncat.edu/admissions/financial-aid/aid/scholarships/college-engin-schl.html>.

- Gates Millennium Scholars Program
- Buick Achievers Scholarship Program
- Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation
- Burger King Scholars Program
- Jackie Robinson Foundation
- Blacks at Microsoft Scholarship
- SECU Foundation (*NC Residents only*)
- USDA - 1890 National Scholars Program

**Merit Scholarships** - Merit awards are based solely on academic achievement as reflected within the student's admissions application. It is highly suggested that students apply for early admissions to be considered for merit based funding. The application for admission to the university serves as the application for merit scholarships; therefore a separate application is not required.

## New Student Scholarships in Industrial and Systems Engineering (ISE)

The ISE department offers two types of scholarships for new students and transfers (research-based or funded scholarship).

**Undergraduate Research Assistant Positions** – These scholarships are research-based in which students are paired

with participating ISE faculty. Research positions are for incoming freshmen and new transfer students only. The number of research positions varies per academic year; therefore, allocations are made on a first-come-first-serve basis. Research assistants earn \$10 per hour, work 10 hours per week, and can work up to 16 weeks per semester (certain stipulations may apply, such as when and how the student will be paid (bi-weekly or monthly, which depends on agency guidelines). Additional paperwork may also be required).

**\*Eligibility Criteria – New freshmen:** high school GPA of 3.0 or higher, MATH SAT / ACT of 490 or higher / 19 or higher; TOTAL SAT/Composite ACT: 900 to 1000 or higher/ 19 to 21 or higher. **New transfer students:** Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher and an earned grade of 'C' or higher in Calculus-I (or departmental discretion).

**Participating Faculty** – Students will be provided a list of participating faculty and a synopsis of their respective research areas from which to select a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice.

**Scholarships** – Depending on the availability of funds, freshmen and transfer students that are eligible to work as a research assistant and choose not to do so will be awarded a scholarship. Scholarship amounts can range from \$300 to \$2000 for the academic year, and are payable in two equal installments (half for the fall semester and half for the spring semester; certain stipulations may apply).

**Eligibility Criteria – Same as above\***

**Applications** – Interested students should submit an application for either a research assistant position or an ISE scholarship (not both).

**Applications are available beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>. Deadline to apply is May 31<sup>st</sup>.**

- Request an application by email: [vinson@ncat.edu](mailto:vinson@ncat.edu)
- Financial Aid website:  
<http://www.ncat.edu/admissions/financial-aid/aid/scholarships/college-engin-schl.html>
- The ISE website under the Prospective Student section: <http://www.ncat.edu/academics/schools-colleges1/coe/ise/prospectives/index.html>.

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