

## Scholarship Rules and Selection Criteria

### I. Eligible Degrees:

Scholarship applicants must be enrolled in, or be seeking enrollment in, one of the following courses of study:

1. Bachelor of Science in Surveying
2. Bachelor of Science in Geomatics
3. Associate of Applied Science in Surveying Technology
4. Any degree with a major or curriculum that is substantially the same as those listed.

### II. Applicant Eligibility Requirements:

Scholarship applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. The applicant must have been a legal resident of the State of North Carolina for the previous twelve months or reside in North Carolina and be enrolled in a College or a University located in North Carolina.
2. The applicant must demonstrate a genuine interest in Land Surveying in the State of North Carolina as a profession. This interest may be demonstrated by:
  - a. Successful completion of one academic semester or quarter of college in any of the majors or curriculums listed in I above
  - b. Work in the field of Land Surveying
  - c. Completion an internship in a Land Surveying firm
  - d. Completion other classes in Land Surveying
  - e. Attendance at Surveying Camp at an educational institution that has a curriculum in Land Surveying
  - f. Competition in the high school Trig Star competition
  - g. Attendance at meetings of the North Carolina Society of Surveyors
  - h. Other activities similar to those listed may be submitted to demonstrate interest.
3. The applicant must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or better, based on a scale of 4.0. For college students who have completed at least two college courses, the college grade point average applies. For high school students and college students who have not completed two college courses, the high school grade point average applies.

### III. Required Application:

The Foundation normally will award all scholarships during the priority award period. Complete applications must be received by **March 15** to be considered for this priority

period. If all available scholarships are not awarded during the priority period, applications received by September 1 may be considered during a secondary award period. A complete application includes:

1. A NCSS Education Foundation Scholarship application.
2. A Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application. This application is required for the applicant's financial need to be considered. It is optional for applicants who do not desire to have their finances considered.
3. A written statement of your goals, ambitions, interests in Land Surveying and specific intentions upon graduation.
4. A written statement of your previous experience in or association with the Land Surveying profession. Include any of the items listed in II-2 above that are relevant.
5. Certified transcripts from each educational institution listed on the NCSS Education Foundation Scholarship application. The transcript must be mailed directly from the institution, and should not be included in the application package.
6. Recommendations from teachers or Professional Land Surveyors. These must be mailed directly from the recommending person to the Foundation, and should not be included in the application package.

IV. Scholarship Awards:

1. The NCSS Education Foundation will evaluate the applications received by the priority deadline. The Foundation's Board of Directors may award as many scholarships during this period as their discretion dictates.
2. Scholarships for full-time students in a four year program may be up to \$2,500 for a school year. Scholarships for students in a two year program may be up to \$1,000 for a school year. Lesser awards for part-time students may be considered.
3. The scholarship amount awarded may not exceed the amount of tuition, fees, books, room and board, minus the amount of other scholarship awards the applicant has accepted.
4. The NCSS Education Foundation may evaluate the applications received by the secondary deadline if, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, the number of scholarships awarded during the priority period does not exhaust the available funding.

5. The NCSS Education Foundation will evaluate the applications on the applicant's grades, degree of demonstrated interest in Land Surveying, recommendations, financial need, and whether the applicant would diversify the Land Surveying profession. The Foundation will use its discretion on the weight to be given to each of these areas in evaluating each application.
6. The NCSS Education Foundation will notify all applicants of the final status of their application.

V. Eligibility Verification:

The NCSS Education Foundation must receive the following:

1. A transcript which includes the school term just completed. The transcript must be mailed directly from the institution. For high school students, this would be the final transcript, and it must show the recipient graduated. The transcript must show the GPA specified in II-3 has been maintained.
2. Verification of enrollment in an eligible program at an eligible institution.
3. A statement from the recipient of other scholarships or grants accepted. If the amount of the NCSS Education Scholarship plus the amount of the other scholarships exceeds the amount specified in IV-3, the amount of the NCSS Education Scholarship will be reduced.
4. A request from the recipient for the funds. The NCSS Education Foundation will write the check payable to the institution, and mail it to the institution at the address the recipient provides. The letter to the institution will state that the student must maintain a 2.5 GPA and the academic load described in the application for the entire school year.