



2025 SPRING STUDENT MEMBER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET

At the heart of NCEDA's and the NCEDA Foundation's mission is professional development, recognizing that ongoing education is essential for the career growth of practitioners at every stage. The NCEDA Foundation is pleased to offer the following new scholarships NCEDA's student members to enhance access to professional development opportunities and help them learn more about North Carolina's economic development community:

- **NEW! *Student Member Basic Economic Development Course Scholarship***, which pays \$700 for tuition, plus reimbursement for all travel, lodging, meal, and ancillary expenses, to attend the one-week Basic Economic Development Course held annually at UNC Chapel Hill. Two scholarships will be offered.
Estimated Value per Scholarship: \$1,600 (tuition + additional expenses)
- **NEW! *Student Member NCEDA Annual Conference Scholarship***, which pays for conference registration, plus reimbursement for all travel, lodging, meal, and ancillary expenses, to attend NCEDA's 2025 Annual Conference, June 11-13, in Wilmington, NC. Two scholarships will be offered.
Estimated Value per Scholarship: \$800 (registration + additional expenses)

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

NEW! *Student Member Basic Economic Development Course Scholarship*

This new scholarship provides the full tuition, and all other expenses associated with the Basic Economic Development Course offered at UNC Chapel Hill, a four-day program held each summer for two NCEDA student members. Accredited by the International Economic Development Council (IEDC), the Basic Course supports professionals in the early stages of their careers and is the first required course for those considering certification through the IEDC or the NC Certified Economic Developer program. Topics include economic development tools for attraction, expansion, marketing, finance, and management. Presenters include academics, site selection consultants and seasoned professionals in the economic development field. Course participants meet others from throughout the state and country, building invaluable contacts and forming lasting relationships. The 2025 BEDC is scheduled for July 28 –31 in Chapel Hill. Click [HERE](#) for more details.

NCEDA dispenses scholarship funds as a reimbursement pending proof of payment in the form of a direct receipt from UNC Chapel Hill and receipts for all travel, lodging, meal, and ancillary expenses. The lodging reimbursement rate may be no more than the group rate at the base hotel coordinated by the program.

NEW! *Student Member NCEDA Annual Conference Scholarship*

This new scholarship provides the registration fee, and all other expenses associated with NCEDA's 2025 Annual Conference for two NCEDA student members. Annual Conference attendees meet others from throughout the state and country, building invaluable contacts and forming lasting relationships. The 2025 Annual Conference will be held June 11-13 in Wilmington. Click [HERE](#) for more details.

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NCEDA SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA AND SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

NCEDA scholarships are intended to support professional and educational advancement by removing financial barriers to accessing professional development opportunities. The primary criteria for selection will be demonstrated financial need, with some focus on distressed areas in North Carolina, followed by a demonstrated strong desire for learning more about the profession to foster a successful career in economic development. A third element will be the presentation of the application itself. **ALL INFORMATION SUBMITTED IS CONFIDENTIAL.** The following information may help you in developing your application:

- Successful applicants will demonstrate a strong interest in learning more about economic development and pursuing a career in the field. Demonstrate convincingly your interest in a career path in the profession and how the program for which you are applying will help you pursue your career goals.
- Economic developers make their living making presentations. Consider this application exercise good practice. Is the information complete and easy to read? Is it well organized and attractively and creatively formatted? Most importantly, does it effectively tell your story? Supporting documentation or letters of recommendation are helpful.

Criteria

- Applicants **must be student members of NCEDA** for duration of the program.
- Recipients must be committed to complete all course work.

Submission Instructions

Submit application package as an electronic file to liz@nceda.org. **Applications are due on or before 5 pm on Friday, February 14.** Please contact Liz at 888.246.2332 with any questions or if you do not receive confirmation of receipt. The 2025 NCEDA Foundation Spring scholarship recipient(s) will be announced at the 2025 Spring Conference on Tuesday, March 4 in Pinehurst.



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Applicants may apply for more than one scholarship. However, candidates are not eligible to receive more than one scholarship in each cycle. Select the scholarship(s) for which you are submitting:

Student Member **Basic Economic Development Course Scholarship** (Open to all NCEDA student members.)

Student Member **Annual Conference Scholarship** (Open to all NCEDA student members.)

Applicant Information

Name: _____

College / University: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Educational Information

Undergrad or Graduate Student?: _____ Est. Graduation Date: _____

Graduate Program (if applicable): _____

List any extra-curricular activities, club memberships, awards, etc.:

Please provide the following additional information:

Share educational information and any prior employment history if applicable (attach resume)

State your case. What benefits do you hope to derive from attending the course/program of the scholarship for which you are applying? (attach separate sheet)

Applicant Certification

Applicant is a student at a North Carolina college or university; is a current student member of NCEDA; and will complete course if selected.

Required Applicant Signature: _____

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