Financial Aid: Scholarships at NOVA

What is a scholarship?
A scholarship is a type of financial aid that does not need to be repaid. Scholarships are competitive, have various requirements, and can be based on financial need and/or merit. You may apply for scholarships offered to NOVA students through the NVCC Educational Foundation and/or apply for external scholarships.

How do I apply for NOVA scholarships?
Apply for scholarships funded by the NVCC Educational Foundation online at: www.nvcc.edu/financialaid > Scholarships

Applications are typically accepted early in the spring semester for the upcoming academic year and in the fall semester for the current academic year.

One general scholarship application can be submitted online to apply for multiple NOVA scholarships. You will need to enter your VCCS email address to submit a scholarship application; you must be admitted to NOVA before trying to apply for NOVA scholarships.

Where can I find external scholarships?

- **Your High School** – Check with the Counseling Office or College Center at your high school.
- **Your Employer** – Employers may offer tuition assistance for their employees and their children.
- **Local Businesses** – Your local Chamber of Commerce may be able to provide a list of businesses.
- **Religious Organizations** – Religious groups often provide scholarships for their members.
- **Other Local Clubs and Organizations** – Rotary Clubs, fraternal orders, women’s clubs, and other non-profit organizations may offer scholarships to members of the community.
- **State Department of Education** – Contact your State Department of Education about scholarships and grants for state residents.
  - Virginia residents should visit: www.schev.edu > Tuition & Aid > Financial Aid

Remember: 1) Report all external scholarships to NOVA’s Financial Aid Office. 2) Never pay for financial aid or a scholarship search. Help is available for FREE!

How can I apply for other types of financial aid?
Scholarships are just one type of aid. To be considered for grants, loans, and work-study opportunities, we strongly encourage you to apply for federal student aid by completing the following steps:

1) Students (and parents of dependent students) create a FSA ID.
2) Complete the FAFSA at FAFSA.GOV with NOVA’s school code (003727); reapply each year.
3) Check your myNOVA To Do List and promptly submit requested items to NOVA Financial Aid.

Will receiving a scholarship affect my eligibility for other types of aid?
More often than not, receiving a scholarship does not affect other offered awards. However, a student’s aid package cannot exceed the estimated cost of attendance, and the amount of need-based aid cannot exceed the amount of demonstrated need when a scholarship is received. Awards will be adjusted in accordance with applicable policies only as necessary and always in the best interest of the student.
Financial Aid: External Scholarship Guidelines

If you were offered a scholarship from an outside source and wish to have the award applied toward your NOVA account, please note the following guidelines:

1. Carefully read the scholarship letter from the sponsoring organization or donor to learn the requirements for your scholarship, and make a copy of the scholarship letter for your records.

2. Submit the scholarship letter to a NOVA campus Financial Aid Office or mail it to the Scholarship Coordinator at the address provided below at least six weeks before the semester begins to ensure receipt of the letter prior to the payment deadline.

   **Students must pay their tuition bills in full or show adequate financial aid and scholarships to cover their total bills by the payment deadline each semester to prevent their classes from potentially being dropped.**

   A positive hold may be placed on your account to prevent enrollment cancellation for nonpayment if the scholarship and any other anticipated aid are enough to cover your tuition.

3. Complete the admission process for NOVA, declare a major at a Student Services Center if you did not do so when applying for admission, and register for classes.

   **Scholarships cannot be processed until you are admitted to NOVA, and some scholarship donors require NOVA to bill them after students register for classes.**

4. Make sure the scholarship sponsor sends all scholarship checks to:

   **Scholarship Coordinator**  
   **College Financial Aid Office, Box 135**  
   **8333 Little River Turnpike**  
   **Annandale, VA 22003-3743**

   **Scholarship checks must be received at least one week before classes begin or you must pay any remaining tuition balance out-of-pocket.** As long as you remain eligible, you will be reimbursed for any scholarship amounts that are received after your bill is paid.

   When a scholarship check is received and processed, it will be posted on your myNOVA account under “View Financial Aid.”

Questions? Call the **24 Hour Student Support Center** at 1-855-323-3199 or visit one of the Campus Financial Aid Offices:

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| Alexandria Campus    | Bisdorf Building, Room 148 5000 Dawes Avenue  
                        | Alexandria, VA 22311-5097                     | 703-323-3199    |
| Annandale Campus     | CA Building, Room 113 8333 Little River Turnpike  
                        | Annandale, VA 22003-3743                      | 703-323-3199    |
| Loudoun Campus       | LR Building, Room 249 21200 Campus Drive  
                        | Sterling, VA 20164-8699                       | 703-323-3199    |
| Manassas Campus      | Student Services Center, MH 110  
                        | 10950 Campus Drive  
                        | Manassas, VA 20109-2399                       | 703-323-3199    |
| Medical Education Campus | Student Services Center, HE 202  
                        | 6699 Springfield Center Drive  
                        | Springfield, VA 22150-1913                    | 703-323-3199    |
| Woodbridge Campus    | Student Services Center, WC 229  
                        | 2645 College Drive  
                        | Woodbridge, VA 22191-4099                     | 703-323-3199    |