



Qualifying Counties

2026-2027 Community Colleges Scholarship

Alamance	Franklin	Pasquotank
Alexander	Gaston	Pender
Alleghany	Gates	Perquimans
Anson	Graham	Person
Ashe	Granville	Pitt
Avery	Greene	Polk
Beaufort	Halifax	Randolph
Bertie	Harnett	Richmond
Bladen	Haywood	Robeson
Brunswick	Henderson	Rockingham
Buncombe	Hertford	Rowan
Burke	Hoke	Rutherford
Cabarrus	Hyde	Sampson
Caldwell	Iredell	Scotland
Camden	Jackson	Stanly
Carteret	Johnston	Stokes
Caswell	Jones	Surry
Catawba	Lee	Swain
Chatham	Lenoir	Transylvania
Cherokee	Lincoln	Tyrrell
Chowan	Macon	Union
Clay	Madison	Vance
Cleveland	Martin	Warren
Columbus	McDowell	Washington
Craven	Mitchell	Watauga
Cumberland	Montgomery	Wayne
Currituck	Moore	Wilkes
Dare	Nash	Wilson
Davidson	Northampton	Yadkin
Davie	Onslow	Yancey
Duplin	Orange	
Edgecombe	Pamlico	

This list is effective for new scholarships awarded on or after August 1, 2026. Scholarships are limited to students who demonstrate financial need and reside in the qualifying counties listed. A scholarship recipient who resides in a qualifying county upon initial award (including awards made prior to August 1, 2026), will retain eligibility and will be eligible for renewal awards if the student's place of residence is within the state of North Carolina and other scholarship eligibility criteria are met. The Golden LEAF Foundation reserves the right to alter the list and policies.