

Georgia Northwestern Technical College

AwardSpring Online Scholarship Program Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who can apply for Georgia Northwestern Technical College (GNTC) Foundation Scholarships?

You must be an incoming or current GNTC student to apply for the GNTC Foundation scholarships.

2. How do I apply for scholarships?

The entire application process takes place online using the AwardSpring scholarship program. Below is a brief summary of the application process:

- a) Review the “Helpful Tips Before You Apply” to get an understanding of the required materials and information.
- b) Go to [AwardSpring](#) and follow the instructions to register as a user. Once registered, you can login and out as many times as you need to complete your application.
- c) Provide the information requested on each section of the application, including basic personal information and academic information. Your answers are very important and help AwardSpring match you to the right scholarships.
- d) Be sure to read all answer options before choosing one.
- e) When you get to the Letter of Recommendation section, please read the instructions carefully. As a reminder, you will need one letter of recommendation to complete your application.
- f) Once the letter has been uploaded to your application and you have completed the application, be sure to hit the “Submit Application” button.

3. How many scholarships can I apply for?

There is no limit to the number of scholarships you can apply for. The application wizard will match you to the scholarships for which you are qualified.

4. How do I know which scholarships I should apply for?

The Application Wizard in AwardSpring will match you to recommended scholarships, based on the information you provide in your application. To get more information on the scholarships which are being offered, review the list of [GNTC Foundation Scholarships](#).

5. What are my chances of getting a scholarship?

The number of available scholarships and applicant pool changes from semester to semester, so this is difficult to predict. However, in AY 2022-2023, we awarded on average 47% of students who applied each semester.

6. When is the application deadline?

Deadline dates are listed on the webpage each semester.

7. What tips or suggestions do you have for me as I complete the application form?

- a) Read the instructions first and gather any required materials before beginning the application in AwardSpring.
- b) Fill in the application form completely and honestly, and answer all of the questions. AwardSpring will not let you leave a required question blank. We will be able to confirm such things as your completed credits, enrolled major, and cumulative GPA.
- c) Use proper grammar and capitalization. Typos, blanks, and/or incomplete or inaccurate information may count against you in the review process.
- d) Regarding the "Essay Responses," be sure to address all of the questions/points that are required for each question. We recommend that you prepare your answers in Word and save them ahead of time. Then, as you complete the online application in AwardSpring, you can copy and paste your answers into the application. Responses should be at least 250 words for each.

8. Which GPA should I use? This is my first semester at GNTC, so I don't have a GNTC GPA.

If you are in your first semester at GNTC and this is your first college ever attended, we want your cumulative high school GPA.

If you have attended another college before coming to GNTC and this is your first semester at GNTC, then we want your GPA from the last college you attended.

If you have completed at least one semester at another college, then we only want your GNTC transcript, also known as a Student Academic Record. The unofficial transcript may be obtained and printed by the student through E-Services.

9. Can I use the GPA from last semester or do I need to use my cumulative GPA?

Wherever we ask for GPA, we are referring to a cumulative GPA that summarizes all semesters. If you use a current semester GPA because it is higher than your cumulative one, we will change it on your application when we confirm GPAs.

10. This will be my first semester at GNTC, and I don't remember what my high school GPA was and I have no way of getting my high school transcript. What should I put on the application?

Insert "0.0" as your GPA and explain in your essay you do not have access to your high school GPA.

11. I did not graduate from high school but I earned a GED, so I don't have a GPA. What do I put on the application?

Insert "0.0" as your GPA and explain in your essay why this is. Also, select "GED" from the drop-down box under the question "What high school did you attend?"

12. If I applied for a GNTC Foundation scholarship last semester or another semester in the past, do I still need to provide a letter of recommendation again this semester?

Yes. We will want a current recommendation letter.

13. Who should complete a letter of recommendation for me?

A current instructor, advisor, counselor, employer or another person who knows you well should complete the letter of recommendation form. (Recommendations from family members, roommates, friends or neighbors are discouraged).

14. Can my references write a letter or send an email instead of using the Recommendation Form that is provided through AwardSpring?

Explain to your reference that they will receive a link to upload their letter to your application. If they cannot do this, they may forward their letter to the GNTC Foundation to upload. However, it is your responsibility to confirm that the letter has been received by GNTC Foundation and uploaded to your scholarship application.

15. How many letters of recommendation do I need to submit?

One letter of recommendation is all that is required. However, AwardSpring will allow more than one recommendation to be uploaded.

16. When and how will recipients be notified?

All applicants will be notified by email approximately 4-5 weeks after the scholarship deadline. If you do not hear from us after 5 weeks, please call or email Sarah Egerer (contact information at bottom of this document) to inquire about your application.

17. Will I still be considered for a scholarship if I don't include a letter of recommendation?

No. You will not be able to submit your application without the letter, so reviewers will not have access to your application.

18. You must return to your AwardSpring account and make sure your recommendation letter has been received and then submit your application. This is the final step in the application process. If you do not submit after your recommendation has been received, your application will not be considered.

19. How and when will I receive my scholarship funds, if I receive an award?

GNTC Foundation scholarship awards are disbursed directly to student accounts for tuition and fees for the semester they are awarded. If you prefer to use your funds toward supplies, tools, or other educational purchases, please contact Sarah Egerer using the email below. Scholarships are applied to accounts at the same time as grants and loans.

20. Will a scholarship affect my other sources of financial aid?

In general, GNTC Foundation scholarships do not affect a student's other awards. The GNTC Foundation is required to report all scholarship awards to the Financial Aid Office so that aid for a student is coordinated. A student's combined financial aid and scholarship awards cannot exceed the annual estimated cost of attendance.

21. Are GNTC Foundation scholarships the only scholarships that are available to me?

No. There are other scholarship opportunities available from other outside sources that you may research and pursue. GNTC Foundation does list several Additional Scholarships at the bottom of the scholarship webpage. (Note that the GNTC Foundation does not endorse, promote or otherwise support these other sources; they are provided for your information only.)

For more information on the GNTC Foundation Scholarship Program, contact:

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