

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, students will need at least one letter of recommendation returned to complete your application.
- g) Review each “Qualified Scholarship” that AwardSpring displays. Click “Apply” to complete the application process. Repeat this step for each scholarship in this list. Some scholarships indicate “Answers Needed” so in these cases click this button to provide the information needed. You must complete the “Apply” process by the stated deadline to be considered.

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 most likely 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, you can review the “List of Available Scholarships” provided on the website.

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 very difficult, if not impossible, to predict.

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. 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, so if you “stretch the truth”, we will catch it and you may be disqualified from receiving any scholarships.
- 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 answer or 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.

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 catch it and change it on your application when we confirm GPAs.

10. 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?

You will need to contact Michelle Beatson at GNTC Foundation (contact information at bottom of this document). She will work with you to determine the best solution.

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

You will need to contact Michelle Beatson at GNTC Foundation (contact information at bottom of this document). She will work with you to determine the best solution.

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?

Yes. An emailed recommendation letter is acceptable, however, it is your responsibility to confirm that it 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. Please do not provide more than three.

16. When and how will recipients be notified?

All applicants will be notified approximately 4-5 weeks after the scholarship deadline. If you do not hear from us after 5 weeks, please call or email Michelle Beatson (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?

Probably not. Reviewers will most likely disqualify you from consideration because your application will be considered incomplete.

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. 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, scholarships do not affect a student's grants. 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 hundreds of 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 webpage [GNTC Foundation Scholarships](#) (Note that the GNTC Foundation does not endorse, promote or otherwise support these other sources; they are provided for your information only).

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