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Memorandum

September 9, 2013

TO: Northern Virginia *SkillSource* Center Managers

FROM: Seema Jain

Seema Jain
Vice President of Operations

SUBJECT: SkillSource Regional Workforce Scholarships at NOVA

The *SkillSource* Group, Inc. (on behalf of the Northern Virginia Workforce Investment Board) is pleased to offer *SkillSource* Regional Workforce Scholarships at Northern Virginia Community College. The Scholarship Fund is at \$10,000 and will fund three (3) scholarships of \$3,333 for tuition, books and supplies in several fields of study including 1) Health Care 2) Information Technology and 3) Business Administration. The application deadline for Spring 2014 is October 11, 2013.

Eligible WIA customers from the *SkillSource* Centers can be referred to the NOVA website (online applications only), along with WIA-eligible students at NOVA being referred to the *SkillSource* Centers to assure their formal eligiblity determination by Center staff. The link to the NOVA website and scholarship application is http://www.nvcc.edu/finance/scholarship/.

This scholarship is a variation on the WIA Individual Training Account payment process, with scholarship funds being eligible for use with NOVA credit classes that can lead to a terminal degree. The selection criteria will include a) financial need, b) full-time or part-time student, c) specific fields of study (see above), d) Virginia resident, and e) student must be eligible for Federal WIA funding support. As the scholarships will be selected by the NOVA Student Financial Aid Committee, on a competitive basis, Center case managers will want to ensure that the jobseeker/student's WIA eligibility is confirmed prior to the scholarship application process being initiated. The link to the scholarship announcement can be found on the SkillSource website here: http://www.myskillsource.org/home/jobseekers_scholarships.shtml.

I hope you agree that continuing this Regional Workforce Scholarship provides a great training opportunity for several students/jobseekers. Please contact me at (703) 752-1606 or email at seema.jain@myskillsource.org with additional questions.

Attachment

cc: Dai Nguyen, Fairfax County Department of Family Services Aimee Brobst, Fairfax County Department of Family Services Trang Montgomery, Fairfax County Department of Family Services Kim Carr, Fairfax County Department of Family Services



Northern Virginia Community College Educational Foundation, Inc.

2013-2014 Scholarship Announcement

The Northern Virginia Community College Educational Foundation and the Student Financial Aid Office are pleased to announce the availability of the scholarship listed below for the 2013-2014 academic year.

Name of Scholarship: The SkillSource Regional Workforce Scholarship

Eligibility Criteria:

- 1. Students who are U.S. Citizens must demonstrate financial need by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- 2. Field of Study must be either Health Care; Information Technology or Business Administration
- 3. Student must be a Virginia resident
- **4.** Student must provide a letter (mailed separately to the College Financial Aid office address below) from their Northern Virginia *Skill*Source Center indicating eligibility for Federal Workforce Investment Act Funds, either low-income adult or dislocated worker
- 5. Student may be attending either full-time or part-time

Number of Awards Offered: 2

Value of Each Award: \$3,333

Use of Award: The scholarship may be used only for tuition, books and supplies at NVCC as stated in the NVCC Educational Foundation Scholarship Policy.

PLEASE NOTE: How to Apply: You must complete the on-line scholarship application available from the College website at: http://www.nvcc.edu/future-students/paying-for-college/financial-assistance/scholarships/index.html. Paper applications will no longer be accepted.

Any required document such as proof of citizenship, letters of recommendation, etc. <u>must be postmarked by the scholarship deadline</u>. These documents must be mailed to FA office at: (College Financial Aid Office, CFAO Office Center, Annandale, VA 22003-3797) in a sealed envelope. The student's name and scholarship name must be on the documents

Recipient Selection Process: Selection made by Northern Virginia Community College Student Financial Aid Committee

Deadline for Application: Completed Scholarship Application and any other eligibility materials must be received by the College Financial Aid Office <u>October 11, 2013.</u>

Notification of Awards: Recipients will be notified by mail of the outcome of the scholarship application process by January 2014.

For additional information on scholarship opportunities, visit the College Financial Aid website at www.nvcc.edu/finance.