

The *North Carolina Retail Merchants Association (NCRMA)* is proud to offer employees of its member companies the opportunity to apply to win a \$2,500 scholarship. Funded by the Association's charitable foundation, the Retail Consumer Alliance (RCA), this scholarship is awarded annually to five high school seniors and five college students.

Five \$2,500 College Scholarships Available for College Students Undergraduates!

Who Is Eligible...

- A spouse or dependent of a permanent, full-time employee of an NCRMA Retail Member Company. *(Employee must be employed for at least one year as of 1/1/18.)*
- Any student who at a minimum is a part-time employee of an NCRMA Retail Member Company. *(Student must be employed for at least six months as of 1/1/18.)*



NOTE: The retail employee (whether a parent or student) must work at a NCRMA Member Company location in North Carolina, and must be employed at the time the winners are selected. Qualified scholarship recipients may attend a college located in any state.

Who May Apply...

- High School Seniors enrolling for the 2018 fall semester as College Freshmen and College Undergraduates enrolling for the 2018 fall semester.
- Students who have previously received an NCRMA scholarship are eligible to apply again.

How To Apply...

Visit our website at www.retailpaysforcollege.org to print a copy of the application. If you do not have access to a computer and need an application mailed please call (919) 832-0811.

Mail completed application and official transcript to
RCA, Attn: Retail Scholarship, PO Box 1030, Raleigh, NC 27602.

Deadline...

Completed applications and official transcripts must be post-marked by Monday, **March 26, 2018.**

Selection of Winners...

- Scholarship winners will be selected by an independent panel of educators.
- All applicants will be notified via e-mail in June.
- Winners must be enrolled in college full-time for the 2018 fall semester.
 - Scholarship awards will be mailed directly to the student and made payable to the



Questions? Contact Sarah Cribb at (919) 832-0811 or via e-mail sarahc@ncrma.org

The Retail Consumer Alliance (RCA) was organized in 2008 to foster stronger community partnerships between consumers and the retail industry. We do this by funding an annual educational scholarship program and making an annual contribution to the Feeding America Food Banks for North and South Carolina.



Eligibility for the scholarship program is limited to students who have worked for a minimum of six months for a CFIC member company or to students whose parents have worked a minimum of one year for a CFIC member company. The applications are forwarded to an Academic Scholarship Evaluator, and based on objective, measurable point-based criteria established by the RCA Board.

Applicants agree that scholarship funds are to be used solely for educational purposes and for that reason made payable to the educational institution. In the event the applicant does not attend an educational institution in the school year for which scholarship funds were to be awarded or for a partial school year, the scholarship applicant acknowledges that they have no property or vested rights in said scholarship funds, that the Retail Consumer Alliance Foundation, Inc. maintains all rights to these funds and that said funds shall be returned to the Retail Consumer Alliance Foundation, Inc. by the educational institution.

Completed by Student

Type or Print Legibly
 (blue or black ink only)

Incomplete Applications Will Be Rejected

Mr./Ms.: _____ First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Permanent Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

*E-mail: _____

**This e-mail address will be the one used to notify you by June 2018. Be sure to print legibly.*

Eligibility/Work History: My eligibility to apply for this scholarship is based on the employment of:

Parent or Guardian (**Complete A only**) Myself (**Complete B only**) Both: Parent & Myself (**Complete Both A & B**)

****PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU AND/OR YOUR PARENTS WORK IN THE GROCERY INDUSTRY, PLEASE APPLY FOR THE CFIC SCHOLARSHIP INSTEAD****

A. Parent or Guardian Employment Information:

Parent Name: _____

Name of NCRMA member company that parent works for:

Company is located in: City: _____ State: _____

Company Phone #: _____

Employment began at this company on: _____
(Must be employed at least one-year as of 1/1/18 and at the time the scholarship is awarded; employment will be verified.)

B. Student Employment Information:

Student Name: _____

Name of NCRMA member company that student works for:

Company is located in: City: _____ State: _____

Company Phone #: _____

Employment began at this company on: _____
(Must be employed at least six-months as of 1/1/18 and at the time the scholarship is awarded; employment will be verified.)

Average number of hours student works per week: _____

General Information *(List additional information on a separate sheet of paper)*

Describe any additional part-time jobs you have held during the school years. **Include average weekly hours worked.**

Extracurricular/Volunteer Activities

Below list how you are involved in extracurricular/volunteer activities.

Activity	Description/Position Held	Hours per (week/month/year)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

RCA Office Use Only: Date Application Received: _____ Date Official Transcript Received: _____
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Last Name, First Name

(List any additional information on a separate sheet.)

College Information (if applicable)

List all colleges and universities you have attended and dates of attendance, beginning with the most recent.

College or University	Dates (month/year)
1. _____	_____ to _____
2. _____	_____ to _____
3. _____	_____ to _____

Required Essay

On a separate sheet of paper, please write an essay on what the retail industry contributes to North Carolina. The essay must be a minimum 250 words, maximum 500, typewritten in Times Roman, 12 point type.

College you will attend during the fall semester of 2018: _____

Major: _____ Minor: _____

I certify that all of the information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Check Box for Student to Ensure Accurate Completion

- Completed and signed student section of application in its entirety. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Obtained an official transcript for the fall 2017 semester from the college you are currently attending; mail it or have it mailed by the school to the RCA office. Photocopies will not be accepted.
- Completed essay.
- You will be enrolled in college as a full-time student for the 2018 fall semester.

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