



NORTH CAROLINA  
**HBCU/MSI**  
Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU)  
Minority Serving Institutions (MSI)

**TRANSPORTATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**



**AUGUST 2020**



## OVERVIEW

The North Carolina Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority Serving Institutions Transportation Scholarship Program is designed to help foster new diverse transportation professionals by helping students at HBCUs/MSIs matriculate through college. Scholarships support students pursuing undergraduate and master's degrees in transportation-related fields. This program provides financial assistance to help cover costs for highly motivated future transportation professionals and leaders who are pursuing their undergraduate and masters degrees.

## OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM

The objectives are:

- Attract the nation's brightest minds to the field of transportation
- Expand, diversify and retain top talent in the transportation industry
- Bring innovation and enhance the breadth and scope of knowledge of the entire transportation community nationwide
- Encompass all modes of transportation

## DISCIPLINES

The N.C. Department of Transportation encourages students from North Carolina HBCUs and MSIs to apply for a scholarship. These are the majors sought, but not limited to, the following:

### SCIENCES

Architecture, Biology, Chemistry, Communications, Computer Science, Criminal Justice, Environmental Science, Information Systems, Mathematics, Physics

### BUSINESS

Accounting, Business Administration, Finance, Economics, Management

### HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Human Factors, Human Resources, Psychology

### AVIATION

Aeronautical Studies, Airway Science, Aviation Flight Management, Science

## ENGINEERING

Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Construction Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Electronic Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Geotechnical Engineering, Manufacturing Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Structural Engineering, Transportation Engineering

## PUBLIC POLICY & PLANNING

Public Policy and Analysis, Public Administration, Political Science/Government, Urban and Regional Planning, Urban Studies

## LAW

Transportation, Environmental

## TRANSPORTATION

Logistics Management, Planning, Policy

*Other transportation-related academic disciplines may be approved on a case by case basis by the NCDOT Office of HBCU Outreach*

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants for the scholarships must:

- Be a rising junior or senior earning a baccalaureate degree at a North Carolina HBCU/MSI accredited institution of higher education; or be a confirmed graduating senior at a North Carolina HBCU/MSI accredited institution of higher education and pursuing a master level degree at an accredited North Carolina HBCU/MSI
- Be enrolled full-time in an accredited North Carolina HBCU/MSI institution of higher education as of the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 academic year
- Be a full-time student, pursuing a degree in a transportation-related discipline (see list of potential degrees)
- Plan to enter the transportation profession after completing their higher level education
- Be a U.S. citizen or submit a certified copy of your I-20 or I-551 ID issued by the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Service
- To be eligible, you cannot graduate in December 2020

## SELECTION

Applications will be evaluated by the Scholarship Selection Committee. This committee may be made up of members from the N.C. Board of Transportation, the Secretary of Transportation or his designee, prominent transportation professionals including NCDOT staff, transportation academia representing North Carolina HBCUs and representatives from the private transportation sector who will review, rate and rank each applicant.

The panel's recommendations for selection will be forwarded to the Director of the Office of HBCU Outreach at the NCDOT. The Secretary (or his designee) and the HBCU Director will make final selections. It is imperative that applicants provide a current email address for themselves. They will be notified of their status via email.

## EVALUATION CRITERIA

The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of merit and financial need. This criteria includes:

- Class standing, minimum 2.5 GPA, and unofficial university transcripts
- Resumé including transportation work experience and/or any internships or employer's endorsement
- One letter of recommendation regarding the applicant's qualifications (can be from anyone except family members and friends)
- Proposed plan of study and future career plans
- Statement of financial need

## SCHOLARSHIP

The NCDOT will offer students enrolled in a North Carolina accredited HBCU/MSI an opportunity to compete for the \$1,500 scholarship each year.

These are the North Carolina HBCU/MSI accredited institutions that are eligible.

### NORTH CAROLINA HBCUs

Bennett College, Elizabeth City State University, Fayetteville State University, Johnson C. Smith University, Livingstone College, North Carolina A&T State University, North Carolina Central University, St. Augustine's University, Shaw University, Winston-Salem State University

### NORTH CAROLINA MSI

UNC Pembroke

Recipients of this scholarship will receive \$1,500 based on their ranking from the Scholarship Selection Committee.

## FUNDING

The duration of funding for scholarships is based upon the availability of funds for the 2020-2021 school year.

## SCHOLARSHIP CAP

The scholarship program is very competitive. Restrictions on the use of scholarship funds are as follows:

- No dependency allowances
- Scholarship recipients are eligible for funding only during months of full-time enrollment as a full-time student
- NCDOT will make direct payment to the university or college on behalf of the student after receiving an invoice that verifies enrollment

## HOW TO APPLY

Portal opens August 2020. Scholarship applications and supporting materials may be uploaded and must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 2, 2020.

If you choose to mail supporting documents (unofficial transcript, resumé, one letter of recommendation), they must be postmarked no later than **Oct. 2, 2020**.

### MAIL SUPPORTING MATERIALS TO:

Attention: North Carolina HBCU/MSI Scholarship Program,  
The Office of HBCU Outreach  
N.C. Department of Transportation  
1501 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-1501



## NOTIFICATION OF SELECTION

Selected scholarship recipients and your HBCU/MSI Chancellor or President will be contacted by the HBCU Outreach Director or designee via e-mail to notify them of award selection by the end of December 2020. Please do not contact the office for status updates.

### APPLY ONLINE:

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY NOW](#)



## RETURN OF MATERIAL

Applications and any supporting documents become the property of NCDOT and cannot be returned. This collection of information is voluntary and will be used to determine the applicant's qualifications for the scholarship program. All information collected is confidential and will be used by program staff for program administration purposes only.

## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Please read the North Carolina HBCU/MSI Scholarship Program overview and these instructions before preparing the application materials.

Applicants must submit the scholarship application online. Mailed or faxed application packets will not be accepted.

However, students may mail the following documents:

- Resume
- One unofficial transcript
- One letter of recommendation

All must be post marked by **Friday, Oct. 2, 2020.**

### A COMPLETE APPLICATION INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

- Online application by Friday, Oct. 2, 2020 by 5 p.m.
- Academic records, including class standing, GPA (may be uploaded online or mailed)
- Unofficial transcripts (may be uploaded online or mailed)
- One letter of recommendation (may be uploaded online or mailed)
- Resumé (Maximum two pages) (may be uploaded online or mailed)

For questions or concerns,  
please email us at  
[HBCUprograms@ncdot.gov](mailto:HBCUprograms@ncdot.gov)

### PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

The information is required under the authority of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended and Title 49 U.S.C. 332(b)(3)(4)(5). Your request cannot be processed unless the information is complete. Disclosure of your race and ethnicity are optional. Refusal to furnish your race and/or ethnicity will not result in the denial of any right, benefit or privilege provided by law. Records maintained in the system are routinely used to determine eligibility/qualifications for Fellowships, and for program evaluation and analysis purposes.