

Memorandum

TO: North Carolina Office of Charter Schools

FROM: SECU Foundation

DATE: November 6, 2020

RE: 2021 SECU *People Helping People* Scholarship

Since the SECU Foundation was established in 2004, each year we have awarded \$10,000 scholarships – increasing from two to three in 2014 – to graduating seniors attending North Carolina Charter Schools. These scholarships will be awarded to students attending one of the 16 constituent campuses of the University of North Carolina. Funds are made possible through the contributions to SECU Foundation by members of the State Employees' Credit Union.

Please distribute the attached information to charter high schools in North Carolina. The Scholarship Selection Committee from each charter high school will be responsible for nominating a graduating senior for the \$10,000 SECU *People Helping People* four-year scholarship. **Please note, the Scholarship Selection Committee must have three or more members and all members of the committee must sign a statement, written on NC Office of Charter School letterhead, listing recipient(s) and alternate recipient(s).** The nominees should be submitted to the North Carolina Office of Charter Schools Scholarship Selection Committee for the final selection process of three students. After the selection of three recipients (and an alternate for each recipient) by the NC Office of Charter Schools Scholarship Selection Committee, please email the student recipient's information to secufoundation@ncsecu.org.

The enclosed information will provide the Scholarship Selection Committee with eligibility criteria, procedures, and all necessary documents. Please be sure you have read them thoroughly.

Please Note:

1. The SECU *People Helping People* Scholarship is **available only to graduating public high school seniors who are either members of SECU or the child of a parent/guardian who is a member of SECU. Membership eligibility does not include Local Government Federal Credit Union or NC Press Association Credit Union members.** SECU membership will be verified for each recipient selected. Recipients should not be notified of their selection until SECU membership has been verified. The deadline for returning the scholarship recipients information to SECU Foundation is **April 5th, 2021.**
2. We require all applicants to follow the formal application process set by SECU Foundation as noted in the Operating Procedures. All graduating seniors meeting the stated criteria will be eligible for consideration. Information should be submitted to:

Dave Machado, NC Office of Charter Schools
dave.machado@dpi.nc.gov

4. Please select an alternate (first runner up) student in the event the named recipient is unable to accept the scholarship (receives a full scholarship, declines the scholarship, chooses to attend a private or out of state university). SECU Foundation should not receive any alternate application packets until such time that an original recipient is deemed ineligible and an alternate needs to be considered.

We appreciate the dedication and hard work by the members of the Scholarship Selection Committee. You maintain the integrity and ensure the SECU *People Helping People* scholarship program is highly successful.

For additional information on the SECU Foundation, visit our website at:
www.ncsecufoundation.org

Contact Information: SECUFoundation@ncsecu.org
Phone: 1-800-438-1104 or 919-839-5203

****Note:** SECU Foundation also provides each North Carolina Community College two (2) \$5,000 scholarships. Recipients are selected by the Scholarship Selection Committee at the community college. If you have a student who will be attending a community college and exemplifies the membership philosophy of credit unions, “*People Helping People*”, please direct them to the Financial Aid office at the community college.