

SC Workforce & Industrial Needs Scholarship 2026-2027 Information Sheet

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The SC Workforce & Industrial Needs Scholarship (SCWINS) is a statewide technical college scholarship program designed to address workforce shortages in South Carolina by providing educational assistance to students enrolled in specified technical majors.

Students must meet the following criteria to be eligible for SCWINS:

- Must be a South Carolina resident.
- Must complete a FAFSA annually and have a complete SCC Financial Aid file for the award year in which SCWINS is being awarded.
- Must meet one of the following eligibility criteria and sign a State Aid Affidavit
 - Be employed or;
 - Take a financial literacy course or;
 - Complete 100 hours of voluntary time with a nonprofit or public service organization.
- Must have a GPA of 2.00 or higher by the end of each year.
- Must not be in default on a federal student loan or have a grant overpayment.

A student must pursue a certificate, diploma, or degree in an approved field of study. The General Assembly of SC has limited SCWINS funding to educational programs in the areas listed below.

Healthcare	Computer Technology and Information Technology
Advanced Manufacturing	Hospitality/Tourism Management
Construction	Transportation, Distribution and Logistics
Criminal Justice and Corrections	Early Care and Education
Human Services	Agriculture and Natural Resources
Business Management and Administration	

Priority awarding must be provided to students who are enrolled in the following critical workforce programs within the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Commercial Truck Driving	CompTIA
Cybersecurity	Diesel Technician
Electric Vehicle Technology	Emergency Medical Technician
Heavy Equipment Operator	HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning)
Lineman Technician	Manufacturing Technician
Mechatronics	Nursing
Nursing Assistant	Patient Care Technician
Phlebotomy	Plumbing
Welding	

Most programs at SCC are eligible for SCWINS, but a few are not. Below is a list of SCC majors that are **NOT** eligible for SCWINS. Students can receive SCWINS for only one certificate, diploma, or degree. Once a student earns a certificate, diploma, or degree they will be ineligible for SCWINS for five (5) years. The exception to this rule is if an additional certificate, diploma or degree constitutes a progression in the same field of study. For example, a student who receives a certificate in welding can go on to pursue a diploma or associate degree in welding and continue to receive SCWINS assistance.

SCWINS Ineligible Majors at SCC	
AA	Associate in Arts, AA Degree
AA.H-SEC	Associate in Arts, Sptbg County Early College, AA Degree
AA.H-VEC	Associate in Arts, Viking Early College, AA Degree
AS	Associate in Science, AS Degree
AS.H-CEC	Associate in Science, Cherokee Early College, AS Degree
AS.P-HS	Associate in Science, Pre-Health Science, AS Degree
AS.P-MLT	Associate in Science, Pre-Medical Lab Technology, AS Degree
AS.P-NUR	Associate in Science, Pre-Nursing, AS Degree
AS.P-PN	Associate in Science, Pre-Practical Nursing, AS Degree
AS.P-RAD	Associate in Science, Pre-Radiologic Tech, AS Degree
AS.P-RES	Associate in Science, Pre-Respiratory Therapy, AS Degree
AS.P-ST	Associate in Science, Pre-Surgical Technology, AS Degree
CT.TE	Teacher Education Pathway Certificate
CT.UT	University Transfer Certificate
ND.UND	Special Undecided

Students can receive SCWINS for a total of nine (9) terms for an associate degree and six (6) terms for a certificate or a diploma. The counting of terms begins with the 2022 fall term forward. The terms a student received SCWINS while in a high school dual enrollment program will also be counted towards the term limit.

SCWINS is a funding of last resort, so it is applied towards tuition and fees after all other aid has been exhausted. If any SCWINS funds remain after tuition and fees have been paid, those funds can be used for books and course related materials. Extra funds **CANNOT** be used for supplies such as notebooks, paper, pencils, pens, bookbags, etc.

SCWINS can only be used at **ONE** technical college during any given semester. It is the students' responsibility to notify the SCC Financial Aid Office if they received an SCWINS disbursement at another school and then transferred to SCC during that same semester.