NCU August Back to School Scholarship

Northcentral University is pleased to offer three full scholarships, one full scholarship for each of the Schools of Business and Technology Management, Education, and Social and Behavioral Sciences. This scholarship opportunity is intended to provide unprecedented access to graduate education for those that may otherwise not have access, and to encourage those students to think critically about how an NCU degree would help them grow and expand contributions to their chosen field of study.

NCU August Back to School Scholarship Program Details

ELIGIBILITY

For the purposes of this scholarship, an eligible applicant is anyone who applies to Northcentral University by August 29, 2016 and begins courses between August 1, 2016 and August 29, 2016.

Applicants for the scholarship must demonstrate the following to be considered:

- An applicant must apply to a master’s or doctoral degree program by August 29, 2016. Applicants must submit a complete application together with all supporting documentation by the deadline. The completion of the application form does not create an obligation to award a scholarship to applicant.
- An applicant must submit a NCU August Back to School Scholarship program essay between August 1, 2016 and August 29, 2016.
- The applicant must start a master’s or doctoral degree program by August 29, 2016.
- Applicants must submit completed essays as described in the submission section. High importance will be placed on the applicant’s desire to advance their education, with an emphasis on how an NCU degree could help them grow and expand contributions to their chosen field of study.
- Applicants to bachelor and certificate programs are not eligible for this scholarship.
- Applicants who are currently enrolled or have previously been enrolled in a degree program at Northcentral University are not eligible.
- Applicants, once enrolled, must not receive or be eligible to receive a total of 100% tuition reimbursement from any source(s) including but not limited to: corporate reimbursement, military tuition assistance, other scholarships and/or private grants with the exception of Veteran’s Administration GI benefits or Veteran’s Administration Vocational Rehabilitation Benefits and Title IV financial aid funding.
- Applicants must meet all admissions requirements of Northcentral University.
• Applicants must not be an employee or family member (spouse, dependent child or domestic partner) of an employee of Northcentral University.
• If any applicant is selected as a winner but does not meet the above eligibility requirements by the deadlines, an alternate applicant will be selected, awarded the scholarship and announced on September 30, 2016. Recipient must be an active student at the time the winners are announced.

MAINTAINING ELIGIBILITY:
• All existing student policies located in the NCU Catalog must be adhered to.
• For the duration of the award, students must be succeeding in their degree program. The student must maintain a Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) of GOOD. Please see the current catalog for SAP definitions.
• If a student withdraws from and/or retakes a course, the course costs will not be covered by the NCU August Back to School Scholarship. Courses taken and that are not part of the student’s degree plan are not covered by the scholarship. Title IV Funding (FFA) may be used for the courses not covered by the scholarship, for those who qualify.
• Should the student withdraw or be dismissed from Northcentral University, the scholarship awarded becomes null and void for future courses.

SELECTION PROCESS
• The recipient of this scholarship will be selected by the scholarship selection committee consisting of representatives from Northcentral University. Non-faculty members may assist in the selection committee process.
• It is the applicant’s responsibility to submit a completed application along with all the supporting documentation, which must be received on or before the deadline specified. The scholarship selection committee accepts no responsibility for incomplete applications, applications not in proper form, lost applications, or any other submission in exception to the above instructions.
• The scholarship award will be based on the committee’s scores of the overall quality of the scholarship essay. The higher the average score; the higher the probability of selection.
• Scholarship selection shall be made without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, national origin, disability, veteran status, or any other category protected by federal, state, or local law.
• The decision of the scholarship selection committee is final and not subject to a review process.

ESSAY TOPIC
Describe how going back to school to receive an advanced degree from NCU will help you grow and expand contributions to your chosen field of study.

ESSAY SUBMISSION AND REQUIREMENTS
• Applicant submits an essay between 500-700 words (maximum two pages, double-spaced) on or before August 29, 2016.
• Essays will be original work. Quotations or attributions must be cited.
• Applicants can submit their essays electronically at the following URL: www.ncu.edu/backtoschool
• By submitting a file for review you hereby authorize Northcentral University and those acting pursuant to its authority to: Use any quotes attributable to you in printed or electronic material. Use your name, likeness, and biographical material in connection with these quotes. Exhibit or distribute such material in whole or in part without restrictions or limitation for any educational or promotional purpose which Northcentral University and those acting pursuant to its authority deem appropriate.
THE AWARDS

- New Students: Three (3) full scholarships will be awarded.
- The winners will be notified on September 30, 2016. The winners essays and testimonials may be posted to http://ncu.edu/tuition-and-admissions/grants-and-scholarships
- No student will receive more than one full scholarship.
- Students who win the scholarship and have started in a program prior to August 29, 2016 will receive reimbursement for tuition only costs incurred prior to receiving the scholarship.
- The scholarship has no cash value. Any funds that are awarded to the student may only be used to assist with the payment of their tuition and are not redeemable in cash at any time.
- Any courses accepted as transfer from another school to an NCU degree plan will only reduce the necessary coursework required to complete a degree at NCU and will not result in any additional unused scholarship funds.
- Courses taken under the scholarship will not be recorded against the students calendar year 1098-T
- The following chart outlines the maximum amount of attempted credits that can be taken in a given degree program that will be covered by the scholarship.

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Current offerings at time of scholarship offer

- Credits not considered: retakes, withdrawals, credits satisfied in transfer, extra credits due to specialization changes or secondary specializations, extra DIS courses, and extra undergrad credits from associates degrees with <60 credits.
- Any scholarship funds that are awarded may not be used for the purchase of books, any fees that may be applicable to their degree program, and outside materials (computers, internet service etc.).
- For applicants using federal financial aid, the applicant understands that a scholarship award is financial assistance and counts toward the student’s cost of attendance. As such, the amount of Title IV assistance available to the student may be impacted. The Student Financial Services team will conduct a financial review of all scholarship winners and articulate any changes needed to the respective recipients.