SC Workforce & Industrial Needs Scholarship 2023-2024 Award Insert

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 meet the following eligibility criteria.

- Must be a South Carolina resident.
- Must meet one of the following eligibility criteria and sign a State Aid Affidavit
 - Be employed or;
 - Take a financial literacy course or;
 - o 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.
- Must not be receiving Veteran Chapter 31 or 33 benefits.

A student must pursue a certificate, diploma, or degree in an approved field of study. Most majors 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 the 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. Extra funds **CANNOT** be used for supplies.

SCWINS can only be used at <u>ONE</u> 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.