

BOOKS & BADGES

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM Access to Community College Education



The Blacksburg and Christiansburg Police Departments and the Montgomery County Sherriff's Department are partnering with New River Community College (NRCC) to provide an educational opportunity for current high school seniors from Blacksburg, Christiansburg, Auburn and Eastern Montgomery High Schools.

Qualifying high school seniors will receive the following:

- Two years tuition for a New River Community College Associate Degree (valued at \$8,703)
 - ★ *Police Science major is preferred; however, alternate degree programs may be considered based on approval by the NRCC Educational Foundation.*
- Service learning opportunity with local law enforcement agencies (80 hours annually).

Program Details and Requirements:

- High school students must have at least a 2.5 GPA to qualify.
- Students must first apply for financial aid (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) in order to participate.
- Students must maintain full-time enrollment of 12 credits during fall and spring semesters.
- Funds will not support more than 15 credits per fall and spring semesters.
- Students must maintain a 2.5 GPA at NRCC.
- Students must reimburse NRCC for any class which they are unsuccessful.
- Students must complete 40 hours of Service Learning each semester (80 hours annually.)
- Students must pay for their own textbooks.
- Students must take the College Success Skills course during their first semester enrolled at NRCC.
- Students may not take online courses during the first semester, except "College Success Skills."
- It is strongly recommended that students do not hold jobs during first semester to ensure greater adjustment to the expectations of college.

High school seniors interested in **Books & Badges** must complete the application on the reverse side and submit to their high school career coach along with at least one letter of reference, transcripts and a two to three paragraph summary on why they would like to participate in **Books & Badges**.

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Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Cell Number: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Number: _____

Relationship to Emergency Contact: _____

High School: _____ Graduation Year: _____

GPA: _____ Dual Enrollment NRCC GPA (if applicable): _____

Employer (if applicable): _____

Number of hours working per week: _____

By my signature, I agree that if I withdraw from or fail any credits during the semester I must reimburse the program for the credits withdrawn from or failed by the end of that semester. If I do not reimburse the program by the end of that semester, I will no longer be eligible for Books & Badge.

By my signature, I authorize New River Community College Educational Foundation staff to review my FAFSA to evaluate additional available funding.

Signature