NSCC Student Government Association Scholarship Fund

Program Overview

What is the Student Government Association?
The Student Government Association (SGA) of North Shore Community College prides itself in maintaining an enduring commitment to public service and student advocacy. Their position as elected student representatives affords them the right to speak and vote on behalf of the student body in the standing governance committees of the college. Decisions made within these committees have a direct affect on students of the college, members of the community, and the local economy. SGA members engage students by navigating standing policy, developing new initiatives, and promoting community service projects. Meetings are held on a bi-weekly basis, and all students are encouraged to attend.

Membership Details
Members of the SGA are respected student leaders who are held to a high standard of ethic and moral judgement who together will act as an example for others. All members are expected to attend formal and informal meetings provided that the dates and times do not interfere with any academic commitments. Informal meetings are once a month, and formal meetings run bi-weekly. Upon appointment from the SGA President and following their own agreement, members are strongly encouraged to sit on college governance committees which meet monthly and report back to the SGA during formal meetings.

Community and college event opportunities are extended to members often, and they may choose to attend if they wish to build a deeper rapport with their peers, the college administration, and fellow community leaders. The Senate members of the SGA are elected or appointed to serve as Senators for one academic-year long term. In addition, each club and organization at the college appoints one representative to serve as a member of the SGA Senate. Senate members give and hear reports, debate initiatives, establish committees, and cast votes during formal meetings of the association. All members must acknowledge, abide by, and uphold the SGA Constitution.

Benefits of a Scholarship
A Student Government Association Scholarship grants recipients with financial assistance, mentoring, directed and supported leadership opportunities, and with potential candidacy to participate in a directed study with the President of North Shore Community College. Scholarship recipients are awarded $500 for each semester in one academic year, thus providing a total of $1,000 that goes directly towards a recipients cost of tuition and fees at North Shore Community College. A returning Student Government member will mentor the scholarship recipient who is new to the association.

Recipients will serve as Senators in the Student Government Association Senate, and learn how to facilitate group cooperation by selecting specific initiatives to bring from concept to action.
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Application Process

Eligibility
In a single academic year, two scholarships will be awarded, one to a high school or General Education Development program student who has been accepted to the college and applied to the program, and another to a returning member of the Student Government Association Senate. Executive Board members who may already receive a stipend are ineligible for the scholarship.

Requirements & Commitment
For high school students or individuals who have taken the General Education Development test. Once an applicant has been accepted to the program as a scholarship recipient, they will be appointed a Senator by the Student Government Association President.

Senators...
- Act for and on behalf of the student body in promoting and supporting all activities which enhance the mission and purpose of Student Government.
- Represent the student body in relations with the faculty and administrative officers of the college.
- Collaborate with the Student Government advisor in setting policy for the organized activities of the student body.
- Protect and promote the principles of academic freedom, freedom of expression, and group and individual integrity as they apply to college students.

Recipients will either select two initiatives to develop that aid in upholding the mission and purpose of the Student Government Association. In addition to attending regular meetings, the recipient must meet at least once a week with the Student Government Advisor, and bi-weekly with their Student Government member mentor.

For returning members of the Student Government Association Senate
Once a returning SGA member has been accepted to the program as a scholarship recipient, they will not run for re-election and will instead be appointed by the Student Government President. Previous scholarship recipients can not apply for a second scholarship.

Returning SGA member recipients must select one initiative to develop that aids in upholding the mission and purpose of the SGA and act as a peer mentor for the new incoming scholarship recipient.

They will keep a detailed and dated journal of their sessions with the student being mentored that will be kept confidential between the mentor, student, and SGA advisor. They will meet once a week with the SGA advisor, and bi-weekly with the student who will be mentored. In addition, they will write a 750 word minimum essay that will provide insight and draw conclusions from their work as a peer mentor and how they have contributed to the development of the student, themselves, and the SGA.

In the event that insufficient funds are available to provide a returning member with a scholarship, the incoming student will be mentored by the SGA Vice President. They will be required to keep a journal and attend bi-weekly meetings with the mentored student and once a week with the SGA advisor, with no essay required.
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Name
FIRST NAME ___________________________ MIDDLE INITIAL ___________________________
LAST NAME ___________________________

Date of Birth
MONTH ___________ DAY ___________ YEAR ___________

Email Address
@ ___________________________

Address
STREET ADDRESS ___________________________
STREET ADDRESS 2 ___________________________
CITY ___________________________ STATE ________ ZIP CODE ________

Telephone
CELL PHONE ___________________________
HOME PHONE ___________________________

High School
LIST YOUR CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL: ____________________________________________

Graduation Year: ___________

SAT Scores (IF AVAILABLE)
MATHEMATICS ___________ WRITING ___________ READING COMPREHENSION ___________

Grade Point Average
______________________________________ (MUST BE ABOVE 2.5 TO APPLY)

Please list your High School involvement, activities, accomplishments, and graduation information.

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List your personal achievements, talents, and individual accomplishments.

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Please attach the following:
☐ Personal essay consisting of 750 words
☐ 2 letters of recommendation from high school teachers of two different subjects
☐ Placement tests and/or SAT scores

Instructions:
Please complete this application and return it by mail or fax along with required materials to NSCC’s Office of Enrollment.

By Mail:
Student Activities
North Shore Community College
1 Ferncroft Road
Danvers, MA 01923

By Fax:
978-646-5345
Attn: Victoria Pasciuto

Submission Deadline:
All materials must be received by June 7, 2013

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