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**2025-2026 Samuel M Taylor Memorial Life Sciences Scholarship**

The Samuel M. Taylor Memorial Life Sciences Scholarship was established in memory of Sam Taylor, a founder and president of NCLifeSci, the trade association for life science companies in North Carolina. Sam was passionate about North Carolina’s life sciences industry and served at NCLifeSci’s helm for more than 25 years. He was instrumental in the establishment of the NCBioImpact training program to support the growth of biopharma manufacturing in our state and ensure training opportunities for North Carolinians seeking a career in the industry. BioNetwork, the life science training initiative of the North Carolina Community College System, is a key member of the NCBioImpact collaborative. To learn more, visit: [www.ncbionetwork.org/sam-taylor-scholarship](http://www.ncbionetwork.org/sam-taylor-scholarship)

**Student Eligibility Requirements**

**Qualifying applicants must meet the following criteria:**

* Be a North Carolina resident for tuition purposes.
* Be enrolled in one of the programs listed below:
  + **Agricultural Biotechnology**
  + **Clinical Research Associate**
  + **Facility Maintenance Technology**
  + **Bioanalytical Laboratory Technology**
  + **Bioprocess Manufacturing Technology**
* Meet Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements of the community college. Must maintain a minimum cumulative 2.00 GPA at the end of each semester.
* Continuous enrollment in one of the listed programsfor the duration of the scholarship at the college where enrolled at the time of the scholarship award.
* Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov).
* Complete the NCCCS application for the Samuel M. Taylor Memorial Life Sciences scholarship.
* Submit an essay in 300 words or less explaining your interest in life science field of study, your goals after graduation, and how the scholarship will help you financially.
* Applicants should return the completed application to the college’s financial aid office by **Friday, July 11, 2025**.
* Late applications may not be considered.

**College Requirements**

* The financial aid office or scholarship office must submit application and supporting documentation on behalf of the student to the System Office electronically **by Wednesday, July 16, 2025.**
* **Late applications may not be considered.**
* Submit applications and supporting documents to Financial Aid Term Scholarship Reporting at [fatsr@nccommunitycolleges.edu](mailto:fatsr@nccommunitycolleges.edu) by the deadline.
* Scholarship recipients will be announced following committee review **on Friday, July 25, 2025.**

Scholarship applications should be submitted to the student’s local community college financial aid office by **July 11, 2025.**

A community college representative must submit all applications to the NC Community College System via email at [fatsr@nccommunitycolleges.edu](mailto:fatsr@nccommunitycolleges.edu).

Recipients of the scholarships will be selected each year by the scholarship committee of the NCCCS, NCCCS Foundation and individuals designated by NCLifeSci.

Factors considered in the selection process include but are not limited to financial need, scholarship achievement, designated goals, and demonstrated interest in pursuing a life science career in North Carolina.

Scholarship candidates shall be selected, and the scholarships awarded without regard to race, gender, color, creed, religious preference, age, national origin or disability.

\*Preference may be given to students with limited financial aid from other programs.