NCU Trailblazer Scholarship

Northcentral University is pleased to partner in the education goals of its students by offering nine NCU Trailblazer Scholarships to new students and alumni who have applied to an NCU master’s or doctoral degree program by October 26, 2015. NCU will partner in the educational and financial goals of these selected scholars. For each course taken and paid for by the recipient, NCU will provide their next course at no tuition cost, which equates to funding half of the student’s total graduate-level tuition. Two scholarships – one at the master’s and one at the doctoral level – will be awarded to new students in each of NCU’s four Schools: Business and Technology Management; Education; Psychology; and Marriage and Family Sciences, as well as one scholarship for NCU alumni in either a master’s or doctoral program at any one of NCU’s four Schools. The deadline to apply for the NCU Trailblazer Scholarship and to begin their program of study is October 26, 2015.

NCU Trailblazer Scholarship Details

ELIGIBILITY

For the purposes of this scholarship, an eligible applicant is anyone who applies to Northcentral University by October 26, 2015, and begins courses between September 14, 2015 and October 26, 2015.

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

- An applicant must apply and begin a master’s or doctoral degree program by October 26, 2015. 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 an NCU Trailblazer Scholarship essay between September 14, 2015 and October 26, 2015.
- After an applicant’s essay has been submitted, the applicant must start a master’s or doctoral degree program between September 14, 2015 and October 26, 2015.
- Applicants must submit completed essays in the essay section. High importance will be placed on the applicant’s desire to advance their education, with an emphasis on what trails the applicant hopes to blaze with a higher degree at NCU and how this degree will help the applicant become a leader in his or her field of study.
- Applicants to bachelor and certificate programs are not eligible for this scholarship.
- Students currently active 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.
- 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 December 2, 2015. 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 Trailblazer scholarship. Students will not receive matching courses, as defined by this scholarship, for retakes. 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 recipients of these scholarships will be selected by the scholarship selection committee consisting of representatives from Northcentral University.
• 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 not be made with 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
As a life-long learner, tell us what trails you hope to blaze with a higher degree at NCU and how this degree will help you become a leader in your field of study. Essays are to be submitted in written form, between 500-700 words.

ESSAY SUBMISSION AND REQUIREMENTS
• Applicant submits an essay between 500-700 words (maximum two pages, double-spaced) by October 26, 2015.
• Essays must be original work. Quotations or attributions must be cited.
• Applicants can submit their essay electronically at the following URL: www.ncu.edu/trailblazer.
• By submitting an essay 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
THE AWARDS

- New Students: Eight (8) matching tuition scholarships will be awarded; two (2) per school, one (1) doctoral level degree and (1) master’s level degree.
- NCU Alumni: One (1) matching tuition scholarship will be awarded for either a doctoral or master’s level degree in any one of NCU’s four schools.
- The winners will be notified on December 2, 2015. The winners, their essays or portions thereof may be posted to the NCU.edu website.
- No student will receive more than one matching tuition 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.
- This scholarship cannot be combined with any other preferred rate offer.
- 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 matching tuition 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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<td>PhD-Psy</td>
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- 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 less than 60 credits
- Any matching tuition 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 FFA, the applicant understands that a scholarship award is financial assistance and counts toward the student’s cost of attendance. As such, the amount of FFA 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.

- The following outlines the distribution of the scholarships by program:

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