

Scholarship Application and Instructions



SCHOLARSHIP MISSION

NCTRC scholarships will be used to recognize the achievement of applicants and certificants in advancing their clinical competency, with the end goal of improving the quality of recreational therapy services for the consumer.

SCHOLARSHIP FOCUS

Individuals may apply for a competitive NCTRC Scholarship for a full or partial reimbursement of funds* associated with successful completion (receive a grade of B or better) of credit generating course(s) completed within the past 12 months, leading to one of the following: application for Professional Eligibility; recertification of CTRS credential; Specialization Area Designation; progress toward advanced degree in TR/RT; enhanced recreational therapy knowledge.

*(*Please note that submission of an application does not guarantee an award. Amount of reimbursement will be dependent upon the number and quality of the applications received during each application cycle.)*

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Submit Scholarship Application within 12 months of successful completion (receiving a grade of B or better; pass/fail grades will not be accepted) of TR/RT content or supportive courses.
2. Compile all required documents for the NCTRC Scholarship application in the following order:
 - a. Completed and signed application (each blank field MUST contain an answer, including the attestation)
 - b. Personal statement
 - c. Copy of paid college/university invoice
 - d. Copy of transcript that includes both course prefix, number, title and grade received
3. Scan all materials in that order, into one PDF document that will become your application submission packet.
4. Email the PDF application packet to nctrc@nctrc.org, and include "Scholarship" and your full name in the subject line.
5. Scholarship application packets will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee** and applicants will be notified of the decision via email.

*(**The NCTRC Scholarship Committee members are not employees of NCTRC and have no access to materials that you submitted for NCTRC Certification, including transcripts.)*

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:

Mailing Address:

City:

State/Province:

Postal Code:

Preferred Phone:

Email:

Academic Major/Certificate:

Academic Minor:

NCTRC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION HISTORY

Have you received an NCTRC Scholarship before? No Yes How many times?

ENTER YOUR TR/RT RELATED ENGAGEMENT HISTORY (Paid, volunteer, research, or leadership):

Dates of Experience	Organization	Title/name of TR/RT experience	# of Hours

APPLICANT STATUS

Undergraduate Student

TR courses for non-matriculating student

Graduate Student

COURSE INFORMATION (LIST A MAXIMUM OF 4 COURSES)

Course Prefix, Number, and Title <i>(Example: REC 407 TR Interventions)</i>	Semester & Year Course Completed <i>(Example: Fall 2024)</i>	Grade Earned	Number of Credits	Amount Paid for Course <i>(Excluding student fees)</i>

Indicate the **NCTRC Job Analysis Knowledge Area** addressed within course content *(check all that apply)*:

Foundational Knowledge

Implementation

Assessment Process

Administration of TR/RT

Documentation

Advancement of the Profession

PERSONAL STATEMENT

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT

Provide a concise and reflective summary of your learning through the courses you have submitted for this scholarship by specifically addressing the following:

- A. Clearly explain the connection between course content and TR/RT professional practice.
- B. Discuss the ways in which TR/RT contributes to improving quality of life and overall well-being.
- C. Highlight significant personal achievements, milestones, or goals you have reached during your course of study as well as career aspirations with the TR/RT profession.
- D. Describe advocacy efforts you have made to support or promote TR/RT.

GRADUATE STUDENT

Provide a concise and reflective summary of your learning through the courses you have submitted for this scholarship by specifically addressing the following:

- A. Describe how you have applied the knowledge and skills gained from these courses to advance your professional competence in TR/RT.
- B. Discuss how evidence-based practices in TR/RT contributes to improving quality of life and health outcomes.
- C. Share your career aspirations, particularly how you hope to mentor or support the development of future professionals and contribute to the growth of the TR/RT profession.
- D. Describe advocacy efforts you have undertaken to raise awareness, promote the value of TR/RT, or support the profession at the local, state, or national level.

Attach your personal statement in the single PDF document including: signed application, personal statement, copy of paid college/university invoice, copy of transcript that includes course prefix, number, title, and grade received for each course.

ATTESTATION

I, _____, attest that the information contained in this NCTRC Scholarship Application is true and accurate, and I understand that any deliberate misrepresentation would be considered a violation of professional ethics.

Signature *(handwritten or digital)*

Date

REMINDER: Send the completed NCTRC Scholarship Application packet as one PDF document that includes the completed application, personal statement, copy of paid college/university invoice and copy of transcript(s) to nctrc@nctrc.org, and include "Scholarship" and your full name in the subject line.

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