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THE *SKILLSOURCE* GROUP, INC. ANNOUNCES AVAILABILITY OF REGIONAL WORKFORCE SCHOLARSHIPS AT NORTHERN VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

January 24, 2012 – The *SkillSource* Group, Inc. (on behalf of the Northern Virginia Workforce Investment Board) has created The *SkillSource* Regional Workforce Scholarship at Northern Virginia Community College. In this first year, the Scholarship Fund is at \$10,000 and will fund three (3) scholarships of \$3,333 for tuition, books and supplies in several fields of study including 1) Health Care 2) Information Technology and 3) Business Administration. The application deadline for Fall 2012 is February 10, 2012.

Eligible WIA customers from the *SkillSource* Centers can apply at the NOVA website (online applications only), along with WIA-eligible students at NOVA being referred to the *SkillSource* Centers to assure their formal eligibility determination by Center staff. The online link to the NOVA website is <http://www.nvcc.edu/current-students/paying-for-college/financial-assistance/scholarships/index.html>

Scholarship funds are eligible for use with NOVA credit classes that can lead to a terminal degree. The selection criteria will include a) financial need, b) full time or part time student, c) specific fields of study (see above), d) Virginia resident, and e) student must be eligible for Federal WIA funding support. The scholarships will be selected by the NOVA Student Financial Aid Committee, on a competitive basis.

The *SkillSource* Group, Inc. and the Northern Virginia Workforce Investment Board serve over 1.9 million residents within the counties of Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William and the cities of Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas and Manassas Park. For more information, please call (703) 752-1606 or visit www.myskillsource.org.

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**Northern Virginia Community College
Educational Foundation, Inc.**

2012-2013 Scholarship Announcement

The Northern Virginia Community College Educational Foundation and the Student Financial Aid Office are pleased to announce the availability of the scholarship listed below for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Name of Scholarship: The *SkillSource* Regional Workforce Scholarship

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Students who are U.S. Citizens must demonstrate financial need by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
2. Field of Study must be either Health Care; Information Technology or Business Administration
3. Student must be a Virginia resident
4. Student must provide a letter (mailed separately to the College Financial Aid office - address below) from their Northern Virginia *SkillSource* Center indicating eligibility for Federal Workforce Investment Act Funds, either low-income adult or dislocated worker
5. Student may be attending either full-time or part-time

Number of Awards Offered: 3

Value of Each Award: \$3,333

Use of Award: The scholarship may be used only for tuition, books and supplies at NVCC as stated in the NVCC Educational Foundation Scholarship Policy.

PLEASE NOTE: How to Apply: You must complete the on-line scholarship application available from the College website at: <http://www.nvcc.edu/future-students/paying-for-college/financial-assistance/scholarships/index.html>. **Paper applications will no longer be accepted.**

Any required document such as proof of citizenship, letters of recommendation, etc. must be postmarked by the scholarship deadline. These documents must be mailed to FA office at: (College Financial Aid Office, CFAO Office Center, Annandale, VA 22003-3797) in a sealed envelope. The student's name and scholarship name must be on the documents

Recipient Selection Process: Selection made by Northern Virginia Community College Student Financial Aid Committee

Deadline for Application: Completed Scholarship Application and any other eligibility materials must be received by the College Financial Aid Office **by February 10, 2012.**

Notification of Awards: Recipients will be notified by mail of the outcome of the scholarship application process by May 2012.

For additional information on scholarship opportunities, visit the College Financial Aid website at www.nvcc.edu/finance