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## **CUELLAR FAMILY SHOPRITES EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

A goal of the New Jersey Food Council (“NJFC”) is to provide scholarships to students, who are employees and/or families of NJFC member companies and staff. This program will provide member benefit investment in the future of the food industry and families of NJFC.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Those eligible to apply are **New Jersey resident** high school seniors or college students who are either:

1. Children or spouses of full-time or part-time employees of Cuellar Family ShopRites. The employee must have been employed by Cuellar Family ShopRites for at least one year as of January 1 of the year in which the scholarship is awarded.
2. Full-time and part-time employees of Cuellar Family ShopRites, who have been employed by Cuellar Family ShopRites for at least six months as of January 1 of the year in which the scholarship is awarded.

#### **NOTE:**

- The applicant or the parent(s)/spouse of the applicant must still be employed by Cuellar Family ShopRites at the time the winner is selected.
- Graduate students are not eligible for the scholarship.

### **SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

1. Cuellar Family ShopRites Scholarship Program – An award of \$2,500 to an employee or family member employed at Cuellar Family ShopRites.

The winner of the scholarship may reapply each year if they or their parent(s)/spouse continue to be employed by Cuellar Family ShopRites. An average grade of B or better must be attained and confirmed.

The scholarship may be used at any accredited college, university or professional school in the United States. The scholarship recipient may transfer from one college to another and retain the scholarship.

### **SELECTION OF WINNERS**

In the Spring of each year in which the scholarship is awarded, Cuellar Family ShopRites will select the winner. In evaluating the applicants, consideration will be given to the applicants’ grades, written essay, letter of recommendation and financial need. Students must be in good standing and free from disciplinary actions.

The winner is selected largely on the basis of academic merit with a B average or better, essay, letter of recommendation and financial need (demonstration of special financial need is weighted higher). All applicants are notified of the results by the end of May of the year in which the scholarship is awarded.

## **OBTAINING A SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

On or about the beginning of January of the year in which the scholarship is awarded, Cuellar Family ShopRites is provided copies of the Scholarship Program Policy and Application Form. Applications are sent to those who request them or the application can be downloaded online at [www.njfoodcouncil.com](http://www.njfoodcouncil.com).

The application and program policy contain instructions about deadlines and other important information.

**Deadline for submission of applications is March 6, 2017.**

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF RECIPIENTS**

The scholarship recipient must enroll as a full-time college student in the Fall of the year in which the scholarship is awarded and, to continue in school for the entire academic year without interruption, barring illness, emergency or military service. The scholarship check is mailed to the winner, and she or he is responsible for making certain that the check is delivered to the college.

## **PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS**

The scholarship payment is made in the following way. On or about July 15 of the year in which the scholarship is awarded, the recipient is sent a check for the academic term. The check is made payable to the college.

For additional information regarding the scholarship program contact:

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