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NJFC EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

A goal of the New Jersey Food Council is to provide scholarships to students, employees and 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 companies that are members or employed by NJFC. The employee must have been employed for at least one year as of January 1 of the year in which scholarships are awarded.
2. Part-time employees of companies that are members of NJFC. The student must have been employed for at least six months as of January 1 of the year in which scholarships are awarded.

NOTE:

- The applicant or the parent(s)/spouse of the applicant must still be employed by a NJFC member company or NJFC at the time the winners are selected.
- Graduate students are not eligible for the NJFC Scholarship Program.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Three types of NJFC scholarships are awarded:

1. Founders Scholarship Award – An award of \$5,000 to one employee in a food related member business or future industry leader.
2. Thomas Infusino Scholarship Award – An award of \$5,000 to one employee in a retail member business.
3. Student Award – An award of \$5,000 to a graduating high school senior or college student who is a family member of a full time employee, NJFC employee or part-time student employee.

Winners of awards may reapply each year if they continue to be employed by firms that are members or staff of NJFC. An average grade of B or better must be attained and confirmed.

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

SELECTION OF WINNERS

An impartial Selection Committee of NJFC Board members will meet in the Spring to select the winners. In evaluating the applicants, the committee considers the applicants' grades, written essay, letter of recommendation and financial need. (Demonstration of special financial need is weighted higher.) Students must be in good standing and free from disciplinary actions. Winners are selected largely on the basis of academic merit with a B average or better, essay, letter of recommendation and financial need. All applicants are notified of the results by the end of May.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

To assure complete impartiality in the selection of winners and to maintain a high level of professionalism in dealing with students, parents, high schools and colleges; the NJFC Education Development Scholarship Program is managed through Board oversight. Selection of scholarship winners is made through the NJFC Selection Committee.

APPLICATION PROCESS

OBTAINING A SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

On or about the beginning of January, NJFC member companies are provided copies of the Education Scholarship Program Policy and Application Form. Applications are sent to those who request them or the application can be downloaded on line at 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

Scholarship recipients must enroll as full time college students in the fall of the year in which the scholarships are awarded and continue in school for the entire academic year without interruption, barring illness, emergency or military service. Scholarship checks are mailed to the individual scholarship recipients, and the winners are responsible for making certain that their check is delivered to the college.

PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Scholarship payments are made in the following way. On or about July 15, scholarship recipients are sent checks for the academic term. Checks are made payable to the college.

For additional information regarding the scholarship program contact:

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