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SPIRES FAMILY 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 **Kings Food Markets**. The employee must have been employed 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 **Kings Food Markets**. The student must have been employed 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 Kings Food Markets at the time the winner is selected.
- Graduate students are not eligible for the Kings Food Markets Scholarship Program.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

1. Spires Family Scholarship Awards – Two awards of \$2,000 to an employee or family member employed at Kings Food Markets.

The winners of the award may reapply each year if they continue to be employed by Kings Food Markets. An average grade of B or better must be attained and confirmed.

The award 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 award.

SELECTION OF WINNERS

A Selection Committee comprised of the Spires Family will meet in the Spring to select the winner. In evaluating the applicants, the committee considers 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.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

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

OBTAINING A SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

On or about the beginning of January, Kings Food Markets are provided copies of the Spires Family 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

The scholarship recipient must enroll as a full time college student in the fall of the year in which the scholarship is awarded and continue in school for the entire academic year without interruption, barring illness, emergency or military service. The scholarship check is mailed to the individual scholarship recipient, and the winner 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, the scholarship 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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