



## **WHOLE FOODS MARKET EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

A goal of the New Jersey Food Council (“NJFC”) is to provide scholarships to students who are employees 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 high school seniors or college students who are either:

Full or part time team members of Whole Foods Market. The team member must have been employed by Whole Foods Market for at least one year as of January 1 of the year in which the scholarship is awarded.

#### **NOTE:**

- The applicant must still be employed by Whole Foods Market at the time the winner is selected.
- Graduate students are not eligible for the scholarship.

### **SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

1. Whole Foods Market Education Scholarship Program – Five (5) awards of \$2,000 to a team member employed at Whole Foods Market.

The winner of the scholarship may reapply each year if they continue to be employed by Whole Foods Market. 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**

A Whole Foods Market Selection Committee (“Committee”) will meet in the Spring of the year in which the scholarship is awarded 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 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, Whole Foods Market is provided copies of the Whole Foods Market Education 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/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.

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