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## **ROBERT POWELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

A goal of the New Jersey Food Council (NJFC) 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 & SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

Those eligible to apply are high school seniors or college students who are, or whose parent, stepparent legal guardian, or grandparent is, employed by **Allegiance Retail Services, LLC** on the date when the scholarship is awarded and have been for a continuous period of at least one year as of January 1 of the year in which the scholarship is awarded.

### **SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

The Robert Powell Memorial Scholarship Award – A single award of \$5,000 made in each calendar year.

The winner of the award may reapply each year if he or she continues to meet eligibility criteria. An average grade of B or better must be attained and confirmed to be eligible to reapply.

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**

An impartial committee established by Allegiance Retail Services, LLC will meet in the Spring of each calendar year to select the winner. In choosing a winner, the committee will consider the applicants' grades, written essay, letter of recommendation and financial need, with financial need being more heavily weighted. Students must be in good standing and free of disciplinary actions. All applicants will be notified of the results by the end of May. Applicant's name and family relationship to Allegiance will be removed or masked during the review process, where applicable, to ensure unbiased assessment.

### **PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION**

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

## **OBTAINING A SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

During each January, Allegiance Retail Services, LLC will be provided copies of the Robert Powell Memorial Scholarship Program Policy and Application Form for distribution to employees of Allegiance Retail Services, LLC. Applications will also be sent to those who request them or the application can be downloaded on line at [www.njfoodcouncil.com](http://www.njfoodcouncil.com). The application and Program Policy contain instructions about deadlines and other important information. **For 2022, the deadline for submission of applications is April 18.**

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF RECIPIENT**

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 will be mailed to the individual scholarship recipient, and the winner is responsible for making certain that their 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 will be sent a check for the academic term. Checks are made payable to the college.

Allegiance Retail Services, LLC may discontinue or suspend the Robert Powell Memorial Scholarship Program for any calendar year prior to the selection of an Award winner for that year. The Committee may conclude, for any particular year, that no application is sufficiently meritorious to justify an Award for that year.

For additional information regarding the scholarship program contact:

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