

NEW JERSEY ELKS FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

APRIL 15, 2026, TO JUNE 15, 2026

Scholarship for the Children, Grandchildren and Great-grandchildren of Elks

Eligibility

1. Any son or daughter (or stepson or stepdaughter) (or grand or great-grand child or stepchild) of an Elk who has been a member in good standing for at least one year is eligible to apply for the NJ Elks Family scholarship. The Elk must have been a member for at least one year as of March 31 of the year in which the application is submitted and must be a paid-up member through March 31 of the following year.
2. The applicant must be a graduating high school senior (May or June 2026) or a college freshman, sophomore, or junior who is a full-time student at a two- or four-year college/university.
3. Scholarship awards may only be applied to accredited US American schools, colleges, or universities.

Please note that this Application Form is for the New Jersey Elks Family Scholarship based on the 2025-26 academic year. **All applicants** for the New Jersey Elks Family Scholarship will be **notified by email** by the end of August 2026 (if you do not receive an email, please look in your spam folder). All winners will receive an attachment that must be completed and returned by September 15, 2026. **NO EXCEPTION**

By signing each part, you understand that the decisions of the New Jersey State Elks Association Selection Committee with respect to the selection of award winners will be final.

PART I: Sponsoring Member: To be completed by the Elk Parent, Grandparent or Great-Grandparent with the longest continuous membership.

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Home Address: _____

Elks Lodge: _____ Lodge Number: _____ District: _____

Your Membership Number: _____ How long have you been an Elk? _____

Relationship to Student Below: ☐ Father ☐ Stepfather ☐ Mother ☐ Step-Mother

☐ Grand-Father ☐ Grand-Mother ☐ Step-Grandfather ☐ Step-Grandmother
or Great-Grand or Great-Grand or Great-Grand or Great-Grand

I verify that all the above statements are true: _____ Date: _____

Signature

PART II: To be completed by the student. Please read the following paragraph completely.

This questionnaire is designed to collect information about your background, your interests, and your career plans. Your answers to these questions are confidential and will be reviewed by an independent scholarship selection committee. The selection of scholarship recipients will be influenced by the completeness of replies, neatness, and legibility. Please limit your responses to the space provided (i.e., **DO NOT** attach a separate piece of paper except for parts 4 & 7). **Please type or print neatly.**

1. YOU - THE APPLICANT

Name: _____ Social Security #: XXX-XX-_____
Last First Middle Initial

Street Address: _____ Phone: (____) ____-____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ (must be valid through Fall of 2026)

Date of Birth (month-date-year): ____/____/____ Age: _____ Sex: _____

2. YOUR SCHOOLING

Year in School (**2025-2026**): ☐ HS Senior ☐ Coll. Freshman ☐ Coll. Sophomore ☐ Coll. Junior

Present High School or College: _____

High School/College Address: _____

3. LEADERSHIP SECTION

Honors and Awards

Only include scholastic, extracurricular, and civic honors and awards that you have received over the **past** year (**June 16, 2025, until June 15, 2026**).

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| 1. _____ | 2. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 9. _____ | 10. _____ |

Activities and Organizations

Only include all scholastic, extracurricular, and civic organizations that you participated in over the **past** year (**June 16, 2025, until June 15, 2026**).

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| 1. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 10. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 11. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 12. _____ |

Offices and Positions of Leadership

Only state the name of the organization and office that you have held over the **past** year (**June 16, 2025, until June 15, 2026**).

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| 1. _____ | 2. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 8. _____ |

4. YOUR WORK EXPERIENCE AND SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Only list chronologically the jobs you have held over the **past** year (**June 16, 2025 until June 15, 2026**). Include baby-sitting and work on a family farm or business. Use additional sheets as necessary.

Kind of Work ▼	Name of Employer ▼	Dates of Employment ▼	Total Hours* ▼

***Total Hours** means total hours worked at that job.
Do not write; varies, hours per week, as needed or approximately.

Only list volunteer work or community service you performed without pay over the **past** year (**June 16, 2025, until June 15, 2026**). Use additional sheets as necessary.

Kind of Work	Name of Agency or Organization	Dates of Participation	*Total Hours
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***Total Hours** means total hours spent volunteering with that Agency or Organization.
Do not write; varies, hours per week, as needed or approximately.

5. YOUR EXPERIENCE

Describe the experience, either academic or personal, that gives you the feeling of greatest achievement or pride.

6. YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

Describe any family characteristics or experiences that you wish to share with us.

Enter the name(s) of the parent(s) or guardian(s) who support you:

Enter the name(s) of the parent(s) or guardian(s) you live with:

How many siblings do you have? Number: _____

Names and Ages: _____

7. YOUR CURRENT AND FUTURE PLANS

On an attached sheet (limit to no more than one typed page, double spaced), describe your present educational goals, fields of interest, and possible career aspirations in 300 words or less.

I verify that all the above statements are true: _____ Date: _____
Student's signature

NOTE: Please send the following to sponsor member's lodge secretary before June 15, 2026

- a) This completed application.
 - b) Your one-page sheet (300 words or less) describing your goals, interests, and aspirations.
 - c) An up-to-date transcript showing your cumulative GPA or your cumulative percentage average.
 - d) One sealed letter of reference from someone who knows you. This is NOT to be a check list or form letter type of recommendation.
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PART III: To be completed by local lodge secretary.

Has the Elk parent listed in Part I been a member in good standing?
for at least one year as of March 31, 2026? Yes No

Has the Elk parent listed in Part I paid his or her membership dues?
through March 31, 2027? Yes No

What date was the Elk parent in Part I initiated? _____

Please consult with the other officers and verify that the statements made by the parent/guardian are correct.

Please feel free to add any comments that your lodge may feel are pertinent to this application.

I verify that all the above statements are true: _____ Date: _____
Lodge secretary's signature SEAL

DISTRICT: _____

Lodge Secretary: Must be sent before July 30th. Please check to make sure that the application is complete and you have all the necessary parts then forward it a.s.a.p. to:

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