

VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

New Jersey State Elks Association



The New Jersey State Elks Association is pleased to present its Vocational Scholarship for students who have completed their secondary education requirements and plan to attend a post-secondary school to pursue a certificate or credential in a vocational or technical program. Post-secondary schools include vocational or technical schools. Students attending a two year community college are also eligible as long as they are pursuing a certificate or credential. Students planning to earn an Associate's or Bachelor's Degree are not eligible for this scholarship program.

This scholarship is available to graduating high school students or within one year of earning a high school diploma or a G.E.D. Applicant must be a resident of New Jersey and must also be a citizen of the United States on the date that the application is submitted.

All applications must be sent to your local New Jersey Elks Lodge and postmarked between March 1, 2020 & May 15, 2020 for the 2020-21 academic year. For assistance in locating the nearest lodge, use the following website: <http://www.elks.org/lodges/>.

Please complete all parts of the application. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applicants are encouraged to complete their applications and submit them to their local Elks Lodge prior to May 1, 2020 if possible.

SECTION 1:

First Name _____ **Last Name** _____

Social Security last 4 digits # _____

Street Address _____

City _____ **State and Zip Code** _____

Phone (cell) _____ **(home)** _____

Email _____

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ **gender (m/f)** _____

Applicants must be U.S. citizens. If ***not*** a natural-born citizen, please list date, city, and state of naturalization.

Date _____ **City** _____ **State** _____

Name of high school attended or currently attending _____

High school address _____

School's phone# _____

Month and year of graduation or intended graduation _____

Grade point average _____

(Eligibility is within one year of high school graduation or completion of the GED).

Name and address of county community college, vocational, trade or technical certification school (not for an Associates or Bachelor's Degree) you are planning to or are attending:

Course of study: _____

Date courses began or will begin: _____

Length of this course of study: _____

At the completion of this course of study, I will receive a certificate/credential in:

List your school activities for all four years of high school (use a separate sheet if necessary):

List any community and/or religious activities and/or clubs in which you participate and/or have participated (use a separate sheet if necessary):

List any honors and/or awards you received in your school and/or in your community (use a separate sheet if necessary):

SECTION 2: ON A SEPARATE PAGE, WRITE A PARAGRAPH ON HOW THIS SCHOLARSHIP WILL HELP YOU MEET YOUR CAREER GOALS.

SECTION 3: ON A SEPARATE PAGE, DESCRIBE ANY OBSTACLES YOU HAVE HAD TO OVERCOME IN YOUR LIFE

SECTION 4:

FINANCIAL INFORMATION for dependent student (A dependent student is one who depends on his or her parent(s) for the majority of financial support). All information is kept confidential.

Father's name: _____ Age: _____ Occupation: _____

Mother's name: _____ Age: _____ Occupation: _____

Parent's marital status: _____

Father's annual income before taxes (gross income) \$ _____

Mother's annual income before taxes (gross income) \$ _____

Which parent declares you on his or her income tax return? _____

List any other income not included above (e.g., interest, child support, disability)

Number of dependents (including you the applicant) who will be attending a college, university, or vocational/technical school in 2020-21: _____

OPTIONAL: Parents(s) or guardian(s) may attach a statement explaining any special financial circumstances. Please sign and date the statement and attach it to the application.

PLEASE ATTACH THE FOLLOWING TO THE COMPLETED APPLICATION:

1. Sealed, official transcript from High School.
2. If already attending a post-secondary school, a transcript of course(s) enrolled in and/or completed.
3. Letter of recommendation from a teacher (can be from high school or vocational or technical school if already attending).
4. Letter of recommendation from someone other than a teacher or relative.
5. (Optional) Parent's Statement explained in the Financial Section 4

DEADLINE IS May 15, 2020 but applicants are encouraged to complete their applications and submit them to their local Elks Lodge prior to May 1, 2020 if possible.

The New Jersey State Elks Association will notify you by email after July 31, 2020 if you are selected to receive a scholarship.

THIS APPLICATION MUST HAVE THE ENDORSEMENT OF A LODGE IN THE NEW JERSEY STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION.

This section to be filled out by local Elks Lodge

I _____ (Lodge Scholarship Chair, Secretary, or Exalted Ruler) of

_____ (Lodge Name and Number) do hereby certify that I have received this application and all its attachments and that they comply with the state association requirements.

Signature of official named above _____ Date _____

Lodge official- please fill out information above and submit application to your District Scholarship Chair no later than June 1, 2020.

Contact us at NJSEAVocationalScholarship@gmail.com with any questions you may have prior to sending your application to your local Elks Lodge.

COMPLETED APPLICATION CHECK LIST

This checklist is merely provided for your use in ensuring that your application is complete. You **do not** need to submit it with your application.

- SECTION 1 Filled in all information
- SECTION 2 (Separate page – Paragraph on how this scholarship will help you meet you goals)
- SECTION 3 (Separate page – Describe any obstacles you had to overcome in your life).
- SECTION 4 (Completed all Financial Information)
- OTHER ATTACHMENTS
 - Sealed Official Transcript
 - If already attending a Post-Secondary School, a Transcript from school of course(s) enrolled in and/or completed
 - Letter of Recommendation from a teacher
 - Letter of Recommendation from someone other than a teacher or relative
 - (Optional) Financial Statement as detailed in Section 4
- DROP OFF AT OR MAIL TO LOCAL LODGE FOR ENDORSEMENT (Lodge will submit application)