

New Jersey Association for Lifelong Learning NJALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2021

Application Eligibility and Contents

NJALL WILL AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS ON JUNE 18, 2021, TO *TWO ELIGIBLE ADULTS.

**If funding is available, a 3rd scholarship may be awarded.*

The NJALL Scholarship provides funds directly to the winner, up to a maximum of \$8,000, in support of higher education. \$1,000 is provided per semester for full-time enrollment, (12 credits or more) and *pro-rated* for part-time enrollment. (Example: \$500 for 6 credits) Funds up to \$1,000 are provided for 12 credits/or more taken during combined summer or winter sessions.

***BONUS AWARDS:** Completion of Associate's Degree - \$500; Completion of Bachelor's Degree -\$1000

Scholarship applications are open to eligible adults regardless of Gender, race, color, religion, age, sexual orientation/identification or disabling condition.
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To be Eligible You Must:

1. Be a resident of New Jersey.
2. Have earned a NJ High School Diploma by attending a NJ adult education program to prepare for a High School Equivalency Exam (GED, TASC or HiSET) or to complete Adult HS requirements. (*Not limited to those who earned diplomas during this year.*)
3. Have been accepted to/or attending an accredited post-secondary institution.
4. Complete and Sign your Application.
5. Include ALL Required Documents listed below:
 - a. Copy of High School Equivalency Test scores (GED, TASC or HiSET)
**Or Copy of Adult High School Transcript.*
 - b. Copy of your High School Diploma.
 - c. Proof of acceptance to an accredited post-secondary institution
** Or Official College Transcript, if currently attending college.*
 - d. Two (2) letters of recommendation addressing your motivation, goals, ability to meet educational and life challenges and your potential for success in higher education.
NOTE: At least one letter must be attached to a completed "Educational Recommendation" form (page 4) included in the application
6. SUBMIT the Completed Signed Application with all required supporting materials
By **US Mail, postmarked** no later than: **Monday, May 10, 2021**

Note: Scholarship winners are required to submit an official transcript of grades at the end of each semester as well as registration documentation at the beginning of each semester.

The Application Packet includes:

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Applicant Information and Certification

All applications **must** be postmarked by: **Monday, May 10, 2021**

CONTACT INFORMATION: *(please print)*

Name: _____ / _____ / _____
Last First Middle

Permanent Address: _____
_____ / _____ / _____
City State Zip Code

Phone Number: () _____ Check one: Home ___ Cell ___ Work ___

Alternate Phone: () _____ Check one: Home ___ Cell ___ Work ___

E-mail Address: _____

Best way to contact you: Home phone? ___ Cell phone? ___ Email? ___ Text? ___
Morning? ___ Afternoon? ___ Evening? ___

ADULT EDUCATION INFORMATION:

Identify the NJ Adult Education Program you attended to prepare for your High School Diploma.

Program Name: _____

Address: _____ / _____ / _____
City or town State

I attended classes from: _____ to _____
Month/year Month/year

To prepare for: (*check 1*) GED Test ___ TASC Test ___ HiSET Test ___ Adult HS Credits ___

COLLEGE or other Accredited Post-Secondary Institution:

Identify the post-secondary institution to which you have been accepted or currently attend:

Name: _____

Address: _____ / _____ / _____
City or Town State

CERTIFICATION: All of the information in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I agree to give proof of the information I have provided upon request. If awarded a scholarship, I agree to have my name, comments, and photo used for purposes of public information and solicitation of donations for the NJALL Scholarship Program.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

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Questions

DIRECTIONS

- Please respond thoughtfully and completely to ALL six (6) questions.
- Your responses should be typed or printed.
- Keep each response to 500 words or less, using as many pages as needed.

QUESTIONS

1. What life challenges prevented you from completing high school?
(This will help the selection committee learn about who you are and your history.)
2. What motivated you to return to an adult education program to earn your high school diploma? What issues did you face while preparing for your diploma and how did you handle those challenges?
3. What are your ambitions and goals and how will attending college or an accredited post-secondary institution help you to achieve them?
4. What do you consider to be your strengths and weaknesses and how do you think they will affect your future?
5. We know that the NJALL Scholarship will not cover all of your expenses. If awarded the scholarship, how are you planning to finance the balance of your college expenses?
6. Is there any additional information that you would like to share with the selection committee that you haven't already written about?

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Educational Recommendation Form

To the Applicant: Two (2) letters of recommendation are required, addressing your motivation, goals, ability to meet educational and life challenges and your potential for success in higher education.

At least one letter must be attached to the form below (*copy as needed*) and completed by a counselor, teacher, administrator, or other official of an Adult Education Program, High School or College you attended.

INSTRUCTIONS TO PERSON PROVIDING THE RECOMMENDATION:

Please complete and attach this form to your letter of recommendation, preferably written on official letterhead. Your input is needed to assist the NJALL Scholarship Committee in selecting the best applicants for the scholarship.

The Committee will judge applicants based on demonstrated ability to meet educational and life challenges, motivation, need, realistic goals, and potential for success in higher education. Based on your knowledge of the student, please provide as much detail as possible in your letter of recommendation, related to the criteria described above.

Thank you.

(Attach additional pages as needed.)

Scholarship Applicant's Name: _____

Name of Reference: _____ / _____

Please print name

Title

Affiliation _____ / _____

Name of Adult Education Program, High School or College;

Email address

_____ / _____

Address

Phone

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant? _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please Complete and Return the form and letter of recommendation to the Scholarship Applicant in time for inclusion

With their mailed application. Thank you.

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Application Submission Checklist

After you complete the entire application:

INITIAL each item below to indicate that you have enclosed all required documents. Include this checklist with your completed application.

1. _____ Completed & Signed Applicant Information & Certification (*page 2*)
2. _____ Typed or printed responses to the six (6) questions
(*Page 3 plus additional pages as needed*)
3. _____ Copy of your High School Diploma
4. _____ Copy of your High School Equivalency Test Scores (GED, TASC or HiSET)
Or
Copy of your Adult High School Transcript
5. _____ Proof of acceptance to an accredited post-secondary institution
Or
Official College Transcript, if currently attending college
6. a. _____ Two (2) letters of recommendation, *at least one attached to the "Educational Recommendation Form" (page 4)*
b. _____

NOTE: When selecting people to write the recommendations, consider asking those who have knowledge of your ability to meet educational and life challenges, your motivation, your goals, and your potential for success in higher education.

Send Application and All Supporting Materials by US MAIL to:

NJALL Scholarship Committee C/o Linda Roma, Chair PO Box 125 Allenhurst, NJ 07711
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Postmarked no later than: Monday, May 10, 2021

Note: Incomplete or late applications will *not* be considered.