



NORTH ESSEX CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOUNDATION

2018 Scholarship Rules and Qualifications

The amount of each Scholarship Award for 2018 will be \$1,000

The following information should assist you in understanding the rules and qualifications for the North Essex Chamber of Commerce Foundation scholarship program for this year.

GENERAL RULES:

1. Eligible Candidates for the Scholarship are:
 - a. Senior students attending an area high school within the Chamber footprint - Montclair, Cedar Grove, Verona, Essex Fells, North Caldwell, Caldwell, West Caldwell, Fairfield, Roseland.
 - b. Any NECC member's child who is a graduating high school senior
2. This Scholarship can be utilized only for full or part time tuition to any college undergraduate program or for trade or vocational school which is post-secondary, or any degree or certification program.
3. All applications should be completed by the applicant. Typed submissions are preferred and should be completed (with the exception of the personal statement) on the application form.
4. All applications must be fully completed and signed by the applicant (and parent/guardian where appropriate) or it will be deemed incomplete. Applications are to be submitted to the School Guidance Office if through your school and to email@northessexchamber.com if a dependent of a Chamber Business Member by May 14, 2018.
5. The **personal statement** portion of the application should be neatly typed and double spaced, preferably utilizing 12 point Times New Roman or a similar easy-to-read font.
6. Applications will be scored as follows: personal statement (30 points) economic need (20 points), academics (10 points), work experience (10 points), volunteerism (10 points), extracurricular activities (10 points), and recommendations (10 points).
7. In the event that a scholarship is awarded to a student whose balance of tuition payment is less than the award, the total award may be reduced to an amount not greater than 110% of actual tuition, to accommodate the student's cost for books.

Application packet should contain

- **Completed and signed application form**
- **Personal Statement**
- **Copy of school transcript**
- **Letter(s) of recommendation from teacher, instructor, employer, or business associate**

Completed application packet must be received by 4:00PM on Monday, May 14, 2018.

(For School Guidance Office or Dependents of Chamber Business Members)

Please submit all applications to:
North Essex Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Inc.
26 Park Street, Suite 2062
Montclair, NJ 07042

OR

Email@northessexchamber.com

Questions? Call the Chamber at 973-226-5500. E-mail to: email@northessexchamber.com.
Visit our website, www.northessexchamber.com.

Scholarships are funded by the North Essex Chamber of Commerce Foundation. The Foundation earns the funds each year from several important fund raising events, including the North Essex Chamber of Commerce (NECC) Taste of Essex food and beverage tasting event.

Applications and supporting documents will become the property of the NECC Foundation and will not be returned. By signing the application, you (and your parent/guardian where applicable) agree to allow NECC to utilize your name for publicity opportunities related to the scholarship or chamber program. Winning applicants agree to have their photograph taken with Chamber representatives and agree to release all rights to the photo to NECC for its promotional activities.

Winning applicants must present a tuition bill prior to release of NECC Scholarship award funds. Failure to submit proof of tuition may void award. Winner has until **November 1, 2018** to claim his/her award. Scholarship not claimed after this time period will be returned to the foundation general fund.