

New Jersey Association for Lifelong Learning NJALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2024

Application Eligibility and Contents

NJALL WILL AWARD TWO SCHOLARSHIPS TO ELIGIBLE ADULTS ON JUNE 21, 2024, PLUS \$500 “BOOK GRANTS” (UP TO 5) TO ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS NOT SELECTED FOR SCHOLARSHIPS.

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

***BONUS AWARDS:** \$500 for completing Associate’s Degree; \$1,000 for Bachelor’s Degree

Scholarship applications are open to eligible adults, regardless of gender, race, color, religion, age, sexual orientation/identification or disabling condition.

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, HiSET or TASC) 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, HiSET or TASC)
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: **Extended Deadline - Monday, May 13, 2024**

Note: *Scholarship winners will be 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.*

**Book grant recipients will also be required to submit registration documentation.*

The Application Packet includes:

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Applicant Information and Certification

All applications must be postmarked by: **Extended Deadline - Monday, May 13, 2024**

CONTACT INFORMATION: (please print)

Name: _____ / _____ / _____ / _____
Last First Middle Pronouns (fill in if desired)

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? _____ Emergency Contact: _____ / _____
Name Phone Number

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 an NJALL Scholarship or Book Grant, 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 seven (7) questions to help the selection committee learn about you.
- Your responses should be typed or printed. (*If printed, please use black ink.*)
- Keep each response to 500 words or less.
- Use as many pages as needed and include your name on each page.

QUESTIONS

1. What prevented you from completing high school?
2. What motivated you to return to an adult education program to earn your high school diploma?
3. While attending an adult education program to prepare for your High School Diploma, what challenges did you face?
How did you handle them?
4. How will attending college or an accredited post-secondary institution help you to achieve your goals and ambitions?
5. Tell us about one of your strengths that you think will positively affect your future?
6. As you know, 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?
7. Is there anything else about you that you would like to share with the selection committee?

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Educational Recommendation Form

To the Applicant: Two (2) letters of recommendation are required. When selecting people to write your recommendations, consider asking those who have knowledge of your motivation, goals, ability to meet educational and life challenges and your potential for success in higher education.

At Least One letter must be completed by a counselor, teacher, administrator, or other official of an Adult Education Program, High School or College you attended. *Please provide them with the form below to attach to their letter.*

If your second recommendation is also from an educator, (*as described above*), please copy the form and attach to the letter.

All recommendations and forms should be submitted together with your application.

INSTRUCTIONS TO EDUCATOR 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 above criteria. *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 the Application to be mailed.

Thank you!

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Application & Documents 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 Applicant Information and Signed Certification (page 2)
2. _____ Typed or printed responses to the seven (7) 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. Two (2) letters of recommendation, (*at least one attached to Educational Recommendation Form* - page 4)
 - a. _____ Recommendation Letter #1
 - b. _____ Educational Recommendation Form attached to letter #1
 - c. _____ Recommendation Letter #2
 - d. _____ *If 2nd Educator*, attach Educational Recommendation Form

Send Application and **All Supporting Materials** by **US MAIL** to:

NJALL Scholarship Committee
C/o Dr. Darnelle L. Richardson, Chair
Jersey City Free Public Library
472 Jersey Avenue
Jersey City, NJ 07302

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