



RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF NEW JERSEY MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

This \$1,500 scholarship award is for students presently attending a New Jersey community college who are pursuing a major in a science and/or technology related field, have at least a 3.5 G.P.A., are in financial need and have completed 12 credits, but have at least 24 credits left to complete their degrees. Up to ten students will receive this scholarship.

In addition to submitting the attached scholarship application completed, the applicant must also submit the following:

- Resume;
- Certified College Transcript; and
- Letter of Reference.

No later than April 15, 2010, return completed application materials to: Research & Development Council of New Jersey, 45 Academy St., Suite 503 Newark, NJ 07102. You may also email the application materials to the Council’s Executive Director, Kim Wozniak, at kwozniak@rdnj.org. If you are selected as a scholarship candidate, you will be interviewed by the Council Scholarship Committee in May on a date to be determined. Additionally, if you are chosen as a scholarship recipient, you will be required to attend the Council’s Annual Patent Awards Dinner in November.

If you should have any questions, please contact the Council’s office at 973.274.8336.



ABOUT THE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF NEW JERSEY

For nearly half a century, the Newark-based Research and Development Council of New Jersey has been dedicated to cultivating an environment supportive of the advancement of research and development throughout New Jersey. Established in 1962, the Council was created to serve as a unified voice for the three R&D sectors — industry, academia and government — to work with the State to create an environment R&D could thrive in.

Currently chaired by ExxonMobil Manager Thomas F. Degnan, Jr., the Council's past accomplishments include: raising the funds for the design and construction of Liberty Science Center, supporting the Science Olympiad student tournament, establishing R&D tax credits for research firms, and annually awarding dozens of scholarships to college students pursuing an education in R&D related fields.

Recognizing that there is an unrivaled culture of innovation in New Jersey, every year the Council selects pioneering NJ inventions for their contribution to R&D and honors their inventors with the Council’s distinguished Thomas Alva Edison Patent Award. In 2009, the Council selected 12 patent awards, which recognized 55 inventors who worked on those patents. These inventors were honored at the Council’s 30th Annual Awards Dinner which was held at the Liberty Science Center located in Jersey City.

The Council is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization whose membership includes representatives from academia, government and industry, including several Fortune 500 companies. For more information on the Council, please visit the Council’s website at www.rdnj.org or call the Council’s office at 973.274.8336.

MERIT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Date of Application
Street Address			Telephone No.
City	State	Zip code	
Email Address	Place of Birth	Date of Birth	

Name of College		
College Accounting Office Mailing Address ¹	College Accounting Office Telephone No.	
City	State	Zip code
Anticipated Graduation Date	Major/ Field of Academic Study	Cumulative G.P.A.

Please answer the questions below. It is highly recommended that you limit your answers to the space provided. If you require additional space, you may add additional pages if necessary.

1. What is your major or field of academic study? (Be as specific as possible):

2. List your college extra-curricular activities (athletics, clubs, etc.):

¹ This address should be the address of your college's specific office to which the scholarship check should be sent to for payment towards your tuition, fees, and/or books so please be sure to correctly identify this office and its mailing address.

3. List other activities in which you have been involved (hobbies, organizations, employment, etc):

4. Briefly describe your plans after you have completed your community college degree:

5. Do you currently receive or have you applied for any type of financial aid? ____ If you do receive financial aid, please identify the source(s) and amount(s).

6. List any other scholarships you have applied for and received, including the amount:

7. List any other pertinent information about you that you think the Council Scholarship Committee should know:

8. How did you find out about this scholarship? _____

Note: Among other criteria, scholarships are awarded based on financial need. If you have received enough scholarship money to cover your tuition, or financial aid grants cover your tuition, you would not be eligible for this scholarship.

*****All scholarship monies are paid directly to the college for sole purpose of payment of tuition, fees and books.*****

CERTIFICATION

I authorize the verification of the given information and I certify the information given is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

(Date)

(Signature of the Applicant)