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## ETS Employees' Community Action Fund 2018 Scholarship Program

**APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MAY 11, 2018**

### About the Employees' Community Action Fund (ECAF) Scholarship Program

- ECAF scholarships are funded entirely by the monetary contributions of ETS employees.
- Established to assist graduating seniors in their goal of achieving a higher education degree.
- More than \$1,000,000 in scholarships has been awarded to more than 200 students across New Jersey.
- The program offers one-time scholarships to students entering their freshman year of college or other higher education institutions.
- Scholarships of up to \$10,000 each will be awarded to selected students.
- One scholarship will be available for the child of an ETS employee working in New Jersey, regardless of residency, and who meets the program's eligibility requirements.

### Who Is Eligible?

- New Jersey public high school seniors graduating in May/June 2018.
- Significant and verifiable challenges.
- Enrolled full-time in an accredited, postsecondary non-profit educational institution in the fall of 2018.
- In active pursuit of a degree at a postsecondary non-profit institution (*two- or four-year college/university or vocational/technical school*).

### How Are Applications Evaluated?

- Evidence of challenge(s)/hardship(s)
- Writing samples / essay
- Educational experience
- Academic transcripts
- Community involvement and other activities
- Recommendations
- Need

### What's the Timeline?

- Application information will be available in November 2017.
- Criteria and link to online application will be publicly announced and may be obtained from your high school guidance counselor.
- Application period closes on April 27, 2018. **EXTENDED TO MAY 11, 2018**
- Award decisions announced in June, 2018.



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## How Do I Apply?

- Prepare your essays on the following topics (*500 words or less*)
  - describe your hardship and how it impacts you
  - how will you use your degree in 10 years?
- Visit ECAF application website after **November 15** - <https://aim.applyists.net/Account/LogOn?ReturnUrl=%2fECAFNJ>
  - Complete the online application and upload required documents including high school transcripts, two letters of recommendation, etc.
- IF you are asked to enter a “Program Key” while accessing the online application, please enter “NJECAF” into the required field.

## What Else Should I Know?

- You may apply for any scholarships offered by ETS however you will only be awarded one.
  - *If a student is selected for the ETS TCHS and ETS ECAF scholarships, the larger of the two amounts will be awarded.*
- Checks are made co-payable to the student and the institution – no exceptions.
- Funds are disbursed in two installments
  - Fall semester tuition is paid in August, 2018.
  - Spring 2018 tuition is paid in January, 2019...IF
    - You are in “*good academic standing*” as defined by the institution, and
    - You have no disciplinary infractions.
    - Evidence of enrollment and a copy of the spring semester bill are provided.
- Watch your email for requests for more information. Please be sure to *respond to all requests* as your application will not be considered unless you provide all requested information.

## Who Do I Contact with Questions?

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