



# VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

New Jersey State Elks Association

The New Jersey State Elks Association is pleased to present its Vocational Scholarship for students who have completed their secondary education requirements and plan to attend a post-secondary school to pursue a certificate or credential in a vocational or technical program. Post-secondary schools include vocational or technical schools. Students attending a two year community college are also eligible as long as they are pursuing a certificate or credential. Students planning to earn an Associate's or Bachelor's Degree are not eligible for this scholarship program.

This scholarship is available to graduating high school students or within four years of earning a high school diploma or GED. Applicant must be a resident of New Jersey and must also be a citizen of the United States on the date that the application is submitted.

All applications must be sent to your local New Jersey Elks Lodge and postmarked between March 5, 2026 & May 12, 2026 for the 2026-27 academic year. For assistance in locating the nearest lodge, use the following website: <http://www.elks.org/lodges/>

Please complete all parts of the application. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applicants are encouraged to complete their applications and submit them to their local Elks Lodge prior to May 12, 2026.

**SECTION 1:**

**First Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Last Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Social Security last 4 digits #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State and Zip Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone (cell)** \_\_\_\_\_ **(home)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)** \_\_\_\_\_ **gender (m/f)** \_\_\_\_\_

Applicants must be U.S. citizens. If ***not*** a natural-born citizen, please list date, city, and state of naturalization.

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of high school attended or currently attending** \_\_\_\_\_

High school address \_\_\_\_\_

School's phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Month and year of graduation or intended graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Grade point average \_\_\_\_\_

(Eligibility is within four years of high school graduation or completion of the GED).

**Name and address of vocational, trade, technical certification school or county/community college certification training you are planning to or are attending** (this scholarship cannot be used for an Associates or Bachelor's Degree):

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Course of study: \_\_\_\_\_

Date courses began or will begin: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of this course of study: \_\_\_\_\_

At the completion of this course of study, I will receive a certificate/credential in:

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**List your school activities** for all four years of high school (use a separate sheet if necessary):

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**List any community and/or religious activities** and/or clubs in which you participate and/or have participated (use a separate sheet if necessary):

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List any honors and/or awards you received in your school and/or in your community (use a separate sheet if necessary):

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List your Employment Record (use a separate sheet if necessary):

Employer                      Dates of employment                      Position                      Hours per week

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**SECTION 2: ON A SEPARATE PAGE, WRITE A PARAGRAPH ON HOW THIS SCHOLARSHIP WILL HELP YOU MEET YOUR CAREER GOALS.**

**SECTION 3: ON A SEPARATE PAGE, DESCRIBE ANY OBSTACLES YOU HAVE HAD TO OVERCOME IN YOUR LIFE**

**SECTION 4:**

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION** for dependent student (A dependent student is one who depends on his or her parent(s) for the majority of financial support). All information is kept confidential.

Father's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's marital status: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's annual income before taxes (gross income) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's annual income before taxes (gross income) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Which parent declares you on his or her income tax return? \_\_\_\_\_

List any other income not included above (e.g., interest, child support, disability)

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Number of dependents (including you the applicant) who will be attending a college, university, or vocational/technical school in 2025-26: \_\_\_\_\_

**OPTIONAL:** Parents(s) or guardian(s) or student if self-supporting, may attach a statement explaining any special financial circumstances. Please sign and date the statement and attach it to the application.

**PLEASE ATTACH THE FOLLOWING TO THE COMPLETED APPLICATION:**

1. Sealed, official transcript from High School.
2. If already attending a post-secondary school, a transcript of course(s) enrolled in and/or completed.
3. Letter of recommendation from a teacher (can be from high school or vocational or technical school if already attending) or a family member or other responsible person who has personally observed the applicant and can give an opinion of the character and general worthiness of the applicant.
4. Letter of recommendation from someone other than a teacher or relative.
5. (Optional) Special Financial Statement explained in Section 4.

DEADLINE is May 12, 2026 but applicants are encouraged to complete their applications and submit them to their local Elks Lodge prior to May 12, 2026 if possible.

**The New Jersey State Elks Association will notify you by email after July 31, 2026 if you are selected to receive a scholarship.**

**THIS APPLICATION MUST HAVE THE ENDORSEMENT OF A LODGE IN THE NEW JERSEY STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION.**

**This section to be filled out by local Elks Lodge**

I \_\_\_\_\_ (Lodge Scholarship Chair, Secretary, or Exalted Ruler) of \_\_\_\_\_ (Lodge Name and Number) do hereby certify that I have received this application and all its attachments and that they comply with the state association requirements.

Signature of official named above \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Lodge official-** please fill out information above and submit application to your District Scholarship Chair no later than June 1, 2026.

Contact the State Chair [jen.appaluccio@gmail.com](mailto:jen.appaluccio@gmail.com) with any questions you may have prior to sending your application to your local Elks Lodge.

### **COMPLETED APPLICATION CHECK LIST**

This checklist is merely provided for your use in ensuring that your application is complete. You **do not** need to submit it with your application.

- SECTION 1 - Filled in all information
- SECTION 2 - Separate page – Paragraph on how this scholarship will help meet your goals
- SECTION 3 - Separate page – Describe any obstacles you had to overcome in your life
- SECTION 4 - Completed all Financial Information
- OTHER ATTACHMENTS
  - Sealed Official Transcript
  - If already attending a Post-Secondary School, a Transcript from school of course(s) enrolled in and/or completed
  - Letter of Recommendation from a teacher, a family member or other responsible person
  - Letter of Recommendation from someone other than a teacher or relative
  - (Optional) Financial Statement as detailed in Section 4

DROP OFF AT OR MAIL TO LOCAL LODGE FOR ENDORSEMENT (Lodge will submit application)

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