

ETS Employees' Community Action Fund 2019 Scholarship Program



About the ETS Employees' Community Action Fund (ECAF)

ECAF was created in 2008 to enable ETS employees to join together to make a significant contribution in their communities. ECAF is funded entirely by staff who donated to ETS's annual employee-giving campaign, ETS Cares.

Since 2010, an advisory committee composed of ETS employees has voted to fund scholarships for graduating high school seniors in New Jersey. Donations to the 2018 ETS Cares Campaign will support scholarships for the 2019–20 academic year.

Important information about the scholarship program and a link to the application website are provided below. Please note the timeline, eligibility requirements and other instructions.

About the ECAF Scholarship Program

- ECAF scholarships are funded entirely by monetary contributions from ETS employees.
- The program was established to assist graduating seniors in their goal of achieving a higher education degree.
- More than \$1 million 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) who meets the program's eligibility requirements.

Who Is Eligible?

New Jersey public high school seniors graduating in May or June of 2019 who are:

- Experiencing significant and verifiable challenges
- Enrolled full time in an accredited, postsecondary nonprofit educational institution in the fall of 2019
- Actively pursuing a degree at a postsecondary nonprofit 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

How Do I Apply?

- Prepare your essay focusing on the following topics (500 words or less):
 - » Describe your hardship and how it impacts you
 - » How do you envision using your degree in 10 years?
- Visit the ECAF application website at <https://aim.applyists.net/ECAFNJ> and then:
 - » Create login credentials.
 - » Complete the online application and upload required documents.
 - » Provide high school transcripts and two letters of recommendation.
 - » Be prepared to provide the name and email of a guidance counselor and recommender. A representative from International Scholarship and Tuition Services will contact them directly to request that the appropriate documents be uploaded into your file. Be sure to inform these individuals to look for email requests for information on your behalf.
- If you are asked to enter a "Program Key" while accessing the online application, enter "NJECAF" into the required field.

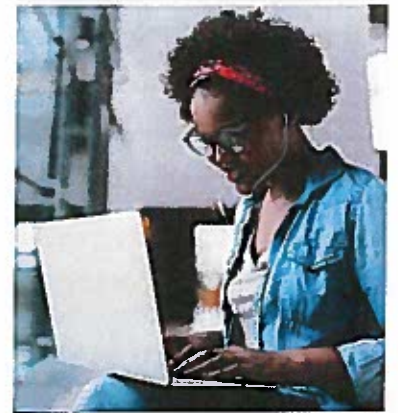
What's the Timeline?

- Application information will be available in December 2018.
- The application period closes on April 27, 2019, and award decisions will be announced in June 2019.

What Else Should I Know?

- You may apply for any scholarships offered by ETS, however you will only be awarded one.
 - » For example, 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 2019.
 - » Spring 2019 tuition is paid in January 2020 if you are in "good academic standing" as defined by the institution, you have no disciplinary infractions, and 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 required information.



Who Do I Contact With Questions?

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