



Scholarship Application

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: MAY 7, 2012

Please read this Introduction and accompanying Application Form and Reference Forms very carefully. If you have any questions, please call 732-224-2214.

INTRODUCTION

The Eastern Monmouth Area Chamber of Commerce (EMACC) Educational Foundation intends to grant at least three (3) \$1,250 scholarships in 2012 to eligible persons who meet the established criteria. Eligibility and criteria are defined below. Determination of eligibility and selection of recipients will be made by the Board of Directors of the EMACC Foundation (“Foundation Board”), in its sole discretion.

ELIGIBILITY: Qualifications for a scholarship:

- A scholarship applicant must either live or work within the EMACC service area:
 - Eatontown
 - Fair Haven
 - Little Silver
 - Monmouth Beach
 - Oceanport
 - Red Bank
 - Rumson
 - Sea Bright
 - Shrewsbury
 - Tinton Falls.
- **Or** the applicant must work for and be sponsored by a Chamber member. A list of EMACC members may be found at www.emacc.org. **NOTE:** In this case the applicant, not a relative, must work for a Chamber member.
- **Or** the applicant must live in housing provided by a Chamber member that is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization whose mission includes providing affordable housing and must be sponsored by the Chamber member which provides such housing.

Do not proceed unless you meet one of the three qualifications above.

- A scholarship applicant must provide a recommendation by a member in good standing of EMACC who is not a relative. The EMACC office can verify the name of a representative. A list of EMACC members may be found at www.emacc.org. **NOTE:** Any employee of the member organization/business may write the recommendation.
- A second recommendation by an individual who is not related to the applicant is also required.

SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED:

Category A) \$1,250 for a student at least 25 years old as of September 1, 2012 who is returning to school, changing careers or pursuing education for career advancement.

Category B) \$1,250 for a college student entering his/her junior or senior year who is in need of help to complete his/her degree because of increased expenses or decreased finances.

Category C) \$1,250 for a vocational or technical student pursuing post high school vocational or technical education. Post high school vocational education does not include pursuit of a four (4) year college degree.

Scholarships are available to full and part- time students.

CRITERIA: In awarding scholarships, the Foundation Board may consider any or all of the following in its sole discretion: prior academic, vocational or professional performance; extracurricular or community activities; financial need; letters of recommendation; character; personal statements or interview.

STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION: The awarding of scholarships shall be made without regard to race, religion, ethnicity, national origin, gender, sexual preference, age or physical handicap.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Applications for scholarships shall be made on forms and in accordance with procedures developed by the Foundation Board. All applications, including references, must be completed and received at the EMACC Office by 5 p.m. eastern time, May 7, 2012. Completed applications can be sent via:

- e-mail, as an attachment: emacc.foundation@gmail.com
- fax: (732)-741-6778
- U.S. mail: EMACC Educational Foundation, 47 Reckless Pl, Ste A, Red Bank, NJ 07701

Scholarships will be awarded on or about June 1, 2012, by the Foundation Board.

USE OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS: Scholarships will be awarded for college or vocational tuition and fees

RULES: The Foundation Board may adopt any rules necessary or desirable in its sole discretion to carry out the objectives of the Foundation, including a request for additional information from the applicant.

PAYMENT: Scholarship checks shall be made payable to the institution or, in certain circumstances, as the Foundation Board otherwise deems appropriate.

FOUNDATION BOARD DISCRETION:

The Foundation Board reserves the right to award the 2012 scholarships as it deems appropriate including, without limitation, the right to award more than one scholarship in a particular category, the right to refrain from awarding any scholarship in a particular category, and the right to refrain from awarding any scholarship in any of the categories in its sole discretion.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

Please complete this form and all data sheets accurately and completely. Send via:

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The complete application must be received by May 7, 2012. For further information, please call (732) 224-2214.

APPLICANT'S NAME _____

ADDRESS (Must be street address, not PO Box) _____

TELEPHONE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

How did you hear about this scholarship? _____

To which categories are you applying? Refer to "Scholarships offered," page 1. Select: A__B__C__.
Check all that apply.

If you are applying for category A, will you be at least 25 years old as of September 1, 2012? Yes__ No__

Have you received an EMACC scholarship before? Yes__ No__

Will you be attending school part-time__ or full-time__?

Please list institutions to which you have been accepted or are attending for which scholarship funds would be used.

INSTITUTION	ADDRESS
_____	_____
_____	_____

Current High School or College _____

Name of EMACC member organization _____

Name of EMACC individual recommending you _____

Address _____ Phone _____

ACTIVITIES AND HONORS (Academic, Extra-curricular, Civic)

WORK EXPERIENCE (Volunteer or paid). Please indicate dates of experiences listed.

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ESSAY:

Please enclose on a separate sheet of paper a brief essay about yourself. Your essay should cover the following points:

- **Why you want to continue your education or training**
- **First-time applicant: How this scholarship will help you achieve your goals**
- **Previous recipient: What you have achieved with the help of this scholarship.** Note: The members of the Foundation Board change from year to year and they may not be familiar with your previous application.
- **How you intend to utilize your education to contribute to the business, civic and/or cultural aspects of the EMACC community**
- **Prior academic, vocational or professional performance and/or extracurricular or community activities, as applicable**
- **Why you have a need for financial assistance**

NOTE: In scoring your application, the committee will give the most weight to evidence of character, community service and your description of your plans for the future.

This form may be duplicated.

Release

I hereby consent to the unconditional use of my name, likeness and submitted application and all of its related documents such as my essay, recommendations, etc. (collectively my "Application") by the Directors of the Eastern Monmouth Area Chamber of Commerce Educational Foundation, Inc. (the "Foundation"). I understand, and fully and unconditionally authorize, that my name, likeness, and Application may be used by said Directors and/or the Foundation in published materials, on Internet web pages and articles, in documents published by parties in connection with the Foundation scholarship for which I am applying or the Foundation's work in general, in communications to donors and other financial supporters of the Foundation, and for all other similar uses.

Applicant signature _____ Date _____

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MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING REFERENCE

We require 2 references.

*One reference must be from a member in good standing of
The Eastern Monmouth Area Chamber of Commerce.*

A list of EMACC members may be found at www.emacc.org

The other reference is your choice. Neither reference may be a member of your family.

NAME OF APPLICANT _____

NAME OF REFERENCE _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

- I am an EMACC member in good standing
- My employer is an EMACC member in good standing

NAME OF EMACC MEMBER ORGANIZATION or company, as applicable

RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT _____

The above named applicant is applying for a scholarship from the Eastern Monmouth Area Chamber of Commerce Educational Foundation. Your assessment is very important to the Foundation Board of Directors in considering this applicant. Please tell us why you believe this individual should be awarded this scholarship. You may include any social, personal, academic, and/or vocational characteristics you believe will help in our selection process.

NOTE: Please return your reference to the applicant so they can include it in the complete application packet. Application deadline is May 7, 2012.

(You may use additional sheets.)

Reference Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please print your name: _____



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Your scholarship packet must include the following:

- Scholarship Application Form
- Scholarship Application Essay with signature page
- Signed Personal Reference #1 – From an Eastern Monmouth Area Chamber of Commerce member in good standing. A list of EMACC members may be found at www.emacc.org. Reference may not be a family member.
- Signed Personal Reference #2 – A personal reference of the applicant's choice. Reference may not be a family member.

Note: Complete scholarship application must be received in the Eastern Monmouth Chamber of Commerce by 5pm on Friday, May 7, 2012.

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Applicants are responsible for submitting the complete application packet.

Incomplete applications or late applications will not be considered.