



Scholarship Award for Volunteer Excellence

Guidelines

The Volunteer Center of South Jersey, announces the 2018 **Scholarship Award for Volunteer Excellence (SAVE) Program**. Under the Program, two (2) \$500 scholarships will be awarded to seniors attending a high school in any one of South Jersey Counties (Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem). Children of VCSJ staff and volunteers are eligible to apply and should contact VCSJ directly for more information.

Available Scholarships:

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Program Guidelines & Priorities:

- * Seeking graduating seniors with a record of volunteerism in the community in non-school sponsored activities and participation in extracurricular school activities.
- * Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 system or 90.0 grade point average (GPA) on a 100 point system) and plan to attend a 2 or 4 year college or technical school.
- * Scholarship funds will be paid **by the due date for the first semester of the student's first year directly to the college** and not to the student. It will be the student's responsibility to submit to the Foundation at that time an invoice for semester tuition and fees, student ID number and college information.
- * 250 to 500 Word Essay - What does community service and volunteerism mean to you? How has volunteer or community service has shaped who you are today and what has it taught you? How will you apply what you have learned as you moved forward in your collegiate career?
- * Applicants must have the endorsement of their Guidance Counselor on their application attesting they are a qualified fit for this scholarship program. **VCSJ's strongly suggests that each high school present this opportunity to the strongest applicants that match this program's guidelines.**
- * A letter of recommendation preferably from an executive director or volunteer manager of a nonprofit, public relations specialist or other individual familiar with the applicant's service and character.
- * A second letter of recommendation should come a teacher, guidance counselor or another individual familiar with the applicant's academic record.

Online application deadline is **March 31, 2018 by 4:00 p.m.** to be received if the Foundation. Late applications are not accepted. Applications will be reviewed and recipients selected by a committee consisting of Board Members and volunteers from the Volunteer Center of South Jersey. The scholarships will be awarded in April/May 2018.

Online application can be found at the Volunteer Center of South Jersey's website at sjvolunteers.org/scholarship.

Please submit any questions to: mepifani@sjvolunteers.org.

