

ETS Cares Scholarship Program

*Sponsored by the ETS Employees'
Community Action Fund*



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 donate 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 2019 ETS Cares Campaign will support scholarships for the 2020–21 academic year.

Important information about the scholarship program and a web address for the application site are provided below. Please note the timeline, eligibility requirements and other instructions.

About the ETS Cares Scholarship Program

- ETS Cares scholarships are funded entirely by monetary contributions from employees.
- The program was established to assist graduating seniors in their goal of achieving a higher education degree.
- More than \$1.2 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 who meets eligibility requirements).

Who Is Eligible?

New Jersey public high school seniors graduating in May or June of 2020 who are:

- Experiencing significant and verifiable challenges
- Enrolled in or planning to enroll full time in an accredited, postsecondary nonprofit educational institution in the fall of 2020
- 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 sample/essay
- Educational experience
- Academic transcripts
- Community involvement and other activities
- Recommendations
- Need

How Do I Apply?

- Prepare your essay focusing on the following topic (500 words or less):
 - Describe your hardship or challenge, how it impacts you and how education will enhance your future.
- Visit the ETS Cares application website at <https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/etscares> and then:
 - Create login credentials.
 - Complete the online application and upload required documents.

What's the Timeline?

- Application information will be available on February 10, 2020.
- The application period closes on **April 27, 2020**, or until 500 completed applications are received. Scholarship recipients will be announced in June 2020.

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 Cares scholarships, the larger of the two amounts will be awarded.
- Checks are mailed directly to the institution on behalf of the student — no exceptions.
- Funds are disbursed in two installments:
 - Fall semester tuition is paid in **August 2020**, while **Spring 2021** tuition is paid in **January 2021**.

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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