



INTRODUCTION TO THE NJUHSD SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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Dear Student/ Parent/ Guardian,

Welcome to the NJUHSD Scholarship Program. The entire college, financial aid and scholarship process can be difficult and seemingly overwhelming. This packet will give you suggestions on how to navigate through this senior year more effectively. Freshmen through juniors, please check out scholarships for you in all but the District Scholarships Section (which is only available to graduating high school seniors and early graduating juniors). The entire packet has opportunities for seniors.

Timelines: Be aware of each college/ university/ financial aid/ scholarship deadline. **Missing deadlines is costly!**

Private College and University Scholarships: Most private colleges have scholarship programs of their own. To apply, check their website or contact the financial aid department of the college you have selected to attend.

Financial Aid Award: To honor you with public recognition at your school’s award night, a copy of your conditional or estimated college financial aid offer and any scholarship award notifications **MUST** be turned into me by May 1st. This is true whether you complete the district scholarship application process or not, but in order to be considered for scholarships within the district scholarship application, you must turn this in to me.

Thank You Notes To The Organization: A written thank you note **IN A TIMELY MANNER IS CRUCIAL**. If you do not write a thank you note, some groups may withdraw their Scholarship.

Scholarships May Be Used: Most scholarships must be used for the fall semester following graduation from high school, unless you have made arrangements with the organization or individual giving the Scholarship.

Letters of Recommendation: For your *District Application*, you will need **three letters of recommendation-one from a school staff member, two from the community (adults and not relatives)**. It is **highly suggested** you begin this process **NOW!** A *Letter of Recommendation* form is available online. These letters must have a letterhead OR the writer’s name, address, phone number and, if available, email address.

The District Application Process: The NJUHSD Application is available online. Please read the application carefully. Mark the appropriate scholarships for which you qualify. **Application submission** requires a **\$10.00 processing fee** (waived for free or reduced lunch participants). Deadlines for submission are as follows:

Ghidotti ECHS	Jan. 16
Nevada Union	Jan. 16 & 17
NU Tech	Jan. 17
North Point Academy	Jan. 17
Silver Springs	Jan. 17
Bear River	Jan. 18

If at any time you need assistance with the application, you may contact me at the District Office, 273-3351 ext. 224 or 273-4431 x2038 or email me at kdesena@njuhsd.com.

Best wishes for success in your college and life pursuits.

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