



Educational Foundation

2026 Scholarship Application

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: MONDAY, MAY 4, 2026 @ 5:00 PM EST

Please read this Introduction and accompanying Application Form and Reference Forms very carefully. If you have any questions, please email: emacc.foundation@gmail.com.

INTRODUCTION

The Eastern Monmouth Area Chamber of Commerce (EMACC) Educational Foundation intends to grant approximately ten scholarships, which vary in value from a minimum of \$2,500, 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 Monmouth County, New Jersey.

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.
- **Or** the applicant must attend a Chamber member college or university. A list of EMACC members may be found at www.emacc.org.

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

A scholarship applicant must provide two recommendations, one professional and one personal, from references who are not a relative of the applicant.

- The professional recommendation may be made by: a member in good standing of EMACC; a member of another Chamber of Commerce in New Jersey; or, other professional reference. A list of EMACC members may be found at www.emacc.org. **NOTE:** Any employee, faculty member, or staff of the member organization, business, college, or university may write the recommendation.
- The personal recommendation may be made by any individual who is not related to the applicant.

SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED:

Category A) \$2,500 for a student at least 25 years old as of September of the current year, who is returning to school, changing careers or pursuing education for career advancement.

Category B) \$2,500 for a college student entering his/her junior or senior year, and/or has completed 60 credits, who is in need of help to complete his/her degree because of increased expenses or decreased finances.

Scholarships are available to full- and part-time students. If the annual cost of an applicant's education or training program is less than \$2,500, any award to that applicant will be the lower amount.

GRANT PROGRAM: Please note that the EMACC Educational Foundation offers a separate grant program for students pursuing post high school vocational, technical, or certification programs. The application can be found on our page at:
<http://emacc.org/scholarship-application/>.

CRITERIA: In awarding scholarships, the EMACC Educational Foundation Board of Directors 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 by Monday, May 4, 2026 at 5:00PM EST.

Completed applications can be sent via e-mail, as an attachment, to: emacc.foundation@gmail.com

Scholarship winners will be contacted and announced in early June 2026.

USE OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS: Scholarships will be awarded for college 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 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.

EMACC EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, INC.
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Please complete this form and all data sheets accurately and completely. Send via e-mail, as an attachment:
emacc.foundation@gmail.com

The complete application must be received by Monday, May 4, 2026 at 5:00PM EST

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 2. Select: A__ B__

Check all that apply.

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

Name of Institution _____

Name of Program/Certificate/Course: _____ Cost of Tuition: \$ _____

Name of EMACC member organization _____

Name of EMACC individual recommending you _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Program Start Date: _____

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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PROFESSIONAL OR PERSONAL REFERENCE

We require two (2) references, one professional and one personal.

The professional reference may be from: a member in good standing of

The Eastern Monmouth Area Chamber of Commerce (EMACC; a member in good standing of another Chamber of Commerce in New Jersey; or, a reference from someone who knows the applicant professionally).

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The personal reference may be from an individual of applicant's choosing, who is not a relative.

NAME OF APPLICANT _____

NAME OF REFERENCE #1 _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

- I am an EMACC member in good standing or my employer is an EMACC member
- I am a member in good standing of _____
- I know the applicant professionally
- I know the applicant personally

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.**

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(You may use additional sheets.)

Reference Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please print your name: _____

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NAME OF APPLICANT _____

NAME OF REFERENCE #2 _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Your scholarship packet must include the following:

- Scholarship Application Form
- Scholarship Application Essay with signature page
- Signed Professional Reference – From an Eastern Monmouth Area Chamber of Commerce member in good standing; a member of another Chamber of Commerce in New Jersey; or, other professional reference. Reference may **NOT** be a family member or relative.
- Signed Personal Reference– A personal reference of the applicant’s choice. Reference may **NOT** be a family member or relative.

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Applications that are incomplete in any way or any portion of which is late will not be considered.