

The application deadline for the New Jersey Rising Scholars award program has been extended to Tuesday October 18, 2016. Please pass this information along.

Who Is Eligible?

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3. Have obtained a Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) score of 900 or above (based on 1600 maximum) or 1350 or above (based on 2400 maximum) OR ACT score of 20 or above.

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Attn: New Jersey Rising Scholars

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For Additional Information:

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2016 NEW JERSEY RISING SCHOLARS RECOGNITION AWARD

GUIDELINES & APPLICATION

Academic Year: 2016-2017

Application Due Date: Extended to Tuesday, October 18, 2016

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HOW ARE NEW JERSEY RISING SCHOLARS SELECTED?

Up to seventy-five high school student seniors will be nominated for selection by a committee consisting of New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) personnel and members of the Malcolm Bernard HBCU College Fair of NJ.

Eligible students will be evaluated based on their merit, academic and personal goals, school activities, and community service, personal statement, and other significant information, such as their desire to become future educators and first generation of college attendance. No materials will be returned to the candidate.

WINNERS WILL BE NOTIFIED BEGINNING OCTOBER 18, 2016 BY EMAIL.

All winners will be expected to participate in an award ceremony that will be held for the scholar and one guest on Sunday, November 13, 2016.

WHAT WILL NEW JERSEY RISING SCHOLARS RECEIVE?

Each Rising Scholar will receive:

- An award certificate
- Comprehensive guide of available HBCU scholarships
- The opportunity to meet with college recruiters participating in the Malcolm Bernard HBCU College Fair Week
- Eligibility to receive on-site admission to selected institutions and an opportunity to have application fees waived.
- Eligibility to be considered for an **HBCU Rising Scholar Fund Scholarship**, depending on the availability of funds.

2016 NEW JERSEY RISING SCHOLARS APPLICATION

Instructions for Submission

1. Send one (1) original and three (3) copies of the completed application to ensure it is

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SECTION A STUDENT INFORMATION

Academic Year: 2016-2017

Application Due Date: October 18, 2016

Please Type or Print Legibly

Student's Name:

Address:

City, State and
Zip Code:

Phone:

Email: (notification of award will be sent to email listed)

Gender: Female Male

Parent/Guardian(s) Name:

Parent Email:

Name of High School:

High School Address:

City, State and
Zip Code:

County and School District:

Anticipated Date of Graduation: _____

Guidance Counselor Name

Guidance Counselor Phone:

Guidance Counselor or School Email:

First Generation College Student? **Yes** **No**
(those whose parents have not attended a college or university)

Which HBCU are you most interested in attending?

Choice #1 _____

Choice #2 _____

Choice #3 _____

Future Career Path (if known):

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ACADEMIC INFORMATION • SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES • HONORS AND AWARDS • WORK EXPERIENCE PAGE

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Grade Point Average <i>(Counselors: convert GPA to appropriate scale score and attach copy of transcript – will accept unofficial copy from high school):</i> _____ out of (Circle which) 4.0 or 4.5 or other (specify) _____			
SAT Scores: <i>(attached a copy from an official source)</i> _____ Verbal/CR _____ Math _____ Writing _____ Total _____			ACT Composite Score: <i>(attached a copy from an official source)</i>

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES *(Please attach a separate sheet if needed.)*

School Year (circle)	Name of Activity			Office or Position (if applicable)
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NON-SCHOOL SPONSORED COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES *(Please attach a separate sheet if needed.)*

School Year (circle)	Name of Organization/Agency/Religious Institution	Office or Position (if applicable)
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WORK EXPERIENCE *(Please attach a separate sheet if needed.)*

Dates of Employment	Employer, Name of Supervisor and Phone Number	Position	Hours per week	Indicate if Employment was during: Summer only, School Year Only or Both
_____ to _____				Summer School Year Both
_____ to _____				Summer School Year Both

HONORS AND AWARDS *(Please attach a separate sheet if needed.)*

School Year (circle)	Name of Honor or Award	Source (School/Non-School)
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SECTION C

PERSONAL ESSAY

This section provides an opportunity for the selection committee to become better acquainted with you in ways not revealed by grades, test scores or your activities. It also offers you an opportunity to demonstrate your ability to organize your thoughts and express yourself.

Please **answer each** of the following questions.

Response should be typed using 12 pt font, 1 inch margins and no more than two pages in total.

***Hint:** Make sure you answer each question thoroughly; check grammar and proof read. Ask someone (teacher, counselor or parent) to read your response also.*

1. **Describe one experience that taught you a positive lesson.**
2. **What are your educational and career goals? How would receiving a scholarship and attending a Historically Black College or University (HBCU) help you to achieve these goals?**

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SECTION D
STUDENT/PARENT SIGNATURE PAGE

APPLICANT NAME *(Please print.):*

AFFIDAVIT: I certify that all information contained in this application is true.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:

DATE:

NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: *(Please print.):*

(If applicant is under 18 years old.)

If my child is selected as a 2016 NJ Rising Scholar, I give permission for NJ Department of Education to share my child's NJ Rising Scholars application with the representatives from the Historically Black Colleges and Universities that participate in the 2016 Malcolm Bernard HBCU College Fair of NJ and/or the NJRS Award Ceremony.

☐ **YES**

☐ **No**

SIGNATURE OF PARENT

DATE

**2016 NEW JERSEY RISING SCHOLARS
APPLICATION CHECKLIST**



COMPLETED ORIGINAL APPLICATION AND THREE COPIES PLUS FOUR COPIES OF TRANSCRIPTS AND SAT OR ACT SCORES MUST BE RECEIVED BY NJDOE NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2016

FAXED, INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

Guidance Counselors: Please check to see that all required documents are complete.

A COMPLETE APPLICATION CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

- _____ Student Information Page
- _____ Academic Information/School and Community Service Activities/Work Experience/Honors and Awards Pages
- _____ Personal Essay – typed, 12 pt font, 1 inch margins, and two-page limit
- _____ Signed Student/Parent Signature Page
- _____ Application Checklist Signed by Guidance Counselor
- _____ **Four (4) Copies** of School Transcripts (unofficial copy accepted)
(Has student's GPA been converted to 4.0, 4.5 or 5.0 scale?)
- _____ **Four (4) Copies** of SAT or ACT scores

I have reviewed the contents of this application for its completeness and the eligibility of the student for consideration based on the program criteria.

NAME OF GUIDANCE COUNSELOR:

(Print name)

(Signature)

DATE: _____