

2009 NEW JERSEY RISING SCHOLARS RECOGNITION AWARD

GUIDELINES & APPLICATION

Academic Year: 2009-2010

Application Due Date: October 9, 2009 (4:00 pm)

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

All current high school seniors who are interested in attending any Historically Black College or University (HBCU) and meet the following criteria:

1. Attend a New Jersey public school (including charter schools) or private school or home schooled;
2. Have a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale **or** a 3.37 or higher on a 4.5 scale.; and,
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.

HOW ARE NEW JERSEY RISING SCHOLARS SELECTED?

Seventy-five New Jersey Rising Scholars will be selected by the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) and members of the Malcolm Bernard HBCU College Fair committee.

The reviewers will evaluate eligible students' high school records, their goals, school and community service, personal statement, and other significant information, such as their potential to become future educators. No materials will be returned to the candidate.

WINNERS WILL BE NOTIFIED BEGINNING OCTOBER 26, 2009 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 15, 2009.

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, opportunity to have application fees waived
- Eligibility to be considered for an **HBCU Rising Scholar Fund Scholarship**, depending on the availability of funds.

2009 NEW JERSEY RISING SCHOLARS APPLICATION

**The New Jersey Department of Education, Office of Equity and School Choice
must receive one (1) original and three (3) copies of the completed application
by:**

**OCTOBER 9, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.
Faxed Copies will not be accepted**

MAIL TO:

New Jersey Department of Education
Division of District and School Improvement
Office of Equity and School Choice
PO Box 500
Trenton, NJ 08625
Attn: New Jersey Rising Scholars

HAND DELIVER TO:

New Jersey Department of Education
Division of District and School Improvement
Office of Equity and School Choice
100 Riverview Plaza
Trenton, NJ 08625
Attn: New Jersey Rising Scholars

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Diane Schonyers
New Jersey Department of Education
Office of Equity and School Choice
609-984-6409

2009 NEW JERSEY RISING SCHOLARS APPLICATION

STUDENT INFORMATION PAGE

Academic Year: 2009-2010

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Please Print Clearly or Type

Student's Name:	
Address:	
City, State and Zip Code:	
Phone:	
Email: (notification of award will be sent to email listed)	
Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male	Anticipated Date of Graduation: _____
Parent/Guardian(s) Name:	
Parent Email:	
First Generation College Student ?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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 _____
High School:	
High School Address:	
City, State and Zip Code:	
County and School District:	
Counselor Name:	
Phone:	Counselor or School Email:

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
_____ to _____				Summer School Year Both
_____ to _____				Summer School Year Both

PERSONAL ESSAY

Please answer each of the following questions.

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

(Please attach your personal statement to your application.)

1. What are your educational and career goals over the next five years? How would receiving a scholarship and attending a Historically Black College or University (HBCU) help you to achieve these goals?
2. What is the biggest obstacle you have faced? Have you overcome this obstacle? How did you overcome it and who or what helped you?

**2009 NEW JERSEY RISING SCHOLARS APPLICATION
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.)

I give my child's school counselor permission to discuss this application and any special needs or circumstances he/she may have with the NJ Department of Education.

YES

NO

If my child is selected as a 2009 NJ Rising Scholar, I give permission for NJ Department of Education to share the content of my child's NJ Rising Scholars application with the representatives from the Historically Black Colleges and Universities that participate in the 2009 Malcolm Bernard HBCU College Fair of NJ and/or the NJRS Award Ceremony.

YES

NO

SIGNATURE OF PARENT

DATE

**2009 NEW JERSEY RISING SCHOLARS
APPLICATION CHECKLIST**



**COMPLETED APPLICATION AND THREE COPIES PLUS FIVE COPIES
OF TRANSCRIPTS AND SAT OR ACT SCORES
MUST BE RECEIVED
BY NJDOE NO LATER THAN 4 P.M. FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2009
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
- _____ **Five (5) Copies** of School Transcripts (unofficial copy accepted)
(Has student's GPA been converted to 4.0, 4.5 or 5.0 scale?)
- _____ **Five (5) 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: _____