



Mercer County Professional Counselors Association

Meeting the Challenge Scholarship

\$250 - \$1,000

Application Deadline – Thursday, April 10, 2025

Criteria:

- The recipient must be a classified student with a learning disability, evaluated by the school’s child study team, or possess an official Section 504 Accommodation Plan.
- The recipient should demonstrate a level of academic achievement, demonstrating that he/she has compensated for the disability and is prepared to enter college/trade school.
- The recipient must be a member of the current graduating class, attending a Mercer County public or parochial school.
- The recipient must be able to prove acceptance to an accredited college/trade school prior to receipt of the award.
- The recipient’s School Counselor must be a member in good standing of Mercer County Professional Counselors Association by March 21, 2025, and the entire application packet received by 4/10/25 at the address listed below.

Information to Submit to Selection Committee:

- Nominee Background Information
- Official high school transcript
- **Counselor** recommendation, verifying disability *
- Essay describing how the applicant has compensated for his/her learning challenge.

*The recommendation is mandatory, and its exclusion will disqualify applicants for this scholarship.

Nominee Background Information

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Full Name of Applicant _____
First Last Middle Initial

Home Address _____
Street City/State Zip

Telephone Number _____ Date of Birth _____

Email Address _____

THIS SECTION IS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT’S COUNSELOR:

Are you a current member of MCPCA? If not, please submit the mandatory membership application and fee by March 21, 2025. Membership applications can be found at www.mcPCA.net.

High School _____ Grade Point Average _____ on a _____ scale.

Counselor’s Name _____ Counselor’s Signature _____

Counselor’s Email _____

Counselor’s signature verifies that the applicant is classified by the Child Study Team or possesses an official 504 Accommodation Plan, and that the application is complete with the mandatory counselor recommendation, transcript, and essay. Counselor must be a member of MCPCA prior to March 21, 2025.

Mail entire application packet to:

**Mrs. Kathy Jensen
MCPCA
81 Village Drive East
Hamilton, NJ 08620**

NO EMAILED DOCUMENTATION WILL BE ACCEPTED.

First Name

Last Name

Please list significant activities, leadership positions, and honors/recognitions. Place an (X) in the grade column when activities occurred. You may attach a student resume instead.

Activities	9	10	11	12	Leadership Position/Honors

List Community Activities:

Applicants must write an essay clarifying why you would be deserving of this scholarship. Typed essays are encouraged and must be attached. Please be sure to place your name on any attached documentation.

Applications received after March 14, 2025 will be excluded.
Counselor must be a member of MCPCA prior to March 1, 2025.
No emailed documentation will be accepted.