

2008 NEW JERSEY RISING SCHOLARS GUIDELINES

Academic Year: 2008-2009

Application Due Date: October 10, 2008 (4:00 pm)

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

All current seniors who meet the following criteria:

1. Attend a New Jersey public school (including Charter Schools) or private school;
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 members of the Malcolm Bernard HBCU College Fair committee and the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE).

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. Winners will be notified beginning October 27, 2008. The award ceremony will be held November 16, 2008. No materials will be returned to the candidate.

WHAT WILL NEW JERSEY RISING SCHOLARS RECEIVE?

Each Rising Scholar will receive:

- An award certificate;
- A comprehensive guide of available HBCU scholarships;
- The opportunity to meet college recruiters participating in the Malcolm Bernard HBCU College Fair Week;
- Eligibility to receive on-site admission to selected institutions; and
- Eligibility to be considered for a \$1,000 HBCU Rising Scholar Fund Scholarship.

2008 NEW JERSEY RISING SCHOLARS APPLICATION

The New Jersey Department of Education must receive an original and five copies of the completed application by **OCTOBER 10, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.**

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered

MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO:

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

HAND DELIVER TO:

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

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Diane Schonyers, Program Coordinator
New Jersey Department of Education
609-777-1653

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APPLICATION**

STUDENT INFORMATION PAGE

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Please Print or Type

Student's Name			
Address			
City, State and Zip Code			
Phone			
Email			
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male		
Parent/Guardian(s) Name			
First Generation College Student? (those whose parents have not attended a college or university)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
High School			
Principal			
High School Address			
City, State and Zip Code			
School Telephone			
School Counselor Name			
School Counselor Phone		School Counselor Email	

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ACADEMIC INFORMATION • SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES • WORK EXPERIENCE PAGE (CONTINUED)

COMMUNITY SERVICE *(Please attach a separate sheet if needed.)*

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

Dates of Employment	Employer	Position	Hours per week

**2008 NEW JERSEY RISING SCHOLARS APPLICATION
SIGNATURE PAGE**

APPLICANT NAME *(Please print):*

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

YES

NO

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.)

DATE: _____

**2008 NEW JERSEY RISING SCHOLARS
APPLICATION CHECKLIST**



APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

- Student Information Page
- Academic Information/School and Community Activities/Work Experience Pages
- Personal Statement (no more than two pages)
- Signature Page
- School Transcripts (unofficial copy accepted)
- Copy of SAT or ACT scores
- Signed Application Checklist Page

I have reviewed the contents of this application.

SCHOOL COUNSELOR:

Name (*Please print.*)

Signature

DATE: _____

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**AN ORIGINAL AND FIVE COPIES OF THE
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