



The New Jersey Division of the International Association of Identification Scholarship Fund Program Guidelines

The New Jersey Division of the International Association of Identification (NJIAI) operates as a non-profit organization with the goals of standardizing and improving the professions of forensic identification, investigation, and scientific examination of physical evidence. We are proud to offer one student a \$500 scholarship opportunity to support and encourage aspiring professionals in the field. The NJIAI Scholarship Fund aims to assist students in furthering their education and training within the forensic sciences.

Criteria and eligibility

1. Applicant must be enrolled in a college or program focused in forensic science and/or criminal justice field
2. Must show proof of transcript(s) (unofficial is accepted)
3. Must have at least a **3.0 grade point average** on a 4.0 scale
4. Applicant must provide 2 letters of recommendation from individuals that:
 - a. Are non-related to the applicant
 - b. Work or study within the field (Professor/Internship Supervisor/Employer/etc.)
5. Applicants must write a 250-500 essay
6. Must be a student member of the NJIAI (can enroll with application).

General Instructions

1. Deadline for scholarship application is **December 1st, 2024**.
2. Refer to the application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e., reference forms, evidence of GPA, etc.) Incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. If any question does not apply to you in this application please put N/A in the space.
4. You will be notified by December 23, 2024 regarding the status of your application.
5. If you have any questions about the application, please email njiaischolarship@gmail.com

Application Process:

Applicant must submit the following items in a **single PDF file**:

1. Completed application form
2. Two (2) letters of recommendations from choice of teachers, administrators, counselors, employers, or individuals with significant knowledge of applicant's experience and involvement.
3. Copy of transcript (unofficial is accepted)
4. Personal Essay

Deadline for the application is **December 1st, 2024**. Applications postmarked after this date will not be considered.

Please submit application to: njiaischolarship@gmail.com

NJIAI Scholarship Fund Program

Application

Date of Application:					
Please type or print your answers. If the application is illegible it will be returned to you.					
1.	Last Name:	First Name:			
2.	Mailing Address: Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____				
3.	Best Daytime Telephone Number: ()				
4.	Email address:				
4.	Date of Birth: Month Day Year				
5.	Current College/University:				Number of years attended:
6.	I will be entering the above-mentioned school as a: (Circle one) Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior				
7.	Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale) Attach proof of GPA. Your most recent unofficial/official school transcript required.				
8.	Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): Name (s) _____ Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Telephone Numbers of parents or legal guardians:				
12.	Name and city of high school(s) attended:				Number of years attended:
13.	List the name of any college you have attended.	Year Began	Year Ended	Year Graduated	Type of Degree Received
	A.				
	B.				
	C.				
14.	What specialty/major do you plan to major in as you continue your education?				

15.	List your academic honors, awards and membership activities while in college/university:
16.	List your community service activities, hobbies, outside interests, and extracurricular activities: If you are already a student member of the NJIAI please list what seminars/conferences/events you have attended.

17.	<p>Personal Essay:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“Every contact leaves a trace” - Dr. Edmond Locard</p> <p>Locard’s exchange principle suggests that whenever two objects come into contact a mutual exchange of matter occurs between them. Similarly, every interaction we engage in leaves an impact not only on others but ourselves. By applying this principle to our academic and professional lives, each learning experience enhances our knowledge and skills. The effort we invest in our work, the relationships we cultivate with colleagues and the decisions we make in our careers all contribute to professional reputation and success.</p> <p>Consider the broader implications of the concept ‘<i>every contact leaves a trace</i>’. Reflect on how you can apply this principle in your academic career and professional development. In addition, how might this, along with being a member of this organization, contribute to the achievement of your career goals .</p>
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18.	<p>A. The following items must be attached to this application in order for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the scholarship committee.</p> <p>B. Your application will not be considered if these items are not attached to this application. (No exceptions.)</p> <p>C. Circle “YES” or “NO” to be sure you have attached each item as required.</p>
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	YES	NO	Completed application. All questions are answered completely.
	YES	NO	Proof of NJIAI Membership. (If a current member just circle yes, if not please submit an NJIAI member application along with scholarship application.)
	YES	NO	Two (2) Letters of Recommendation.
	YES	NO	Proof of college student enrollment and minimum 3.0 GPA. A copy of your unofficial/official transcript is required for receipt of funds.
	YES	NO	
	YES	NO	Personal Essay. Must be at least 250-500 words, typed, double-spaced, and 12 pt / Time New Roman font. Please ensure your essay contains no grammatical errors.

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the NJIAI's scholarship program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship recipient, according to NJIAI Scholarship policy, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ Date: _____



"The few that speak for those who no longer can."