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## ACCNJ Awards \$75,000 in Academic Scholarships to Six Deserving Students

*The ACCNJ Foundation Scholarship was awarded to five high school students and the John F. Donohoe Scholarship was awarded to one civil engineering student currently enrolled at Stevens Institute of Technology.*



Pictured from left to right: Emily Neumann, Emilie Beacom, Kyle Cocks, Delilah Leykam, Sophie Hilarczyk. Not pictured: Shelby Hilarczyk. \*\*Individual headshots available upon request.

**Edison, NJ** — The [Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey](https://www.accnj.org/) (ACCNJ) is proud to announce the organization awarded \$75,000 in educational scholarships to six deserving students on June 10, 2025, upholding its tradition of giving back to ACCNJ members and qualified engineering students, and honoring industry leaders.

“ACCNJ takes pride in its decision to give back to relatives of ACCNJ members and create a full-circle moment supporting socioeconomic mobility for these families,” **said Jack Kocsis Jr., Chief Executive Officer, ACCNJ.** “These students have spent considerable time forging unique paths for themselves and are truly deserving of scholarships that will help them continue on the road to success. We are also thrilled to honor the legacy of several respected industry leaders.”

The ACCNJ Foundation Scholarship was awarded to five qualified children or grandchildren of ACCNJ member employees. One of these awards was named in honor and memory of a respected industry leader, Donald R. Waters Sr., who volunteered countless hours to the construction industry. The John F. Donohoe Scholarship, also named in honor and memory of the renowned industry leader, was awarded to a student currently enrolled in a civil engineering program seeking a career in heavy construction contracting.

Since 2014, ACCNJ has granted more than \$800,000 in scholarships. The recipients of ACCNJ Foundation Scholarships are as follows:

- **Delilah Leykam**, a graduate of Dominican Academy in Manhattan, received the Donald R. Waters Sr. Memorial Scholarship and will attend the College of the Holy Cross majoring in Public Health.
- **Emily Neumann**, a graduate of the Academy of the Holy Angels, will attend Wake Forest University.
- **Sophie Hilarczyk**, a graduate of John F. Kennedy Memorial High School in Woodbridge, will attend University of Vermont majoring in Psychology.
- **Shelby Hilarczyk**, a graduate of Edison Academy Magnet School, will attend Cornell University majoring in Mechanical Engineering.
- **Emilie Beacom**, a graduate of Madison High School, will attend University of Wisconsin Madison majoring in Business.

The recipient of the John F. Donohoe Scholarship, which is awarded annually to a college sophomore or junior enrolled in an accredited Civil Engineering program, is as follows:

- **Kyle Cocks**, a rising Civil Engineering senior from Stevens Institute of Technology. Kyle will intern this summer with Schiavone Construction to work on the Palisades Tunnel Project after completing two previous construction internships.

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## **ABOUT ACCNJ**

ACCNJ represents general building contractors, construction managers, and heavy, highway, site development and utility contractors in New Jersey that employ tens of thousands of skilled union craftworkers each year. Members are responsible for billions of dollars in commercial, industrial, heavy, highway, utility, and institutional construction projects annually. The Association is committed to raising the standards of construction in New Jersey through quality, integrity, skill, and responsibility. To learn more about ACCNJ or becoming a member, visit [accnj.org](http://accnj.org)