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Scholarship Foundation

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About the ACCNJ Scholarship Foundation...

Each year, the Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey Scholarship Foundation provides scholarship awards to children and grandchildren of members' employees to assist with their higher education needs. This year, the Foundation will offer five \$12,500 scholarship opportunities for eligible high school students pursuing an undergraduate degree in the Fall.

In addition, the Foundation offers the John F. Donohoe Scholarship for civil engineering students already enrolled in an accredited civil engineering program. A minimum of one (up to \$12,500) scholarship will be awarded.

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High School Graduates

ACCNJ provides the following scholarships to graduating high school seniors entering an accredited college or university as full-time students, pursuing their undergraduate degrees with a minimum of 12 credits per semester, beginning in Fall 2026.

The Donald R. Waters Memorial Scholarship (\$12,500)

Four (4) ACCNJ Foundation Scholarships (\$12,500 each)

Candidates will be evaluated on essay, academic performance, extracurricular activities, community service and overall character. The top five candidates will receive scholarship awards.

Civil Engineering Students

The John F. Donohoe Scholarship is available to current sophomore and junior civil engineering students enrolled in an accredited civil engineering program and entering their junior or senior year beginning in Fall 2026.

John F. Donohoe Civil Engineering Scholarship – a minimum of one (up to \$12,500) scholarship will be awarded.

Award Notifications & Presentation

Successful candidates will be notified by May 15, 2026, and should plan to attend the ACCNJ Scholarship presentation on June 9, 2026, to be recognized for their achievements.

ACCNJ Foundation Scholarship Submittal Requirements (High School)

- *Participation Intent Form*
- *Applicant Information (only one completed application is necessary for consideration for all scholarships awarded to high school students)*
- *Employee Information/Verification Form*
Employee Eligibility Requirements: Employee must have worked for an ACCNJ member company for at least 1,000 hours between February 1, 2025 and February 1, 2026.
- *High School Transcript*
- *SAT or ACT scores (if not displayed on transcript, can be downloaded from CollegeBoard)*
- *Two letters of reference (one reference must be from a current high school faculty member on school letterhead or sent via school email account)*
- *List of Activities, Volunteer and/or Community Service, Employment (separate Word or PDF document, by high school academic year and hourly commitment per activity)*
- **Essay for the ACCNJ Foundation Scholarships: (Choose one of the following prompts) - *In an original essay of 500 words or less: A brief essay about yourself, including any relevant circumstances in your life of which you believe the review committee should be aware, must be provided. OR What does the construction industry represent to you, and in what ways has it shaped your values, interests, or future goals?***

John F. Donohoe Scholarship Submittal Requirements (Collegiate)

- *Applicant Information*
- *College Transcript*
- *Two letters of reference (one reference must be from a current faculty member on school letterhead or via school email account)*
- *List of Activities/Community Service/Employment (separate Word or PDF document, by academic years)*
- *Essay (see application for details)*

Completed and signed packets for all scholarship opportunities must be RECEIVED at the ACCNJ office (not postmarked) by March 31, 2026, via mail or email (see application for email address.)

The formal application and all supporting documents can be accessed online at www.accnj.org on the Education page, by calling the ACCNJ office at 732-225-2265 or email: sgatling-davila@accnj.org.