

# NJFC SCHOLARS

## THINKING ABOUT COLLEGE?

Scholarships available for students attending 4-year universities, 2-year community colleges, or career and technical programs!

Are you between the ages of 16 and 23 and meet one of these criteria?

- Were in a CP&P out-of-home paid placement for one of the following: 18 months after your 14th birthday or 9 months after your 16th birthday
- Currently reside in or have resided in a CP&P-approved transitional living program or an independent living arrangement
- Adopted through CP&P after your 12th birthday
- Entered Kinship Legal Guardianship after your 16th birthday

You may be eligible to receive financial assistance to help pay for:

<b>Tuition &amp; Fees</b>	<b>Room &amp; Board</b>
<b>Books &amp; Supplies</b>	<b>Laptop &amp; Tablet</b>
<b>Child Care Costs</b>	<b>Transportation</b>

### Fall & Spring application deadlines available

Workshops are also available to assist you in completing the NJFC Scholars Application, the FAFSA, and to give you more information on the college process

For more information, contact **embrella**

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Current high school seniors who are, or were in foster care, were adopted or have entered Kinship Legal Guardianship through the **New Jersey Division of Child Protection & Permanency** (CP&P, formerly DYFS) may also apply for a variety of competitive private scholarships funded and administered by embrella.

These awards are separated into two distinctions:

- **Academic Scholarships** — used for colleges and university tuition and supplies
- **Opportunity Grants** — allotted to assist young people with the next phase of their life, including academic pursuit or independent living

Applications for each academic year are available at [www.embrella.org](http://www.embrella.org) or contact embrella at 800.222.0047 to be added to the mailing list.

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## Additional Resources

### **NJ Student Aid Programs & College Planning Information**

Higher Education Student Assistance Authority  
800.792.8670 [www.hesaa.org](http://www.hesaa.org)

### **Federal Student Aid Programs**

U.S. Department of Education  
800.433.3243 [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov)

### **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

### **College Planning & Money Management**

[www.mappingyourfuture.org](http://www.mappingyourfuture.org)

### **Free Scholarship Searches**

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

### **Online Guide to Financial Aid**

[www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)

### **New Jersey College Transfer Information**

[www.njtransfer.org](http://www.njtransfer.org)

### **Career Planning**

[www.njnextstop.org](http://www.njnextstop.org)

### **NJ Career Assistance Navigator**

[www.njcan.org](http://www.njcan.org)

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## What is the New Jersey Foster Care Scholars Program?

The NJFC Scholars Program provides funding for eligible youth who have experienced a CP&P out-of-home placement, CP&P independent living arrangement or transitional living program and are seeking a post-secondary degree at an accredited two-year or four-year college, university, or a career/technical school.

<b>Who is eligible?</b> Applicants must meet ONE of the following:	
Have been in the care and custody of New Jersey Department of Children and Families Child Protection & Permanency in an out-of-home placement for a cumulative of 9 months or more following the youth's 16th birthday.	<b>Federal Education Training Voucher (ETV) or Statewide Tuition Waiver</b>
Have been in an out-of-home placement for a cumulative of 18 months or more following the youth's 14th birthday.	<b>Federal ETV</b>
Reside in or have resided in an independent living arrangement, or Transitional Living Program. *The facility or program must be established, operated or approved for payment by New Jersey CP&P, the federal government pursuant to the Runaway & Homeless Youth Act or New Jersey Homeless Youth Act.	<b>Statewide Tuition Waiver</b>
Be adopted through New Jersey CP&P following the youth's 12th birthday.	<b>State Option or Federal ETV</b>
Have been in a CP&P out-of-home placement and left to enter KLG following the youth's 16th birthday.	<b>Federal ETV</b>

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### What can funding be used for?

There are two funding sources:

Students who are eligible for the Federal Education Training Voucher (ETV)/State Option funding may receive assistance with the following:

- Tuition & Fees
- Room & Board
- Books & Supplies
- Transportation
- Computers & Tablets
- Child Care Costs

Students who are eligible for the Statewide Tuition Waiver Program may receive assistance with remaining full-time tuition and fees (does not include room and board) at a NJ public school after federal and state financial aid has been applied.

Each student's case history will determine the source of funding and services the scholarship will provide (See chart for more information).

### What is required to apply?

Applications for each academic year are available at [www.embrella.org](http://www.embrella.org) or contact embrella at 800.222.0047 to be added to the mailing list. Applicants must meet all of the following requirements:

- Be between the ages of 16 and 23
- Be in possession of a high school diploma or certificate of high school equivalency (GED/HSE)
- Be granted admission to a degree or certificate granting post-secondary institution or program that has been accredited to receive Title IV funding
- Have completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or NJ Alternative Financial Aid Application (for NJ Dreamers only)

### How to apply?

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