**To: New Jersey High School Guidance Counselors**

On behalf of the New Jersey Relocation Council (NJRC), I would like to invite your students to participate in a scholarship opportunity for local college-bound New Jersey High School seniors.

This application package is being sent to high schools in Bergen, Essex, Morris, and Union counties. Eligibility for the scholarship program is limited to qualified students, and **applications must be complete to be considered. The deadline for complete applications is March 01, 2021.**

NJRC recognizes that successful relocations are those that not only help build talent for corporations and/or enhance the careers of their employees, but also those that provide growth and added value to the families involved in the move. We understand that high school students, when relocated, are faced with giving up the comforts of their homes, established friendships, and involvement with school and community activities. These students are then forged into a new world where they must create and develop new lifestyles, as well as handle numerous unexpected challenges. While often difficult, we have found that this time can also be inspirational and provide life lessons. Whatever the impact, we know that each student has a very special relocation story, unique to their own experiences … stories that we feel need to be told!

Therefore, **NJRC will award two (2) one thousand dollars ($1,000) scholarships** to college-bound high school seniors who have relocated into one of the aforementioned New Jersey counties or have been relocated anywhere in the world during their high school career. In addition, NJRC will apply to the national organization, Worldwide ERC, for additional matching funds that may be applied in varying amounts to the scholarship recipients or additional students.

Students should have moved between 9th grade (after completion of 8th grade) and 12th grade, and moved a distance of at least 50 miles to a new school and location. The scholarship award will be sent directly to the college that the student will be attending to assist with tuition or books/supplies.

NJRC will select scholarship winners based on the strength of their total package. The student will be evaluated on academic performance, extra-curricular activities, community participation, and their response essay addressing the way they handled the challenges associated with relocating to a new area and a new high school.

Regardless of whether the student receives a scholarship award, ALL students will be considered winners, and ALL stories will become an important addition to the NJRC story collection entitled “Moving Beyond … *through the eyes of our future leaders.”*

We look for your assistance with the following:

1. Identifying eligible seniors based on the following criteria:
	1. Relocated more than 50 miles,
	2. Relocation happened between grades 9th and 12th and the student changed schools;
	3. Current cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a scale of 4.0 (or equivalent achievement on a comparable scale)
2. Making eligible students aware of this scholarship opportunity and encouraging their participation. Please post the scholarship application on your website or in your newsletter to seniors.
3. Providing academic performance information, including grade transcript and major test scores (SAT) to accompany the students’ application.

I have enclosed one NJRC application package. Please make copies as needed. **We must receive all completed applications (inclusive of application, transcripts, essays, consent form, photos, and extra-curricular activities list) by February 1, 2020,** so we have enough time to evaluate and make our selections of the winners.

The scholarship recipients will be notified by March 16, 2020 and will be awarded at our 2020 Spring NJRC Meeting. The selected students will be required to attend this meeting to read their essays. If this is neither possible nor practical, we will make alternative arrangements through Skype or an alternative solution. In addition, we are pleased to invite the student’s parent/guardian, along with you, their guidance counselor, as our guests.

We hope that you will help support our efforts and encourage your high school seniors to participate in “telling their story.” We know that their words will serve to inspire, connect, and help others as they transition to new locations. If you have any questions, please email us at scholarship@njrc.com or contact me at 203-640-5864.

To find out more about the NJRC, please visit our website at [www.njrc.com](http://www.njrc.com)

Thank you very much for your assistance, and we look forward to working with you and your staff to encourage student participation in this scholarship opportunity.

Sincerely,

Sara Simonetti

NJRC Community Outreach Committee Chair

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**CHECKLIST (all of these are required, please: )**

[ ]  Application

[ ]  Consent

[ ]  Counselor Page

[ ]  Transcripts (Stamped & signed by a HS Official, including ACT/SAT scores)

[ ]  Extracurricular Activities

[ ]  Essay

[ ]  Photo

**Did you change schools and move further than 50 miles while in High School?**

**Do you have a GPA of 3.0 or greater on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent)?**

***Tell Us Your Story!***

***Apply for the NJRC Scholarship Today***

Dear Student,

Please write an essay of at least 1,000 words about your relocation experience. The following questions should be answered as part of your essay:

* How did the relocation personally impact you?
* What were some of the challenges?
* What were some of the positive experiences that you encountered?
* What did you learn from the experience?
* What advice can you give to other high school students relocating?
* Please submit your essay (with your name on each page) with a recent photo, completed application, consent form, transcripts, and list of extracurricular activities **no later than March 1, 2021.** **All required documents must be received by this date in order for your application to be considered.**

Your Application will be evaluated on the following criteria:

* You moved between 9th grade and 12th grade
* Your move was greater than 50 miles and to a new school and location
* Academic performance including a GPA of 3.0 or greater on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent)
* Your essay
* Extra-curricular activities and community participation

We look forward to hearing about your experience. Thank you for participating.

Sincerely,

Sara Simonetti

NJRC Community Outreach Committee Chair

**Please email your completed package to** Scholarship@njrc.com

Please call Sara Simonetti at 203-640-5864 with any questions

**Individual Consent Agreement**

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned, hereby authorize the New Jersey Relocation Council (NJRC) and its representatives, successors, and assigned, to use my name, photo, and written essay (or portions thereof) about my relocation (that accompanied my NJRC 2021 scholarship application) for publication. I represent and warrant that the attached statement represents my true opinion.

I further represent that (please X one):

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I am of legal age and have every right to grant these rights

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I am not of legal age and have secured the signature of my parent/legal guardian below

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DATE NAME (printed)

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 SIGNATURE

I represent that I am the parent/legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

As the parent/legal guardian, I have the legal authority to grant the right set forth above.

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DATE NAME (printed)

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 SIGNATURE

Please return this form, along with the completed application, essay, transcripts, list of extracurricular activities and photo to Scholarship@njrc.com

Please call Sara Simonetti at 203-640-5864 with any questions

## New Jersey Relocation Council 2021 Scholarship Application - Student

Application must be received by NJRC no later than

### March 1, 2021

Name

Address

City State Zip

Telephone Email Address

High School Current GPA Month & Year Relocated

Previous City and State

Was your family part of a company-sponsored relocation?

If yes, what company?

Please list any Honors or AP classes in which you are currently enrolled:

I certify that the work I am submitting with this application is entirely my own and that the information I have provided on and with this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I consent that my guidance counselor/high school relinquish my personal information listed on the following page.

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SIGNATURE DATE

## **2021 Scholarship Application – High School Official**

### To be completed by **Guidance Department or High School Official**.

Please include a copy of transcripts/test scores with the application and kindly complete the following:

Grade Point Average GPA Scale (maximum possible)

Most recent SAT/ACT scores (please provide copy)

HS Official/Guidance Counselor name

Title/Position of High School Official

Phone

Email

Student/Applicant Name

I certify that the work I am submitting with this application is entirely my own and that the information I have provided on and with this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I consent that my guidance counselor/high school relinquish my personal information listed on this and the following pages.

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SIGNATURE (High School Official) DATE