

NJTESOL/NJBE, Inc.

AN AFFILIATE OF NJEA, TESOL, AND NABE

NJTESOL/NJBE ESL/BILINGUAL HIGHER EDUCATION AND NON-TRADITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

SPONSOR: NJTESOL/NJBE is offering a \$1500 scholarship for students in ESL and/or bilingual classes at the post-secondary level: one traditional college student and one non-traditional student. Sometimes competitions such as these have few applications because it is assumed that there are too many other, more advanced students applying. Please take a look at the application materials and encourage any of your students who are qualified to apply. If you have any questions about the scholarships, please contact the Scholarship Committee:

ELIGIBILITY

The traditional applicant::	The non-traditional applicant:
An ESL/bilingual student who is matriculated and enrolled full-time in an institution of higher education and presently enrolled in ESL/bilingual courses.	An ESL/bilingual student who is matriculated and enrolled part-time or full-time in an institution of higher education and presently enrolled in ESL/bilingual courses.
Planning to continue attending a New Jersey college or university.	Planning to continue attending a New Jersey college or university.
A student who has maintained a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or above.	A student who has maintained a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or above.
A traditional student under 25 years of age	A non-traditional student older than 25 years of age.

APPLICATION

The application consists of five items. Each of the five items is considered carefully in selecting the scholarship winners. Forms for Parts I-IV are attached. Item five must also be included in order to complete the application. *Incomplete applications will not be considered. A referring instructor/professor **MUST** be a member of NJTESOL-NJBE, Inc.*

The application packet must include the following items, which will be considered in the selection of the two scholarship winners:

Checklist

1. Part I: Scholarship Application Form _____
2. Part II: Biographical Statement (handwritten) _____
3. Part III: An Essay on, "**How the ESL/Bilingual Program at My College/University Has Changed My Life.**" _____
4. Part IV: A recommendation from an ESL or BE instructor _____
5. Part V: Current N.J. college official transcript (this must be an official transcript from the school, not a Xeroxed copy of the transcript). _____

DEADLINE: Scholarship applications and essays must be postmarked on or before March 5th, 2010. You MUST observe the postmarked by date in order to be considered.

*****Applications postmarked after the deadline of March 5th, 2010 and incomplete applications will NOT be considered.***

Mail complete applications to:

Ms. Janet Kaback
230 Vine Street
Elizabeth, NJ 07202

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PART IV: Higher Education Scholarship Recommendation Form

To the student: Fill out your name and college below, and ask one of your ESL or bilingual teachers to complete this recommendation form. Your teacher **MUST** be a member of NJTESOL-NJBE, Inc.

STUDENT NAME: _____

College: _____

To the teacher: *The student from whom you received this form is a candidate for a \$1,500 scholarship offered by our association. The selection committee would appreciate your candid response to the following questions. Please place the recommendation in a sealed envelope, write your signature over the seal and return it to the student. **The student needs to include it with his/her application materials, which need to be postmarked by March 5th, 2010. Applications postmarked after that date and incomplete applications will not be considered.** Thank you for your time. Please note that you must be a member of NJTESOL-NJBE, Inc.*

What qualities make this student a good candidate to continue his/her education in college? (Use additional Sheets if necessary) _____

How has this student contributed to the enrichment of your class and the ESL/bilingual program as a whole at your school? _____

Why do you recommend this student for this scholarship? _____

Teacher's Name _____ Title _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Address _____ Phone/e-mail _____

Part V: Transcripts
(include in application packet)