

2019 New Jersey Rising Scholars Recognition Award

Guidelines & Application

Academic Year: 2019-2020

Application Due Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Who is Eligible?

All current high school seniors who are interested in attending any Historically Black College or University (HBCU) and meet the following criteria:

- Attend a New Jersey public school (including charter schools and renaissance project schools), private school, or are homeschooled;
- Have a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.8 or higher on a 4.0 scale *or* 3.0 or higher on a 4.5 scale.; and
- Have obtained a Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) score of 900 or above (based on 1600 maximum) or 1250 or above (based on 2400 maximum) *or* ACT score of 20 or above.

How Are New Jersey Rising Scholars Selected?

Up to 75 high school seniors will be nominated for selection by a committee consisting of staff from the Amistad Commission and the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), and the Malcolm Bernard HBCU College Fair of New Jersey.

Eligible students will be evaluated based on their merit, academic and personal goals, school activities, community service, personal statement, and other significant information such as their desire to become future educators and status as first generation college attendees. **No** materials will be returned to the candidate.

Winners will be notified by email beginning October 30, 2019.

All winners are expected to participate in an award ceremony held for the scholar and one guest on Sunday, November 17, 2019.

What will New Jersey Rising Scholars receive?

Each Rising Scholar will receive:

- An award certificate
- A comprehensive guide of available HBCU scholarships
- The opportunity to meet with college recruiters participating in the Malcolm Bernard HBCU College Fair Week
- Eligibility to receive onsite admission to selected institutions and an opportunity to have application fees waived
- Eligibility to be considered for an **HBCU Rising Scholar Fund Scholarship**, depending on the availability of funds

2019 New Jersey Rising Scholars Application

Instructions for Submission

Send **one (1) original and three (3) copies** of the completed application to ensure it is received by:

October 22, 2019

Mail To:

The Amistad Commission
New Jersey Department of Education
PO Box 500
Trenton, NJ 08625
Attn: New Jersey Rising Scholars

Hand-Deliver To:

The Amistad Commission
New Jersey Department of Education
100 Riverview Plaza
Trenton, NJ 08625
Attn: New Jersey Rising Scholars

Email To:

amistad@doe.nj.gov

For additional information, contact:

Maryam Abd Al-Quddus
The Amistad Commission
New Jersey Department of Education
(609) 376-9062

**2019 New Jersey Rising Scholars Application
Section A**

Student Information

Academic Year: 2019-2020

Application due date: October 22, 2019

Please Type or Print Legibly

Student name:

Gender: **Female** **Male**

Address:

City:

NJ

Zip Code

Phone:

Email: (notification of award will be sent to email listed)

Parent/Guardian(s) name:

Parent email:

High School:

High school address:

City:

NJ

Zip Code:

County:

School district:

Anticipated date of graduation:

Guidance Counselor Name:

Guidance Counselor Phone:

Guidance Counselor or School Email:

Are You a First Generation College Student? **Yes** **No**

Did either of your parents attend a college or university? **Yes** **No**

Did either of your parents graduate from a college or university? **Yes** **No**

To which HBCU are you submitting an application? (List in order of preference)

Choice #1 _____

Choice #2 _____

Choice #3 _____

If known, what is your planned major course of study?

Future career path (if known):

2019 New Jersey Rising Scholars Application Section B

Academic Information • School and Community Activities • Honors and Awards • Work Experience Page

Academic Information

Grade Point Average <i>(Counselors: Convert GPA to appropriate scale score and attach copy of transcript; unofficial copy from high school will be accepted):</i> _____ out of (circle which) 4.0 or 4.5 or other (specify)_____	
SAT Scores: <i>(attach a copy from an official source)</i> _____ Verbal/CR _____ Math _____ Writing _____ Total	ACT Composite Score: <i>(attach a copy from an official source)</i>

School Activities *(Please attach a separate sheet if needed)*

School Year (circle)	Name of Activity	Office or Position (if applicable)
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Non-School Sponsored Community Service Activities *(Please attach a separate sheet if needed)*

School Year (circle)	Name of Organization/Agency/Religious Institution	Office or Position (if applicable)
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Work Experience *(Please attach a separate sheet if needed.)*

Dates of Employment	Employer Name of Supervisor Phone Number	Position	No. hours per week	Indicate Employment Schedule: Summer only, School Year Only or Both
_____ to _____				Summer School Year Both
_____ to _____				Summer School Year Both
_____ to _____				Summer School Year Both
_____ to _____				Summer School Year Both

Honors and Awards *(Please attach a separate sheet if needed)*

School Year (circle)	Name of Honor or Award	Source (School/Non-School)
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Personal Essay

This section provides an opportunity for the selection committee to become better acquainted with you in ways not revealed by grades, test scores or your activities. It also offers you an opportunity to demonstrate your ability to organize your thoughts and express yourself.

Please answer **each** of the following questions.

1-2 page(s) for each of the questions written in 12-point font, double spaced, with 1-inch margins.

Note: Make sure you answer each question thoroughly; check grammar and proofread. Enlist another set of eyes: Ask a teacher, counselor or parent to read your response and offer guidance.

- 1. Describe an experience that taught you a positive lesson.**
- 2. What are your educational and career goals? How will earning a scholarship and attending a Historically Black College or University (HBCU) help you to achieve these goals?**
- 3. If interested in any education-related major or minor, why do you believe it is important that college students seriously consider or make it a priority to explore career pathways in the field of education?**

**2019 New Jersey Rising Scholars Application
Section D
Student/Parent Signature Page**

Applicant Name <i>(Please print):</i>	
Affidavit: I certify that all information contained in this application is true.	
Signature Of Applicant	Date

If applicant is under 18 years old. Parent/Guardian Name (Please print):

Parent/Guardian Address	
Parent Home/Cell Number	Parent Email Address

<p>Parental Consent to Participate: If my child is selected as a 2019 NJ Rising Scholar, I give consent to the Amistad Commission and the New Jersey Department of Education to share my child's NJ Rising Scholars application with the representatives from the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) that participate in the 2019 Malcolm Bernard HBCU College Fair of NJ and/or the NJRS Award Ceremony.</p> <p>_____ Yes, I give consent participate in the 2019 Malcolm Bernard HBCU College Fair of NJ and/or the NJRS Award Ceremony.</p> <p>_____ No, I do <i>not</i> give consent</p> <p>Photo Release Permission Slip: As a parent or guardian of this student, I hereby consent to the use of photographs/videotape taken during the course of the program for publicity, promotional and/or educational purposes (including publications, presentation or broadcast via newspaper, internet or other media sources). I do this with full knowledge and consent and waive all claims for compensation for use, or for damages.</p> <p>_____ Yes, I give consent for The Amistad Commission and the New Jersey Department of Education to photograph my child at the Malcolm Bernard HBCU College Fair of NJ and/or the NJRS Award Ceremony and/or events.</p> <p>_____ No, I do <i>not</i> authorize photograph/videotapes of my child for this event</p>	
Signature Of Parent:	Date:

2019 New Jersey Rising Scholars Application Checklist



Completed original application and three copies of the application, plus four copies of transcripts and either SAT or ACT scores must be mailed and *received* by the Amistad Commission by Tuesday, October 22, 201.

Faxed, incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Guidance Counselors: Please check to see that all required documents are complete.

A Complete Application consists of the following documents:

- Student Information Page
- Academic Information/School and Community Service Activities/Work Experience/Honors and Awards Pages
- Personal Essay: Typed, 12-point font, 1-inch margins, 1-2 pages
- Signed Student/Parent Signature Page
- Application Checklist Signed by Guidance Counselor
- Four (4) Copies** of School Transcripts (unofficial copy accepted)
(*Has student's GPA been converted to 4.0, 4.5 or 5.0 scale?*)
- Four (4) Copies** of SAT or ACT scores

I have reviewed the contents of this application for its completeness and the eligibility of the student for consideration based on the program criteria.

Guidance Counselor:

_____ Phone: _____ Email: _____
(*Print name*)

_____ Date: _____
(*Signature*)