2014 MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is for students presently attending a New Jersey community/county college who are pursuing a major in a science, technology, engineering or math ("STEM") field, have at least a 3.5 G.P.A., are in financial need and have completed 12 credits, but have at least 21 credits left to complete **their community college degrees**. Last year, 16 scholars were selected for this award. Scholars were awarded either $1,500 or $750 scholarships.

In addition to submitting the attached scholarship application completed, the applicant must also submit the following: **Resume; Certified College Transcript; and Optional: Letter of Reference**.

No later than March 28, 2014, return completed application materials to:
Research & Development Council of New Jersey
127 Main Street
Chatham, NJ 07928

If you have previously been selected for this scholarship, you are not eligible to reapply. You do not have to be a U.S. citizen to apply for this scholarship. If you are selected as a scholarship candidate, you will be interviewed by the Council Scholarship Committee in April/May on a date to be determined. Additionally, if you are chosen as a scholarship recipient, you will be required to attend the Merit Scholar Luncheon in the summer of 2014 as well as the Council's Annual Patent Awards Dinner in November 2014.

If you should have any questions, please contact the Council's office at **973.274.8336** or email Kim Case at kcase@rdnj.org .

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ABOUT THE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF NEW JERSEY

For over half a century, the Newark-based Research and Development Council of New Jersey has been dedicated to cultivating an environment supportive of the advancement of research and development throughout New Jersey. Established in 1962, the Council was created to serve as a unified voice for the three R&D sectors — industry, academia and government — to work with the State to create an environment R&D could thrive in.

Currently chaired by Rutgers University's Kathleen Scotto, Ph.D., the Council's past accomplishments include: raising the funds for the design and construction of Liberty Science Center, establishing R&D tax credits for research organizations, and annually awarding scholarships to college students pursuing an education in STEM fields. Recognizing that there is an unrivaled culture of innovation in New Jersey, every year the Council selects pioneering NJ inventions for their contribution to R&D and honors their inventors with the Council's distinguished Thomas Alva Edison Patent Award. In 2013, the Council selected 12 patent awards, which recognized over 30 inventors who worked on those patents. These inventors were honored at the Council's 34th Edison Patent Awards Reception & Ceremony.

The Council is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization whose membership includes representatives from academia, government and industry, including several Fortune 100 and 500 companies.

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2014 MERIT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Date of Application
Street Address			Telephone No.
City	State		Zip code
Email Address **(list an email address you check frequently)**		Place of Birth	Date of Birth

Name of College		
College Accounting Office Mailing Address[1]	College Accounting Office Telephone No.	
City State		Zip code
Anticipated Graduation Month and Year	Major/ Field of Academic Study	Cumulative G.P.A.

Please answer the questions below. It is highly recommended that you limit your answers to the space provided. If you require additional space, you may add additional pages if necessary.

1.   What is your current major or field of academic study? (Be as specific as possible):

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[1] This address should be the address of your college's specific office to which the scholarship check should be sent to for payment towards your tuition, fees, equipment and/or books. Please be sure to correctly identify this office and its mailing address.

2.   List your college extra-curricular activities (athletics, clubs, etc.):

3.   List other activities in which you have been involved (hobbies, organizations, employment, etc):

4.   Briefly describe your plans 1) after you have completed your community college degree and 2) for your professional goals:

5.   Do you currently receive or have you applied for any type of financial aid? (Yes or No) _____ If you do receive financial aid, please identify the source(s) and amount(s) you will receive or believe you will receive for Fall 2014 and/or Spring 2015 semesters.

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6.   List any other scholarships you will receive for Fall 2014 and/or Spring 2015 semesters, including the amount:

7.   How many credits do you need to complete before you can graduate with the degree you are currently pursuing (must be equal to or greater than 21)? _____

8.   List any other pertinent information about you that you think the Council Scholarship Committee should know:

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9.   How did you find out about this scholarship?
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Note: Among other criteria, scholarships are awarded based on financial need. If you have received enough scholarship money or financial aid <u>grants</u> to cover your tuition, you would not be eligible for this scholarship.

***<u>All scholarship monies are paid directly to the college for sole purpose of payment of tuition, fees, equipment, and books (if possible). ***</u>

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<u>CERTIFICATION</u>

I authorize the verification of the given information and I certify the information given is

true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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(Date)   (Signature of the Applicant)