

The Research and Development Council of New Jersey announced the release of the Council's [2020 Merit Scholarship](#) application. Please post, distribute and advertise it to your students. The deadline is April 17th.

You can [click here](#) to access the application online.

This \$1,500 or \$750 scholarship is awarded based on four main criteria:

- 1) Merit (at least a 3.5 GPA)
- 2) Financial Need
- 3) Application and Materials
- 4) Interview in April

As you will see upon reviewing the application, the scholarship recipient must be pursuing a STEM- related field and have completed at least 12 credits and have at least 21 credits left to finish their degree, and also must enroll for the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 Semesters, which is when the scholarship will be applied to the student's tuition, fees, books and equipment.

The Council may distribute as many as twenty scholarship awards (this will depend on the number of program sponsors).

Also, all scholarship recipients will be required to attend the 11th Annual Merit Scholar Luncheon this summer as well as the Council's Edison Patent Awards Ceremony & Reception on November 12, 2020 at the Liberty Science Center where they will be recognized as merit scholars.