

New Jersey Key Club 2026 District Scholarships

Dear Key Club Scholarship Applicant,

The following packet contains all of the information you need to apply for a Key Club-sponsored Scholarship! There are eighteen scholarships ranging in value from \$1,000 to \$2,000 that will be awarded to the members of the New Jersey District of Key Club who have exemplified incomparable dedication to serving the children of our world and have been upholders of the objects of Key Club International during their high school years. **This year we are awarding \$23,000 in scholarships to Key Club Seniors in New Jersey!**

The primary criteria for the Gordon and Suzanne Meth scholarship is that neither of the student's parents has completed a two-year(associate) or four-year(bachelors) college degree.

The primary criteria for the Rosemarie Ercolino scholarship is that the applicant resides in a single parent/guardian household.

Please ensure that you complete the application along with the required submissions and have your Faculty Advisor complete the Advisor Verification Form by **Sunday, February 8, 2026, at 11:59 PM.**

This packet includes:

- **The All-Inclusive Scholarships Checklist** provides easy-to-follow instructions to guide you through the application process.
- **The Scholarships:** This sheet explains the range of scholarships you will be applying for and serves to guide you through the application process.

**All applications MUST be submitted online.
Only seniors currently registered as members of NJ
Key Club are eligible for scholarships.**

Good luck!

**For more information, suggestions, questions, or comments, contact:
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The All-Inclusive Scholarship Checklist

At the New Jersey District Education Conference, many scholarships will be awarded to the graduating class of Key Club Members. This year, it's all about the Class of 2026! To apply for scholarships offered by the New Jersey District of Key Club, follow these simple step-by-step directions. Use this as a checklist to ensure that you have completed all application components **BEFORE HITTING SUBMIT**.

2026 Scholarship Application Link:

<https://fs6.formsite.com/NJKeyClub/yxobugcciw/index>

- ❑ **Write a two-page max essay** about your most memorable Key Club Service Project. Be sure to explain the inspiration, the effort, the impact that the service project had, and the personal growth involved. The essay should be **12-point, Times New Roman, and double-spaced**. Then, upload the document to your application.
The essay should answer the following questions:
 - ❑ What was your most memorable Key Club service project, and why?
 - ❑ How did you become involved with the project?
 - ❑ What role did you play in the project, and how much time did you spend on it?
 - ❑ What was the most challenging part of the project, and why?
 - ❑ How did the project benefit the parties involved?
 - ❑ Did you meet your expectations?
 - ❑ What did you learn from this project?
 - ❑ How did this project affect you?
 - ❑ Finally, what would you tell other young people about your experience?
- ❑ Obtain **two letters of recommendation**: one from a teacher and one from another adult familiar with your community service efforts. NO LETTER may be from either a family member nor another student. *Both letters should focus on your community service work during high school.* Upload the recommendations to your application. If the recommenders do not want to share the letter with you, please have them email their letter directly to the Scholarship Committee Advisor (bsturm@njkeyclub.org) with your name as part of the email's subject line. Mrs. Sturm will confirm receipt.
- ❑ Ensure your advisor completes the **Advisor Verification Form**. Give the link below to your advisor for them to complete the form and the response will be sent directly to the scholarship committee. Link to advisor verification form:
<https://forms.gle/8qeTYdrmtwXnXPVN6>
- ❑ Upload and submit all of the above by **Sunday, February 8, 2026, at 11:59 PM. All documents must be uploaded as PDF or Word documents ONLY!!! Absolutely NO links to Google Docs will be accepted!!**

What You Need to Know for the 2026 Scholarships

The following is a list of the scholarships that we expect will be available. **So, yes --- we are awarding \$23,000 in Scholarships!** By completing the application **just once**, you could be eligible to win one of the following scholarships:

- The New Jersey Kiwanis Foundation Scholarship (\$2,000)- *funded by the NJ Kiwanis Foundation*
- Fred Briggs Memorial Scholarship (\$1,500)- *funded by the Kiwanis Club of Livingston & NJ Key Club*
- Barrie Werfel "Werf's Winners" Memorial Scholarship (\$1,500) - *funded by the Kiwanis Club of Livingston, the NJ Kiwanis Foundation, and NJ Key Club*
- Kiwanis Committee Scholarship (\$1,000)- *funded by the NJ Key Club Kiwanis Committee & the NJ Kiwanis Foundation*
- Past Dr. Andrew Batsis Key of Honor Recipients Scholarship (\$1,000)- *funded by Key of Honor Recipients & the NJ Kiwanis Foundation*
- Robert J. Mascenik Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)- *funded by the NJ Kiwanis Foundation & NJ Key Club*
- Dominico Gatti Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)- *funded by the NJ Kiwanis Foundation*
- Ted Hordichuk Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)- *funded by Kiwanis Club of Jackson & the NJ Kiwanis Foundation*
- John Johnson Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)- *funded by Kiwanis Club of Jackson & NJ Key Club*
- Phyllis Marzolf Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)- *funded by Stephen Gandley & NJ Key Club*
- Harold Gantert Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)- *funded by the Kiwanis Club of Greater Parsippany & NJ Key Club*
- Judith Poling Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)- *funded by the Kiwanis Club of Keyport & NJ Key Club*
- The Gordon and Suzanne Meth Key Club Scholarship (\$1,000)- *funded by Past Kiwanis Governor Gordon Meth and his wife Suzanne Meth*
- Celeste and Barrie Werfel Scholarship (\$1,000)- *funded by an Anonymous Donor & NJ Key Club*
- George McCrossan Memorial Scholarship (\$2,000)- *funded by the Kiwanis International Children's Fund*
- Kiwanis Children's Fund Leadership Scholarships (two \$2,000 awards)- *funded by the Kiwanis International Children's Fund*
- The Rosemarie Ercolino Scholarship (\$1,000)- *funded by an Anonymous Donor & the NJ Kiwanis Foundation*

All scholarships will be awarded at the 2026 New Jersey District Education Conference. Students do not need to be in attendance at DECON to be eligible to win a scholarship.