



Annual High School Senior Scholarship Application

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Guidelines for 2014

The Association for Women in Science- New Jersey Chapter

Established in 1995, AWIS NJ empowers and promotes women scientists through programs that facilitate career development, education, networking, leadership and entrepreneurial opportunities. Throughout the year we offer events that explore scientific content and career development, often in collaboration with regional organizations, companies, and universities whose missions align with this vision.

AWIS is the only national organization addressing the concerns and interests of all women in STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.

Scholarship Application Guidelines:

Deadline April 15, 2014 (11 pm) Winners will be announced **May 7, 2014** at an AWISNJ event hosting TV anchor, **Producer & Director, Joya Dass** (Check our website for further details: <http://awisnj.org/>)

Please share this announcement with any female high school senior (class of 2014) living and studying in New Jersey.

Who Can Enter: Female high school seniors who reside in New Jersey (only), who are entering college, university, or any educational institution in the fall of 2014 and who are interested in studying any STEM topic.

The Application Package Includes: 1-Your Essay, 2-Cover Email, 3-Recommendation.

The Guidelines below will walk you through the process. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

1-Essay/Scientist Profile Guidance: We welcome original, succinct essays up to 500 words:

Many **accomplished** scientists are based in, or have had a connection with New Jersey during their careers. The AWIS NJ Annual Scholarship Competition is an opportunity to reach out and conduct a brief interview with a New Jersey - connected female scientist in any content area that interests you.

Consider this process part of your information gathering for your own journey in studying the sciences. Your profile subject may live or work in NJ now, or may have done so at any time in their lives. Think about teachers who have inspired you; women who discover and develop drugs; architects and engineers who design and create buildings, bridges, renewable energy, environmental solutions; computational researchers who write software, social networking applications— inspiration is all around us. This is an opportunity to learn more about someone you already know, or to meet a scientist who interests you.

Additional Essay Guidance:

-Include your subject's New Jersey connection, their current experience and its significance to their field of endeavor, and your personal take-away. *i.e.*: perhaps this person has helped you understand ways that today's scientists work together, or perhaps this person's experience has helped you focus your interests.

-While you may use the Internet to help find your subject and useful background material, you must conduct a personal interview. Your profile must include at least one quote from your subject, which may be transcribed from discussion, copied from email exchange, or both. This quote may not come from published material.

-Be sure to use grammatically correct English.

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2-Cover Email with Essay attached as a Word or PDF Document, sent to info@awisnj.org :

The Subject Line of your email must say: Your Name Scholarship 2014 Application

Include in your Cover Email:

- Your contact information—Name, address, email, phone
- Name and contact information for your Recommender (see 3– for details)
- Name and location of your High School
- Name and contact information for your Guidance Counselor
- Name and contact information for a parent or other adult involved with your education
- Academic Information, i.e., GPA and class rank (if available), SAT or ACT score
- List of up to 5 extracurricular activities, with brief descriptions, reflecting your interests, accomplishments, well roundedness, and personal aspirations
- List of any additional awards or distinctions, and/or details such as relevant AP courses or community projects

3-Recommendation letters from the adult of your choice, excluding family members. Please ask your advocate to use the Subject line:

Your Name Scholarship 2014 Recommendation and send to info@awisnj.org.

Best of Luck! We look forward to reading your essay and supporting your career.

Scholarship Cash Award Details: First Place, \$500, Second Place \$250, Third Place \$250. Awards may be used as you wish toward your education at any educational institution. Any applicant essay may be posted on the www.awisnj.org website after winners are announced.

Scholarship Committee 2014 Co-Chairs:

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Please contact info@awisnj.org if you would like to volunteer as a Scholarship Application reader.

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