



NJ Center for Tourette Syndrome

AND ASSOCIATED DISORDERS, INC.

Collaborative Partnerships for the Tourette Syndrome Community

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2017 NJCTS YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The NJ Center for Tourette Syndrome & Associated Disorders, Inc. (NJCTS) is proud to announce the 2017 scholarship awards to graduating New Jersey high school seniors diagnosed with Tourette Syndrome. The top award is \$1,000.00. A scholarship award recipient must:

- Download/print out, complete and return the application form on pages 2, 3 and 4 of this document by **April 21, 2017**. Scanned and emailed applications will be accepted.
- Be domiciled in the State of New Jersey
- Be a high school senior in a private, public, or home school
- Be planning to attend a college or trade school on a part-time or full-time basis in **Fall 2017**
- Have a diagnosis of Tourette Syndrome
- Provide a record of grades from 9th grade to present (it can be an unofficial transcript).
- Provide letters of recommendation from a member(s) of his/her school staff (such as teacher or guidance counselor), coaches (who have known you for four years or less) and/or community people who know you well (church or other community members)
- Submit an essay of **1 to 2 pages**, typed and double spaced, describing how Tourette Syndrome has played a part in your life. You may also submit media (pictures, video, music) displaying your talent(s). **Please make it no more than 5 minutes in length.**

The NJCTS Youth Scholarship Program was established in 2004. Over the past 12 years, NJCTS has awarded more than 240 scholarships to graduating high school seniors in every corner of New Jersey.

In 2016, 13 students were awarded scholarships by NJCTS. To view the 2016 winners and other past NJCTS Youth Scholarship essays, please visit the [Teens4TS blog](#).

The winners will be selected based upon academic achievement, community involvement and accomplishments as an individual living with this challenging and complex neurological disorder. The criteria and selection of the winners shall be in the sole discretion of the NJCTS scholarship committee.

Winners will be announced in June following a review of all applications by the NJCTS Youth Scholarship Committee and will be notified by mail. The winners also will be invited to an award reception as part of the TS Awareness day in June.

Winners will automatically become members in the NJCTS Scholarship Club. Recipients must agree to having their essay published on the Teens4TS blog; appear in local media publications and on www.njcts.org; accompany a NJCTS representative to meetings with the and federal legislators. Winners also may have NJCTS present the scholarship award at their School's year-end awards assembly/banquet.

Contact: Kelley Teabo, NJCTS Project Coordinator at kteabo@njcts.org or 908-575-7350.

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Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

High School Name: _____

High School Address: _____

Name of Guidance Counselor/Advisor: _____

School Telephone Number: _____

College/trade school you will attend OR what colleges/trade schools you have applied to:

_____ I have enclosed a letter from my school outlining grades or transcript (official or unofficial) of high school career.

_____ I certify that I have been diagnosed as having Tourette Syndrome.

Applicant's signature

Date

_____ As a parent or guardian of the applicant I certify that he or she has been diagnosed as having Tourette Syndrome.

Parent or guardian's signature

Date

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_____ An essay entitled _____

_____ Media (pictures, video, music) submitted using _____

- **Picture and music** submissions may be submitted as either (1) links to media uploaded to a third party website (i.e. soundcloud, google, youtube, dropbox etc..), or (2) uploaded files (mp3, jpg) to <https://www.hightail.com/u/NJCTS>.

- **Video** submissions must be uploaded to a video player website such as YouTube or Vimeo. If privacy is a concern with videos, YouTube videos can be set to "unlisted" so only those with a link can watch them. Vimeo videos can be set to "Only people with a password" and you can provide NJCTS with the password to watch your video.

-**Links for media** submissions should either be emailed to kteabo@njcts.org or typed on your paper application. Picture and music files submitted via <https://www.hightail.com/u/NJCTS> should have your name in the file's name. Example. Song1-JohnSmith.mp3, or JSmith-pic1.jpg

1. Provided one or two letters of recommendation:

_____ Yes, enclosed _____ No, not enclosed

2. List your extracurricular activities in high school either at the school or elsewhere: (may be submitted on separate sheet of paper) _____

3. List any employment held during high school, indicating summer or part-time during school: (may be submitted on separate sheet of paper) _____

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The following section is optional, meaning you do not have to check “yes” to be a scholarship recipient:

If selected, you may release my name on www.njcts.org, on the Teens4TS blog, to the local press and in various publications, such as the NJCTS Year In Review:

_____ Yes

_____ No

If selected, you may announce my award at my high school awards assembly, if any:

_____ Yes

_____ No

Please include a recent photo of yourself:

_____ Emailed to kteabo@njcts.org

_____ Sent to Drop Box <https://www.hightail.com/u/NJCTS>

You may publish my essay online or in a collection:

_____ Yes

_____ Yes, but only if my name is removed

_____ No

Applicant's signature

Date

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