



2023 NJCTS YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The NJ Center for Tourette Syndrome & Associated Disorders, Inc. (NJCTS) is proud to announce the 2023 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 **March 15, 2023**. 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 2023**
- 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 their 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), at least 1 letter is required.
- 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 18 years, NJCTS has awarded more than 345 scholarships to graduating high school seniors in every corner of New Jersey.

To view the previous 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 by May 1, 2023 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 will have the opportunity to have their essay published on the Teens4TS blog; appear in local media publications on www.njcts.org; and accompany a NJCTS representative to meetings with state and federal legislators.

Contact: Alina Osborn, NJCTS Program Coordinator at aosborn@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

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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, etc.), or (2) uploaded files (mp3, jpg) to <https://spaces.hightail.com/uplink/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 aosborn@njcts.org or typed on your paper application. Picture and music files submitted via <https://spaces.hightail.com/uplink/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: (at least one is required)

Yes, 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 to:

- Yes No www.njcts.org, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter
- Yes No Teens4TS blog
- Yes No Local Press
- Yes No Various publications, such as the NJCTS Year In Review

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

Yes

No

A recent photo of yourself must be included:

Emailed to aosborn@njcts.org

Sent to Hightail <https://spaces.hightail.com/uplink/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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