

2026 ECM Scholarship Application
This is a merit, not a needs-based scholarship.

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Applicants must reside in Cape May County and attend a high school or accredited homeschool program within the county. This includes: Cape May County Technical, Lower Cape May Regional, Middle Township, Ocean City or Wildwood High Schools as well as other schools or programs in the county.

Name: _____

Address: _____
Street Number Town State Zip Code

Home Telephone Number: _____

Personal Cell Number: _____

Required: City/Town in which you live: _____

E-mail address:

Name of high school:

Graduation Date: _____ **Date of Senior Awards Ceremony:** _____

Name of 2 year or 4-year college / university or trade school to which you've been accepted and plan to attend:

Name your three choices that will be writing your recommendations:

Guidance Counselor (Must be 1 of first 3 choices & stress Academics)

Name _____

Telephone Number: (____) _____ - _____ (extension) _____

E-mail address: _____

Club Advisor / Coach: Name _____

Telephone Number: (____) _____ - _____ (extension) _____

E-mail address: _____

Volunteerism / Community Service Mentor/Leader:

Name _____

Telephone Number (____) _____ - _____ (extension) _____

E-mail address: _____

4th person: (optional) (Relationship to Applicant) _____

Name _____

Telephone Number: (____) _____ - _____ (extension) _____

E-mail address _____

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST OF OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1. A copy of your college / trade school acceptance
2. A copy of your transcript (must include - mid-year grades through the fall semester of senior year) **[See Counselor]**
3. A copy of your first report card for the spring semester **[See Counselor]**
4. **A copy(s) of your Sat and/or ACT test score reports [See Counselor]**
5. Your completed resume, which must be specific and include years involved and, where applicable, any leadership position you have held such as editor, team captain, officer, chairperson, etc.
6. A listing of all clubs, activities, teams, community service, summer programs, college courses, internships, jobs, etc. must be included with number of years involved.

REQUIRED - A typed essay (**no fewer than five paragraphs**) which addresses one of the listed 3 quotations below. There is no right answer, just your personal insights. Be sure to address the various aspects of the topic. Give reasons, examples and or details to support your main ideas. Use your personal experiences.

CHOOSE ONE:

2026 ESSAY TOPICS

- How did a pivotal moment, setback, or act of kindness change your perspective in establishing your LGBTQIA+ self - identity?

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- “Bullying” is still prevalent in schools, online and elsewhere when a student comes out as LGBTQIA+. Whether you have been bullied or you have witnessed it first hand, how can a victim fight back to overcome it?
- Self Esteem is so instrumental as expressed in the song, “I am what I am and need no excuses.” How has self - esteem or the lack of it affected you in clarifying your self - identity and finding your true self.

DECLARATION: Applicant Must Sign Below.

I attest that all information provided in this application is true, accurate and was not generated through any usage of an AI program.

Signature

Date

**Application Deadline - Postmarked no later than
Wednesday, April 15th, 2026 Note! No Exceptions!**

Mailing Address for Applications:

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Cape May Point. NJ 08212**