



Nutley UNICO, Inc.

2026 Scholarship Qualifications and Instructions

Nutley UNICO, Inc., annually offers twenty-nine (29) scholarships to Nutley Students who will be attending an accredited college or university. Beginning in 2026, all scholarships will be distributed on a one-time basis. Please refer to the scholarship application and Nutley UNICO website (www.nutleyUNICO.org) for detailed information regarding eligibility criteria and scholarship requirements.

ELIGIBILITY

- A. Italian Origin:** Candidate shall be a United States Citizen of Italian Ancestry, i.e. must have at least one grandparent of Italian origin. If deemed necessary, Nutley UNICO, Inc. Scholarship Committee may request documentation of proof of ancestry. First Preference is given to students of Italian Heritage. Second preference is given to non-Italian students who have excelled in Italian Language or Italian cultural studies and who meet all other criteria. Third preference is given to all other students who meet the other criteria.
- B. Residency Requirements:** Candidate must be a full-time resident of the Township of Nutley, New Jersey.
- C. Educational Requirements:** Candidate must be an active senior at any public or private high school. The applicant must submit either the SAT or ACT test scores and must be recommendable to an accredited College or University by his/her school. The Candidate must be in good standing and rank in the top 33% of his/her class academically.
- D. Financial Need:** Financial need and hardships may be taken into consideration. In assessing needs, the number, ages and schooling requirements of siblings and extraordinary family expenses may be considered.
- E. Extra-Curricular and Community Participation:** The extent to which a candidate has contributed to the life and welfare of school and/or community will be taken into consideration in the assessment of merit.
- F. Family Members:** Family members of Nutley UNICO may apply, so long as they meet all eligibility requirements.
- G. Essay:** Applicant must submit a written essay as described in Section C item number 6 of scholarship application. All additional essay requirements are indicated in the criteria listed for each scholarship. Please refer to Nutley High School NAVIANCE website or www.nutleyUNICO.org for criteria details.
- H. Timeframe:** Scholarship recipient must pursue his/her course of study within one (1) year from the date award is issued or request for a deferment in writing from Nutley UNICO. Continued enrollment and proof thereof is a condition to disbursements of scholarship awards paid in installments.

STANDARDS FOR CONSIDERATION

In addition to the criteria described herein, applications will also be judged on citizenship, leadership, character, personality, and community service. Exhibits demonstrating notable achievements in these areas may be attached to support application, e.g. letter of recommendation(s), etc.

All responses on application that require additional space should be type written on a separate 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper attached to application.

Mandatory information and documents that must accompany scholarship application:

1. All sections within scholarship application must be completed to the best of applicant's ability;
2. Section B must include the official school personnel signature;
3. Section D must include applicant and parent or legal guardian signature;
4. Minimum one (1) letter of recommendation(s) from Nutley High School representative, i.e. guidance counselor, teacher, etc.;
5. Written essay as outlined in the application and as may be required for each respective scholarship award criteria the applicant is applying for.

Applications that do not conform to these requirements or are incomplete will not be considered.

Optional information: Letters of recommendation from members of community groups, employers, etc. not affiliated with school system.

Filing of Scholarship Application(s): Applicant must submit one (1) completed copy of scholarship application including all required attachments. The application should clearly indicate all scholarships being applied for by marking the appropriate box adjacent to the scholarship name at the top of the application. Applicants can check multiple awards on single application. Applications not clearly marked will not be accepted.

Nutley High School students must submit their completed application to Nutley High School Guidance Department. Nutley residents who do not attend Nutley High School but meet eligibility requirements must submit their completed application directly to Nutley UNICO Scholarship Committee at P.O. Box 43, Nutley, N.J. 07110.

Application Deadline: Nutley High School students must submit their applications pursuant to the deadline set by Guidance Department. Please refer to NAVIANCE website or Nutley High School Guidance Office.

All Nutley High Students **MUST** file a NHS Scholarship Application in addition to the UNICO Scholarship Application.

All non-Nutley High School students must submit their application to Nutley UNICO no later than March 2, 2026. Applications can be sent to Alan Genitempo at agenitempo@pirozinnalaw.com

Award Decisions: Nutley UNICO Scholarship Committee reserves all rights with selection and administrating of all scholarship awards. Nutley High School does not participate in the selection process.

In the event that it is determined by the Scholarship Committee that no qualified candidates meet the criteria for a scholarship, Nutley UNICO reserves the right to not select or issue the award.

Nutley UNICO reserves the right to award or not award the scholarships, in its sole discretion.

Award Funding: Awards will be funded upon proof of enrollment.

Additional Conditions: Nutley UNICO reserves the right to rescind a scholarship at any time, if the awardee, in UNICO's sole determination, engages in illegal or undesirable activities, and the awardee shall have no recourse against the Scholarship Committee or Nutley UNICO, Inc. in such an event.

Scholarships: Please refer to www.nutleyUNICO.org for specific criteria accompanying each individual scholarship listed on the scholarship application.