

Education Fund Grants

Education Fund grants are awarded to graduates of College Club membership area high schools (see list below) and high schools in Paterson and are awarded on the basis of financial need and evidence of ability and desire to do college work. Grants are made to young women entering their freshman, sophomore, junior and senior college years. **An applicant must be a current or prospective full-time student at a four-year college or university and must meet the Eligibility Requirements.** Recipients must reapply each year for a new grant.

Please reach out to the following with any questions:

Paterson - High school seniors - *Phyliss Johnson* dwpajohnson@gmail.com

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Ridgewood & Vicinity - High School Seniors - *Linda Hannafey* lhannafey@gmail.com

Ridgewood & Vicinity - Renewals and first-time applicants already attending college - *Rosie McCooe*
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2026-2027 Academic Year Grant Eligibility Requirements

Paterson First Time Applicants (seniors in high school)

[Click Here](#) to download and print the instructions.

[Click Here](#) to download and print the *Paterson New Application*. Please note **you must fill out a hard copy of the form** and submit - you cannot fill out the form online!

Two copies of the application must be turned in to the Guidance Counselor by **March 1, 2026**. The Guidance Counselor must forward one copy of the application, along with a transcript reflecting the first semester's grades, to College Club by **April 1, 2026**.

Ridgewood and Vicinity Students First Time Applicants (seniors in high school)

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[Click Here](#) to download and print the *Ridgewood and Vicinity New Application*. Please note **you must fill out a hard copy of the form** and submit - you cannot fill out the form online!

Two copies of the application must be returned to the guidance counselor by **January 12, 2026**. The guidance counselor must forward one copy of the application along with a transcript reflecting the **first semester** grades to the College Club by **April 1, 2026**.

For Paterson, Ridgewood and Vicinity Renewal Applicants

[Click Here](#) to complete Google Form Renewal Application. The completed application and an **official transcript, including fall semester grades**, must be returned by **April 1, 2026**.

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LIST OF TOWNS ELIGIBLE FOR EDUCATION GRANT APPLICATION

ALLENDALE, BLOOMFIELD, BOONTON, CLIFTON, EMERSON, FAIR LAWN, FAIRFIELD,
FRANKLIN LAKES, GLEN ROCK, HACKENSACK, HAWTHORNE, HO-HO-KUS, MAHWAH,
MIDLAND PARK, NEWFOUNDLAND, NORTH HALEDON, NUTLEY, ORADELL, PARAMUS,
PARK RIDGE, PATERSON, POMPTON PLAINS, RAMSEY, RIDGEWOOD, RUTHERFORD,
SADDLE RIVER, SEA GIRT, TEANECK, TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, UPPER SADDLE
RIVER, WALDWICK, WANAQUE, WAYNE, WOODCLIFF LAKE, WOODLAND PARK, WYCKOFF