



## FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

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### NO INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED.

- A.** Prepare **three** copies of the application:
1. Send the *original* copy by **APRIL 30th** to the Scholarship Committee of the NJVF.
  2. Give one copy to the dean's office.
  3. Retain one copy for your own information.
  4. Please note that **even if you are independent of parental support**, your parents or guardians must complete questions 1, 2, 3, and 6 and sign the Parents/Guardian Confidential Financial Questionnaire, and a **copy of both sides of the first page of their most recent federal income tax return must be included. If your parents are divorced, we require both of their tax returns.**
- B.** The application sent to the Scholarship Committee must be accompanied by two or more **r e c e n t l y d a t e d** letters of recommendation who know your character and need. One letter must be from a member of your veterinary faculty and one must be from a veterinarian in the State of New Jersey. All letters of reference should be sent directly to the NJVF. It is your responsibility to be sure that letters of recommendation are submitted by the due date.
- C.** Print or type clearly. Any application that is illegible will not be considered.
- D.** Please read the entire application prior to completion. All questions must be answered. If an application is not complete with signature, it will not be considered. The application must be verified in two places--- verification of academic standing by your dean and existing indebtedness by your financial aid officer. The parents' questionnaire and copies of the first two pages of both your and your parents tax form must also be submitted.
- E.** The deadline FOR submission of application is April 30<sup>th</sup> for the coming school year beginning in September. Your application will not be considered if received after April 30th.
- F.** **Without exception, no award will be made without submission of the following** (check off when completed):
1. Completed application, signed by you, your Dean and financial officer.
  2. Your Parents/Guardian Confidential Financial Questionnaire.
  3. Letters of recommendation from a veterinary faculty member and a New Jersey veterinarian.
  4. Copies of both sides of the first page of both your and your parents **most recently filed** federal tax return. If the student's income was below IRS filing threshold, then an explanation note is required or the application will be considered incomplete.



## **Education Grant Application**

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If an applicant is awarded scholarship money, it will be paid directly to the veterinary school, details of which can be obtained via phone (908-281-0918) or e-mail [info@njvma.org](mailto:info@njvma.org).

# NJVf Scholarship Application

1. Applicant name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

2. Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

3. Marital Status (mark one)  
Single      Married      Divorced/Separated

Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

4. Permanent address

\_\_\_\_\_

Current mailing address

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5. Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

What is your preferred method of contact? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Are you a current resident of the State of NJ? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a voter registration card? \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's license \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have another connection to the state of NJ? If so, explain

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7. Education – schools attended, dates and degrees

Starting with high school **up to the veterinary school you currently attend**

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8. In the coming year you will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> year student.  
Check one.

9. Current annual college expenses

(Please give actual figures, not school-supplied statistics)

Tuition \_\_\_\_\_

Room \_\_\_\_\_

Board \_\_\_\_\_

Books/supplies \_\_\_\_\_

Travel \_\_\_\_\_

Health care \_\_\_\_\_

Personal costs \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Total Annual College Expenses \$ \_\_\_\_\_

10. Do you pay "in state" tuition at your school? \_\_\_\_\_

11. Income of Student (and spouse if applicable):

List and describe income for the coming year, including estimated amounts  
and/or loans/scholarships applied for:

Scholarships, Fellowships, Grants, Loans, Other...

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12. Part-time job or summer employment (include income estimate not savings  
Estimate) \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse income \_\_\_\_\_

Family support (parents, relatives) \_\_\_\_\_

Other income \_\_\_\_\_

Total Annual Income \$ \_\_\_\_\_

13. Assets of Student (and spouse if applicable):

Car (make, model, year, purchase price, amount owed)

\_\_\_\_\_

Present book value \_\_\_\_\_

Cash and savings \_\_\_\_\_

Home equity \_\_\_\_\_

Other real estate \_\_\_\_\_

Investments/IRA's / Retirement Accounts \_\_\_\_\_

Businesses, farms \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Total assets (not including your car's value) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**14. Educational loans** (include all previous educational loans; do not include anticipated loans)

Undergraduate loans

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Graduate/Veterinary School Loans

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Spouse's Educational Loans

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Total Educational Loans \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**15. Non-Educational loans** (show lender and purpose)

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Total Loans \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Existing indebtedness must be verified by your financial aid officer or the other college official on the last page of this application.**

**16. Special circumstances**

*Please describe any circumstances (not explained elsewhere) that might have a bearing on your financial situation. Examples: health issues, family changes, or any other unusual circumstance of which the Board should be advised.*

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**17. Character References**

(Individuals familiar with your character and financial need) The first two references are **required**. Applications without the faculty member and NJ Veterinarian recommendations will NOT be evaluated.

**a. Veterinary School Faculty Member**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**b. Veterinarian working in New Jersey**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**c. Optional (neighbor, clergy, undergraduate teacher)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL letters of reference should be sent directly to the NJVF.**

Email [info@njvma.org](mailto:info@njvma.org)

Postal Address NJVF, 390 Amwell Road, Suite 402, Hillsborough, NJ 08844

Fax 908-450-1286

**Questionnaire of parent /guardian**

*This confidential questionnaire MUST be completely filled out by each parent or guardian or the Board may not be able to adequately assess your need.*

Parent/ Parents/ Guardian confidential questionnaire has been provided as part of this application Yes No

If you are independent of parental/guardian support (as defined by the Federal Government), please explain why on a separate sheet of paper.

**SUMMARY INFORMATION – please complete**

Name of school \_\_\_\_\_

Year of graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Total expenses for the upcoming year \_\_\_\_\_

Total EDUCATIONAL RELATED debts \_\_\_\_\_

Did you apply in the past, and were awarded a NJVF Scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, when, and how much was the award? \_\_\_\_\_

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**I have read carefully the questions in this application. Each answer as made herein is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I give the NJVF permission to receive and verify the information reported.**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Print Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** This application must be verified by two school officials below. Your parents' questionnaire and copies of the first two pages of last year's Federal Income Tax Return for both yourself and your parents must be submitted for the Board's examination, even if you are independent from your parents. If you or your parents are filing an extension for last year's tax return you must submit a copy once you have filed.

# CERTIFICATION OF ACADEMIC STANDING AND RESIDENCE

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

This student's cumulative grade average as of \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.

DATE

CUM. GRADE AVERAGE

This student is registered as a resident of the State of New Jersey.

Signature of Dean \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

The student's statements about existing indebtedness are, to the best of my knowledge, correct.

Signature of Financial Aid Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_





## 2018 Education Grants - Parental Questionnaire

This confidential questionnaire **MUST** be completely filled out by one or both of your parents/guardians or the Board may not be able to adequately assess your need

Please complete form and attach a signed photocopy of both sides of the first page of this year's Federal Income Tax Return. If you have filed for an extension, you must submit a copy of the tax return when it is completed. This requirement is made for all students regardless of age, marital status, or independence of the student.

Without exception, no award will be made without submission of this completed, signed form and a copy of your tax return. If your parents are divorced, we require both of their tax returns.

1. Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

2. Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Full Address \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Persons Dependent on Parents/Guardian Income \_\_\_\_\_

3. To determine if the student or applicant is independent of parental/guardian support (as defined by the Federal Government), you must answer "no" to a, b, and c for your student/applicant to be declared independent.

a. Did or will the student live with the parent/guardian for more than six weeks (42 days) during the current year, previous year, or coming year?

Yes No

b. Did or will the parents claim the student as a U.S. income tax exemption in the current year, previous year, or coming year?

Yes No

c. Did or will the student get more than \$750 worth of support from the parents during the current year, previous year, or coming year?

Yes No

If a student meets the conditions of "independence" as defined by the Federal Government in questions a, b, c, only questions 1, 2, 3, and 6 need to be answered and the application signed and dated by the parents/guardian and question 16 answered by the student on the Student Confidential Questionnaire regardless of independence. A copy of both sides of the first page of your most current Federal Income Tax Return with signature is required for the student's application to be considered. If your parents are divorced, we require both of their tax returns.

4A. Assets  
Cash, Savings \_\_\_\_\_

Home Equity, Value of House \_\_\_\_\_

Mortgage \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Investments, Securities, Antiques, Fine Arts, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Business, Farm \_\_\_\_\_

Cars \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

**4B.** Liabilities - existing indebtedness - itemize and include amount:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**5.** Income

Taxable Income - please report last year's amount as filed, or will be filed, for federal income tax:

Total Gross Income \_\_\_\_\_

Taxable Income \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Taxable Income \_\_\_\_\_

**6.** What is the amount of your financial support to your student for the

Past school year? \_\_\_\_\_

Present school year? \_\_\_\_\_

Coming school year? \_\_\_\_\_

**7.** Describe any circumstances (not explained elsewhere) that might have a bearing on your financial situation.

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I have read carefully the questions in this application. Each answer as made herein is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I give the NJVF permission to receive and verify the information reported.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_