

Joseph J. and Florence E. Klimas Scholarship Application

Scholarship Recipient will receive a one-time grant of \$1,000.00 to pursue a major in Education.

Mrs. Klimas received her MA in Elementary Education from Kean College of New Jersey. She started her 28-year teaching career in Montgomery NJ and then taught 7th & 8th grade math and science in Branchburg N.J. She received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematic Teaching in NJ. She was Somerset County Teacher of the Year and runner up NJ State Teacher of the Year in 1989. Florence passed away in 2018.

Mrs. Klimas was very active in Somerset County 4-H. She was a Sewing and Cooking club leader for many years in Hillsborough and judged at Food 'N Fun and the 4-H Fair cooking, sewing and knitting competitions for decades. She and her family (sons Randy, Scott and Dustin are alumni of Wattles and Snood 4-H Poultry Club) established this fund after the passing of Joseph Klimas to reward one 4-H member annually and was designated to assist a student towards a degree and career in teaching.

Requirements:

- A present or former Somerset County 4-H member
- A student planning to enter college and major in Education or a college student majoring in Education.
- A letter of recommendation from an adult currently active in the Somerset County 4-H Program familiar with the applicant's past or present 4-H activities. (include their phone)
- A letter of recommendation from a teacher or professor who is familiar with the applicant's last year of High School or years in college. (include their phone)

Criteria:

- 4-H participation and achievement
- Contribution to the 4-H Program;
- Demonstrated leadership
- Demonstrated interest in working with younger children in 4-H
- Demonstrated interest in working with children while a college student
- Demonstrated interest as a future educator during summer and/or winter breaks

*This application and two letters of recommendation **must be returned to the 4-H Office by April 1.***

We suggest you download this document from the Somerset County RCE Website:

<http://www.somersetcounty4h.org/4-h-awards-scholarships/and> send it in a typed format..

Personal Information

Name:	Birth Date:
Address:	
Phone:	E-Mail:
Names/Address of Parents/Guardians:	
Name of High School and Year of Graduation:	
Name/Address of College Institution and expected graduation date:	
Parent/Guardian signature:	
Your signature:	

Complete the following using a separate sheet of paper if necessary:

4-H Club Participation: Total number of years in 4-H _____.

List each club individually, including 4-H Prep.

Club Name	Years in Club	Project Area	Offices Held/Committees Chaired	Club Leader's Name(s)

4-H Leadership Roles: Describe the most important activities you planned and delivered to the 4-H Program and outside community. Highlight personal rewards.

4-H Mentoring: Describe the most important ways you helped others within the 4-H program. Highlight personal rewards.

4-H Community Service: Describe the most important activities in which you participated and any specific responsibilities you had for the activity. Highlight personal rewards.

4-H County Participation: Describe the most important activities in which you participated, any specific responsibilities you had related to it, and the number of years you were involved. Highlight personal rewards.

4-H State and National Involvement: List activities in which you participated, any specific responsibilities you had, and the number of years you participated. What did you learn at these events?

Activities Beyond 4-H: List activities and interests beyond 4-H (such as school, community, athletics, work, hobbies, music, etc.) Highlight any leadership roles, honors and personal rewards.

Extra-curricular activities during college, including summer months: List activities, how long you were involved with each. Highlight your responsibilities, achievements, honors and personal rewards.

Essay: Please write an essay of 200 - 300 words that describes how 4-H has influenced your life and include your reason(s) for selecting Education as your goal for your professional life.

Please review your application to make sure it is complete.

This Scholarship will be awarded at the May 4-H Association Meeting.