

# SCHOOL *Counts!*

*School Counts* is a program of the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce Foundation.

## Scholarship expands to Career and Technical Education Students

 **Rowan College**  
SOUTH JERSEY

Cumberland County Campus  
Educational Foundation

University scholarships are offered to qualifying *School Counts!* students who are accepted to Rowan University upon graduating from RCSJ Cumberland. For more information, visit:  
<https://www.rcsj.edu/SchoolCounts>





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# A unique scholarship program created specifically for Cumberland County high school students.

## ***What is the School Counts! program?***

The *School Counts!* program is a scholarship for Cumberland County high school graduates. Students must **earn four consecutive *School Counts! Certificates*** (one for each year of high school) from participating schools and plan to attend Rowan College of South Jersey - Cumberland Campus. In order to earn a certificate, students must:

- have a 95% or better attendance record;
- must maintain a minimum of a C grade in every course from semester-to-semester to continue to participate in the *School Counts!* Scholarship program. The final grade on the transcript for each course must be a C or higher. A grade of C- or lower is not acceptable;
- have successfully completed Algebra I; and
- be scheduled to graduate from high school on time.

The scholarship program encourages and rewards students for the development of skills necessary for college and the workforce: punctuality, discipline, hard work, and motivation to achieve goals.

## ***How does my child enroll?***

Cumberland County residents entering 9th grade are automatically enrolled in the *School Counts!* program; they can confirm their enrollment with their high school counselor.

## ***What are the scholarship guidelines***

- Students must enroll at Rowan College of South Jersey - Cumberland Campus and maintain full-time, degree-seeking status to receive a *School Counts!* Scholarship.
- Students must successfully complete 12 credits or more each semester with a minimum grade of a "C" in each course.
- A reduction in credits to less than full-time will forfeit the scholarship and may result in an account balance.
- Students must apply for financial aid (fafsa.gov) annually.
- All applicable financial aid (Pell Grant, NJ Stars, all eligible grant scholarship monies and other funding) will be applied to each semester's tuition before the *School Counts!* Scholarship.
- Students are responsible for payment of any costs not covered by *School Counts!* or other financial aid.

## ***What does the scholarship actually cover?***

The *School Counts!* Scholarship covers the tuition cost of fifteen (15) college level credits per fall and spring semesters for two consecutive years (60 credit hour limit).

The scholarship covers tuition only and \$200 per year in fees and does not cover books or remedial classes. May pay for tuition of internship course, IC 211.

## ***Who gives out the School Counts! Certificates?***

Each year the criteria is met, your child will receive a *School Counts!* Certificate from his/her high school.

For more information, please contact the Guidance Director/*School Counts!* Liaison at their high school

## ***What can you do to support your child?***

- Remind your child each year to apply for the *School Counts!* program.
- Encourage your child to arrive at school every day on time.
- Motivate them to practice time management and good study skills to achieve good grades.
- Help them to stay on track to complete high school in four years.
- Encourage them to challenge themselves by taking more than the minimum required courses.

## ***Does the scholarship have to be used right away?***

Students may defer the *School Counts!* Scholarship for up to one year if RCSJ-Cumberland Campus is the first college to which the student is admitted and the student has notified the Admissions Office.





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# Your School Counts! scholarship may be extended to Rowan University.

Rowan University is proud to join with Rowan College of South Jersey to award *School Counts!* Scholarships to qualifying students who are accepted to Rowan University upon graduating from RCSJ Cumberland.

Requirements of *School Counts!* students to receive funding from Rowan University:

- Must be a resident of Cumberland County
- Must receive an Associate Degree from RCSJ Cumberland
- Must be accepted at Rowan University
- Must achieve and maintain the minimum GPA within the student's chosen major
- The funding pays as a "Last Dollar" scholarship after all applicable financial aid has been applied. Students are required to submit a FAFSA and meet all financial aid requirements.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please contact the Guidance Director/School Counts! Liaison at your high school.

## QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY AND GENERAL

ADMISSIONS? Contact Ms. LaToya Gibbons at the Admissions and Recruitment Office at (856) 200-4657.

OR VISIT OUR WEB PAGE <https://www.rcsj.edu/school-counts-faq>



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# School Counts! scholarship expands to Career and Technical Education students.

**The Cumberland County Campus Educational Foundation is proud to expand *School Counts!* Scholarships to qualifying students who are in the Career and Technical Education certificate programs at RCSJ Cumberland.**

**This scholarship is available for expressed financial need. SchoolCounts! Scholarship Criteria for Career and Technical Education include:**

- **Must be a resident of Cumberland County**
- **Student must show a current year tax return**
- **Students must demonstrate financial need**
- **Student must have 95% attendance record by certificate completion**
- **Students must maintain a C or better in each course**
- **The funding pays as \$500 reimbursement scholarship after all certificate requirements have been met.**

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**Please contact Mr. Michael Goonan at [mgoonan@rcsj.edu](mailto:mgoonan@rcsj.edu) or by phone (856)691.8600 extension 2373.**

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