



For almost 25 years, the Nancy & Robert Eskow NCJW/Essex Volunteer Awards have recognized graduating high school seniors who demonstrate their commitment to making life better for others by volunteering through community service or advocacy. NCJW/Essex is a grassroots organization of volunteers and advocates who turn progressive ideals into action. Eskow Award winners reflect and support NCJW/Essex's mission of improving the lives of women, children and families and safeguarding individual rights and freedoms. **THIS IS A NON-SECTARIAN AWARD AND WE ENCOURAGE ALL TO APPLY.**

WHO: Students who will graduate in 2025 and who attend public or private high schools in Essex County. There is no limit to how many students from an individual school may apply.

WHAT: Winners receive a **\$1,000 cash award** and, where possible, participation in their school's award programs/ceremonies.

WHEN: Application Deadline – **Tuesday, April 22, 2025.** Winners will be notified in May 2025.

HOW: Applicants must submit a complete packet which includes:

1. Application Form (completed online [here](#))
2. Personal Essay highlighting one significant volunteer experience, including how and why the applicant became involved, the contribution or impact made on the project or leadership roles held, and how the project impacted the community (minimum 500 words/maximum 750 words)
3. One letter of recommendation from a school guidance counselor OR teacher
4. One letter of recommendation from someone associated with the volunteer experience

The essay and recommendations must be submitted via email as PDF or Microsoft Word attachments. Please send to **NCJWEskowAward@gmail.com** with the STUDENT'S NAME – STUDENT'S HIGH SCHOOL in the subject line. Additionally, the student's name and school should appear at the top of each document submitted as part of the application.

Thank you in advance for your school's interest in this long-standing award. We look forward to reviewing all submissions and learning more about your students' volunteer accomplishments. Additional information and all application materials can be found at **www.ncjwessex.org/eskowaward**. **If you have questions, or need to provide a different contact at your school, please email NCJWEskowAward@gmail.com or call the NCJW/Essex office at 973-740-0588.**

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