



For more than 20 years, Nancy & Robert Eskow NCJW/Essex Volunteer Awards (Eskow Award) 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 by safeguarding individual rights and freedoms. **THIS IS A NON-SECTARIAN AWARD AND WE ENCOURAGE ALL TO APPLY.**

**WHO:** Students who will graduate in 2024 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 \$500 cash award and, where possible, participation in their school's award programs/ceremonies.

**WHEN:** Application Deadline – **Monday, April 15, 2024.** Winners will be notified in May 2024.

**HOW:** Applicants must submit a complete packet which includes:

1. Application Form
2. Personal Essay highlighting a volunteer experience, including how and why he/she/they became involved, the contribution or impact he/she/they made to the project, the impact of the project in the community, and any other details that describe the experience (minimum 500 words/maximum 750 words)
3. Letter of recommendation from a school guidance counselor or teacher
4. Letter of recommendation from someone associated with the volunteer experience

Materials must be submitted as either PDF, Microsoft Word or email attachments (12 pt Arial font, double-spaced preferred) via email to **NCJWeskowAward@gmail.com** with 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 learning more about your students' volunteer accomplishments and to reviewing their applications. Additional information and all application materials can be found at **www.ncjwessex.org/eskowaward**. If you have additional 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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