

Award Facts:

General Information:

- The award was created as a result of the efforts of Emmett Bivins and Dr. Jesse Jackson, former Presidents of NJASFAA.
- The Multicultural Committee has collaborated with the Scholarship and Development committees of NJASFAA.
- The award is funded by corporations in the Tri-state Area (New York, New Jersey and Philadelphia).
- Awards may be monetary or in the form of a gift, product and/or service.
- The Committee will award a minimum of five students from the Abbott School Districts with a NJASFAA Multicultural Student Award.

Selection Panel and Process:

- The panel consists of representatives from New Jersey higher education Institutions.
- Each member of the panel will individually rank each applicant's application.
- Applicants will be ranked on various criteria including, but not limited to: cumulative GPA, relative financial need, and the content of a student's essay.

Student Eligibility:

- Awards given to minority students (as defined by the US Department of Human Services,; American Indian or Alaska Native, African American and Hispanic or Latino) attending a NJ high school seniors in an Abbott district.
- Abbott School Districts are: Pleasantville, Garfield, Burlington, Pemberton, Camden City, Gloucester City, Bridgeton, Millville, Vineland, East Orange, Irvington, Newark, Orange, Harrison, Hoboken, Jersey City, Union City, West New York, Trenton, North Brunswick, Perth Amboy, Asbury Park, Keansburg, Long Branch, Neptune, Passaic City, Paterson, Plainfield, Phillipsburg.
- The applicant must be a United States Citizen or permanent resident.
- A New Jersey resident.
- Accepted for enrollment at a post secondary institution and belong to a high school in the Abbott School District.
- A high school senior with a grade point average 2.5 or greater.

Approximate Timetable:

- Fall 2003: Applications will be posted on the Web and mailed to Schools, Civic Groups and Non-profit Organizations.
- April 15,2004: Postmark Deadline for applications.
- June 15, 2004: Notification to winners.
- June 16,2004: Post names of winners and schools on the NJASFAA website.
- Fall 2004: Announcement and presentation of awards to winners at the NJASFAA Fall Conference.