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NJSFWC SECOND CHANCE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS AWARD

NJSFWC Second Chance Domestic Violence Survivors Award is to help survivors of intimate partner violence obtain a post-secondary education that will offer a chance to reshape their future in gaining personal independence. Candidates must be enrolled or planning to enroll at an accredited public or private post-secondary school, including community colleges, technical schools, and four-year universities.

Applicants should check with their school enrollment or financial aid office to confirm accreditation. Applicants also may visit the U.S. Department of Education website at www.ope.ed.gov/accreditation. Scholarships are for post-secondary study only.

ELIGIBILITY Candidates must meet all of the following eligibility requirements to apply:

- Survived intimate partner violence*
- Citizen or permanent legal resident of New Jersey
- Enrolled or planning to enroll at an accredited post-secondary or vocational institution
- Recommended by a licensed or accredited domestic violence agency and/or counselor or social worker, willing to provide information on behalf of the applicant.

*According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the term intimate partner violence describes physical, sexual, and/or psychological harm by a current or former partner or spouse. This type of violence can occur among heterosexual or same-sex couples and does not require sexual intimacy.

RECOMMENDING COUNSELOR/SOCIAL WORKER/AGENCY The recommending counselor, social worker, or agency must attest to supporting the applicant by providing information on the services and/or support provided to the candidate. An authorized representative must complete the recommendation agreement form and return it to the candidate for submission as part of the scholarship application

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION The NJSFWC Second Chance Domestic Violence Award does not discriminate in its selection policy, programs, or activities on the basis of race, gender, color, creed, disability, national/ethnic origin, age, religion, sexual orientation, or disabled veteran/Vietnam era veteran status.

APPLICATION AND DEADLINES

To be considered for the award, applicants must submit a completed application and all requested materials collectively, including

- Completed NJSFWC Second Chance Domestic Violence Award application form
- Agency/counselor/social worker recommendation

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- One to two letters of reference

All completed applications and materials should be emailed or sent by postal mail to:

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All information contained in this application will be considered confidential. Any materials submitted, other than those requested by NJSFWC, will not be considered. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Important Dates

October 1, 2026	Application process opens
February 12, 2027	Application deadline
May 2026 - June 2027	Recipients are notified
July 2027	Monetary awards sent upon receipt of enrollment verification