



Earn a college scholarship!
School Counts! lets you make it happen!

A MESSAGE TO PARENTS:

You will agree that education is the key factor in our children obtaining and keeping quality jobs. Thanks to the *School Counts!* program, Salem County students have an opportunity to achieve this life-changing goal. Endorsed by the county's business and educational communities, *School Counts!* supports higher standards and increased student accountability.

School Counts! expects students to maintain good grades, attend school each day and arrive on time, and take courses that are personally challenging. *School Counts!* encourages students to make the most of their important high school years.

STUDENTS NEED TO KNOW THAT ATTENDANCE, PUNCTUALITY, ATTITUDE AND EFFORT COUNT FOR SOMETHING AND THAT WORKING HARD TOWARD THEIR GOALS PAYS OFF.

Research indicates that school performance helps predict an individual's job success. Reinforcing that school performance does matter, *School Counts!* prepares students for continued success in college and the work world.

ATTENTION, HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!



Earning a college scholarship is within your reach. You can make it happen! It's a matter of meeting the *School Counts!* criteria (see right). Students must complete the FAFSA form in order to qualify for the *School Counts!* Scholarship.

When you achieve the criteria standards every year for all four years of high school, you are automatically eligible for a scholarship to Salem Community College for up to 15 credits per semester. To maintain this scholarship, you must achieve a minimum GPA of 2.5 while attending SCC.

GET STARTED BY PICKING UP A *SCHOOL COUNTS!* ENROLLMENT FORM FROM YOUR GUIDANCE OFFICE.

School Counts!

CRITERIA:

-  EARN A GRADE OF "C" OR HIGHER IN EVERY COURSE
-  ACHIEVE A 95 PERCENT ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY RECORD
-  TAKE ONE FULL YEAR OF ALGEBRA IN HIGH SCHOOL AND ACHIEVE A GRADE OF "C" OR HIGHER
-  TAKE MORE THAN THE MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
-  COMPLETE HIGH SCHOOL IN FOUR YEARS (EIGHT SEMESTERS)

School Counts! Partners:

- Salem County Chamber of Commerce • Salem County business community • Salem County schools
- Salem County Executive Superintendent of Schools • Salem County School-to-Careers • Salem Community College
- The Business Coalition for Educational Excellence at the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce