

A message to parents:

Worldwide competition may impact the ability of our children to obtain and keep quality jobs. However, we can do something at the local level, thanks to *School Counts!* This program is active in Salem County and throughout New Jersey. Endorsed by the county's business and educational communities, *School Counts!* supports higher standards and increased student accountability.

The program's purpose is straightforward. *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 and practice the learning habits they will need to succeed.

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 is a predictor of how well someone will perform in a job. *School Counts!* helps reinforce to students that school performance is important and plays a role in developing a more highly qualified workforce.

Hard-working students meeting the program criteria will receive a *School Counts!* certificate of achievement for each year they meet the criteria. Members of the Class of 2011 who earn four *School Counts!* certificates will qualify for a full tuition scholarship to Salem Community College. Those in the Classes of 2010 and 2009 who already signed up for *School Counts!* also will qualify. Previously enrolled students in the Classes of 2008 and 2007 who complete the *School Counts!* criteria will qualify for a partial scholarship to SCC.

Attention, students in the Class of 2011!

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).

When you achieve the criteria standards every year for all four years of high school, you are automatically eligible for a full tuition scholarship to Salem Community College!

School Counts! Criteria:

- 🕒 **Earn a grade of "C" or higher in every course**
- 🕒 **Achieve a 95 percent attendance and punctuality record**
- 🕒 **Take more than the minimum graduation requirements**
- 🕒 **Complete high school in four years (eight semesters)**

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

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Get started by picking up a *School Counts!* enrollment form from your guidance office.

"The *School Counts!* scholarship program has provided me with the opportunity to continue my education after high school. The scholarship has helped immensely with college expenses. For someone contemplating attending SCC, I recommend applying for the *School Counts!* program."



Lori A. Wilson
Class of 2006
Salem County Vocational-Technical School

"*School Counts!* takes the stress out of paying for college. It also allows a student who succeeded in high school to earn a college degree."



Jamie Eckler
Class of 2006
Woodstown High School

"*School Counts!* is a really good scholarship. It is making my college education affordable, and saving my family and me a lot of money."



Zachary Sherkness
Class of 2005
Pennsville Memorial High School

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School Counts! partners:

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



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Leads to a two-year scholarship at Salem Community College.