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AMAZON AWARDS GRANT TO NJAC FOUNDATION!

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(Trenton) Amazon has awarded the NJAC Foundation a grant of \$21,000.00 for county vocational-technical school graduates who plan on continuing their education at a county college or state college or university.

“The Board of Trustees of the NJAC Foundation is grateful to Amazon for its generosity in doubling its grant award from last year and we look forward to sharing this outstanding opportunity with our county vocational-technical schools in selecting scholarship winners committed to advancing their education in the Garden State,” *commented NJAC Foundation President Heather Simmons.*

Pursuant to the grant, the NJAC Foundation will award one scholarship of \$1000.00 to a student nominated by the superintendent of their school in all twenty-one counties.

“Amazon believes in providing people with the training and skills necessary to build the career they want. It’s why we launched our Career Choice program, which pre-pays tuition, job training, and other educational opportunities for all of our frontline employees. And it’s also why we partner with organizations like the NJAC Foundation to help fund scholarships to vo-tech students who wish to continue on in their education after graduating high school. We look forward to growing our relationship with the NJAC Foundation and continuing to make a positive impact in communities across New Jersey,” *said Colin Newman, Director of Public Policy for Amazon.*

Amazon now employs over 58,000 people in New Jersey and is committed to help upskill the American workforce. Amazon recently announced a commitment to pre-pay college tuition, books, and fees, as well as high school diplomas, GEDs, college preparatory courses, and English as a Second Language (ESL) proficiency certifications, for its front-line hourly employees through the Career Choice program. Amazon jobs also come with an average starting pay of \$19 an hour, more than twice the federal minimum wage. In addition, Amazon offers a comprehensive benefits package to all regular full-time employees, which includes health insurance from an employee’s first day on the job, a 401(k) plan with a company match, up to 20 weeks of paid leave for birthing parents, free mental health support, and more.

The NJAC Foundation is a 501 (C)(3) non-profit organization affiliated with the New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC) and is committed to providing financial assistance to county vocational-technical school graduates who plan on continuing their education at a county or state college. Please visit www.njac.org for additional details about the NJAC Foundation.