

Computers 4 People - College-Bound Laptop Scholarship

Computers 4 People is sending **110 students** to college this fall with one less major expense.

After donating almost **1000 computers in the past three years**, we know what impact the digital divide has on underserved communities. Last year we noticed a trend among graduating high school students. Most high schools loan out laptops or chromebooks for 4 years, then take them back when students graduate. This leaves students without a device when pursuing the next step in their education. Going to college is expensive! Even with scholarships and financial aid, students in low-income families have added costs which can hinder their success.

Computers 4 People decided to begin our College-Bound Laptop Scholarship initiative in Spring of 2021. We worked with Hoboken High School and received 4 applications from graduating seniors. After successfully awarding these 4 scholarships, we checked in with the awardees nearly a year later:

“The laptop I've received is working wonderfully for me so far! I've been able to get my art stuff slowly starting again, and with the tools I've always been using, as well as a couple new ones that my computer arts class uses, it's made it possible for me to properly get something together.”

-Hoboken High School Graduate

Knowing these scholarships made an impact on each student we decided to expand the program in 2022. This year we worked with **27 high schools in New Jersey & New York City**. After students submitted a written application and received a recommendation letter from a school counselor or teacher. Computers 4 People awarded **110 laptop scholarships** to graduating seniors across these schools.

List of High Schools:

Bridgeton High School
Butler High School
Cinnaminson High School
Cliffside Park High School
Culinary Arts, Hospitality and Tourism School
Delran High School
East Side High School
Egg Harbor Township High School
Hillcrest Academy North
Hoboken Charter School
Hoboken High School
James Caldwell High School

John F Kennedy High School
Lawrence High School
Liberty High School
Linden High School
Lodi High School
Malcolm X Shabazz High School
Plainfield High School
The Young Women's Leadership School of Astoria
The Young Women's Leadership School of Brooklyn
The Young Women's Leadership School of East Harlem
The Young Women's Leadership School of Queens
The Young Women's Leadership School of the Bronx
Union County Vocational-Technical High School
Weehawken High School
West Morris Mendham High School

"I am thrilled to target a specific gap that effects students all around the country. Last year when I graduated from high school everyone in my class was forced to buy a new computer, so I've seen it first hand. Being able to provide powerful Windows 10 laptops that will allow 110 students to succeed in the field they choose is a great feeling."

-Dylan Zajac, Founder & Executive Director, Computers For People Inc.

"My name is Adam Abdelfattah and I am one of the recipients of a laptop that you chose. Coming up with the money for a laptop would be difficult to say the least. With the cost of the laptop now nullified by the generosity of Computers 4 People, I can now feel financially confident and ready to take on college. Thank you so much for choosing me to receive this laptop. Rest assured that it will be taken care of and will help to propel me toward my academic and career goals."

-Adam Abdelfattah, Graduate, Cliffside Park High School