

Eligible New Jersey Institutions

County Colleges

Atlantic Cape Community College	(609) 343-5000
Bergen Community College	(201) 447-7200
Brookdale Community College	(732) 224-2375
Camden County College	(856) 227-7200 x4660
County College of Morris	(973) 328-5100
Essex County College	(973) 877-3052
Hudson County Community College	(201) 714-7200
Mercer County Community College	(609) 586-4800
Middlesex County College	(732) 548-6000
Ocean County College	(732) 255-0304
Passaic County Community College	(973) 684-6868
Raritan Valley Community College	(908) 526-1200
Rowan College at Burlington County	(609) 894-9311 x1199
Rowan College of South Jersey	(856) 468-5000
Salem Community College	(856) 351-2716
Sussex County Community College	(973) 300-2223
Union College	(908) 709-7518
Warren County Community College	(973)-835-2396



STATE OF NEW JERSEY



NJ STARS

New Jersey Student Tuition Assistance Reward Scholarship



For additional information, call your County College

Financial Aid Office

or the HESAA Customer Care Line

Monday through Thursday – 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.,

Friday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at

609-584-4480 or visit **www.njgrants.org**

New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority

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Trenton, NJ 08625-0538

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NJ STARS program is an initiative created by the State of New Jersey that provides New Jersey's highest achieving students with free tuition at their home county colleges.

Eligibility

- New Jersey residents who rank in the top 15.0% of their class at the end of either the junior or senior year of high school may be eligible to receive an NJ STARS award for attendance at their home county college.
- Students may attend another New Jersey county college only if their desired program of study is not offered at the county college where they reside or is oversubscribed for at least one year.
- The New Jersey Council of County Colleges has determined that students who are in the top 15.0% of their high school class are ready for college-level coursework. NJ STARS does not cover costs for remedial coursework.
- Students must have completed a rigorous high school course of study.
- Except in limited situations defined by statute, students must take a minimum of 12 college-level credits per semester. NJ STARS covers up to 18 college-level credits per semester.
- Students must be citizens, eligible non-citizens or eligible to file the NJ Alternative Financial Aid Application and NJ residents for at least 12 consecutive months immediately prior to high school graduation.

- Students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or NJ Alternative Financial Aid Application and submit all required information within established State deadlines.
- Students must attain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher by the start of the second year of county college enrollment to meet the academic requirement for NJ STARS renewal.
- NJ STARS students must graduate with a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher to qualify academically for the NJ STARS II program.



Benefits

- The NJ STARS award covers the cost of tuition, less any State and/or federal grants and scholarships, for up to 18 credit hours per semester.
- Students may be eligible to receive an NJ STARS award for up to 5 semesters of continuous full-time enrollment in a degree program.

How Do I Apply?

- Apply for admission to your home county college.
- Students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or NJ Alternative Financial Aid Application within established state deadlines.
- Meet all eligibility requirements.
- Notification of your NJ STARS eligibility will be provided by your home county college.