2024 - 2025 Financial Aid High School Presentation

New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority



The Mission

The Higher Education Student Assistance Authority is the only State agency with the sole mission of providing students and families with the financial and informational resources to pursue their education beyond high school.

Goals of Financial Aid Office

- Primary goal is to assist students in paying for college and is achieved by:
 - Evaluating family's ability to pay for educational costs
 - Distributing limited resources in an equitable manner
 - Providing a balance of gift aid and self-help aid
 - Implementing federal and state regulations for their college/university

Sources & Types of Aid

 Sources of Aid The college/University Federal State of New Jersey Outside Organizations Civic organizations (ex. local Rotary Club), parent's employer, high school awards 	Types of Financial Aid > Grants > Scholarships > Employment Opportunities > Self Help - Loans	 Factors that may influence institutional aid, particularly meritbased aid: Academics Athletic Ability* SAT's or ACT's Geographic Diversity AP Courses Legacy (child of alumni) Activities Talent Academic Track Gender/Ethnicity H.S. Attended Class Rank
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Net Price Calculator

- All institutions must have a net price calculator posted on their websites.
- Students will be able to estimate the individual net price per institution.
- Based on full-time, first degree/certificateseeking undergraduate students.

Types of Aid - Federal

Gift Aid - Grants

- Federal Government 2023-24
 - Pell \$7,395 (max award)
 - -SEOG \$4,000 (max award)
 - -TEACH \$3,772 (max award)

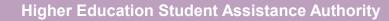
* 24-25 award amounts subject to change

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New Jersey State Grants 2023-24 Academic Year

Award Type	Award Amounts
Full-Time TAG	\$1,280 - \$14,404
Part-Time TAG (community college only)	\$320-\$1,097
EOF (Educational Opportunity Fund)	Up to \$3,050 includes college success support
NJ STARS (top 15% of high school class junior or senior year)	Tuition Only - community college only
NJ STARS II	Up to \$2,500 per year – any NJ 4 year college
Governor's Urban Scholarship (GUS)	Up to \$1,000
NJ-GIVS (women and minorities)	Up to \$2,000 building trades only
Community College Opportunity Grant (CCOG)!	After all other grant/scholarship aid- tuition and most fees – FREE for AGI \$65,000 or less, \$65,001 to 80,000 is 50% reduced tuition & fees, and \$80,001 to \$100,000 is 33% reduced tuition and fees
Garden State Guarantee (GSG)	After all other grant/scholarship aid- tuition and most fees – FREE for AGI \$65,000 or less, \$65,001 to 80,000 is not to exceed \$7,500 tuition & fees, and \$80,001 to \$100,000 is not to exceed \$10,000 tuition and fees
Summer TAG 2023-24 & 2024-25	Must be enrolled at least half-time and received at least one TAG payment in the prior academic year Students can have up to 4 payments of summer TAG.



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State Grants & Scholarship Requirements

Students must have a complete Application for TAG (Tuition Aid Grant) and all other programs by:

- Filing a FAFSA or New Jersey Alternative Financial Aid Application
- Be a U.S. citizen, eligible non-citizen or NJ Dreamer
- Must be New Jersey Resident & attend a New Jersey Institution
- Must be enrolled full-time
- Demonstrate Financial Need
- Must be full time at an approved degree program
- Meet all state deadlines for application and document submission
- Part-Time TAG for County Colleges full-time enrollment exception of being enrolled for 6-11 credits

Types of Aid State Grants & Scholarships

Summer TAG (Tuition Aid Grant)

- Received TAG in the prior Fall or Spring semester
- Award range dependent upon enrollment status
 - Full-time, Three Quarter-time, or Half-time

EOF (Educational Opportunity Fund)

- Award ranges from \$200 \$3,050 annually depending on type of institution
- Must demonstrate educational and economically disadvantaged background
- Complete all required EOF tasks

Types of Aid State Grants & Scholarship

Governor's Urban Scholarship

• Rank within the top 5% of their class at the end of junior year

- Attain a 3.0 GPA at the end of the junior year
 - Reside in a designated community
- Have a New Jersey Eligibility Index below 10,500

Asbury Park City	Burlington City	Bridgeton	Camden City	East Orange City	Elizabeth	Garfield	Gloucester City	Harrison	Hoboken
Irvington Township	Jersey City	Keansburg	Lakewood	Long Branch	Millville City	Neptune Township	Newark City	New Brunswick City	Orange
Passaic City	Paterson City	Pemberton Township	Perth Amboy	Phillipsburg	Plainfield City	Pleasantville	Roselle Borough	Salem City	Trenton City
Union City	Vineland City	West New York							

Types of Aid State Grants & Scholarship

NJ STARS

- NJ residents who rank in the top 15% of their class at either the end of junior or senior year
- Students must attain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher at the start of the third semester at the county college to remain an NJ STAR

<u>NJ STARS II</u>

- Received NJSTARS funding and have a family taxable income of less than \$250,000
- Must earn an associates degree and graduate with a 3.25 GPA or higher
- May receive up to \$2,500 annually for a public or private 4-year NJ college or university
- Must take at least 12 college credits or 6 credits with a qualified doctors note

Types of Aid State Grants & Scholarships

Governor's Industry Vocation Scholarship for Women & Minorities (NJ - GIVS)

- Up to \$2,000 per year for the cost of enrollment at one of New Jersey's 18 County Colleges, Technical / Vocational Schools, some Proprietary Schools
- Benefits women and minorities pursuing certificate or degree programs in construction – related fields
- Must be NJ resident and have AGI < \$60,000
- <u>Complete separate application online</u>. Found in the students NJFAMS account, <u>Apply for Scholarships</u>
- Some of the programs eligible for the scholarship include
 - Construction Supervision
 - Solar Energy Technology
 - Architectural Engineering Technology

Types of Aid State Grants & Scholarships

Community College Opportunity Grant (CCOG)

Pays for all or part of the cost of Tuition and Approved fees

Must take a minimum of six credits per semester

Must make satisfactory academic progress

Tier One	AGI - \$0 - \$65,000 for maximum award
Tier Two	AGI - \$65,001 – 80,000 for 50% of the maximum award
Tier Three	AGI - \$80,001 - \$100,000 for 33% of the maximum award

Types of Aid State Grants & Scholarships Garden State Guarantee

New Jersey State Colleges and Universities

Must make Satisfactory Academic Progress

Available for students in their third and fourth year of enrollment

Tier One	AGI - \$0 - \$65,000 for maximum award
Tier Two	AGI - \$65.001 – 80,000 will pay a discounted price of no more than \$7,500
Tier Three	AGI - \$80,001 - \$100,000 will pay a discounted price of no more than \$10,000

3 + 1 Degree Completion Programs

- Student enrolls in a bona fide 3 + 1 major/degree program
- Student completes the first two years at the community college and earns an Associate Degree
- Pays community college tuition and fees for the associate degree and the third year of their program
- Attends and pays the four-year institution tuition and fees in the final year
- Meet all other eligibility criteria for TAG, NJSTARS, CCOG

Self Help Loans & Gap Shortfall Solutions

- Monthly Payment Plans offered by the college
- Federal Direct Loan Program (1st year dependent student)
 - Subsidized Loan \$3,500 need based
 - Unsubsidized Loan \$2,000 additional
- 2023 2024 Federal Direct Undergraduate Direct Loans are 5.50% plus a 1.057% origination fee

2024 – 2025 Rates and fees are subject to change

Self Help Loans to Cover the Gap

Borrow up to cost of attendance

2023 - 2024 - NJCLASS Supplemental Loan Program

10 Year Fixed Rate NJCLASS LOAN, starting at 5.49%
 15 Year Fixed Rate NJCLASS LOAN is 5.69%
 20 Year Fixed Rate NJCLASS LOAN is 7.49%

No Loan Fees for the 2023-2024 Academic Year

• Federal PLUS Program 8.05% with a 4.228% origination fee Origination fee, Parent is the borrower

2024 – 2025 Rates and fees are subject to change

Applications to Access Aid

studentaid.gov Available December 2023



HESAA.org Available December 2023





NJ Dreamer Eligibility and Application Details

The New Jersey Alternative Financial Aid Application allows NJ Dreamers enrolled in eligible New Jersey colleges and universities to apply for state financial aid. Who should complete this application?

Complete this application if you are not a United States citizen or eligible noncitizen and meet all of the following criteria

Attended a New Jersev high school for at least three (3) years

Graduated from a New Jersey high school or received the equivalent of a high school diploma in New Jersey

• Are able to file an affidavit stating that you have filed an application to legalize your immigration status or will file an application as soon as you are eligible to do so

Apply Now

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student.collegeboard.org/profile Available October 1, 2023



Application: CSS Profile

- Approximately 400 Colleges and Organizations use the CSS profile to determine how they will award institutional funds
- Available 10/1 each year and collects more comprehensive income, asset, and household information than the FAFSA
- Uses prior prior year income (2022 for 2024-2025)

Register - Complete Application – Make payment – Submit No payment for income under \$100,000 All others, \$25 for first application and \$16 for each additional

CSS Profile

Website to apply for profile

https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/

Website to apply for Noncustodial Profile:

https://www.proprofs.com/training/course/?title=202223-completing-thecss-profile-for-noncustodial-parent_610a90e612320

> Customer Support 844-202-0524 Live Chat Available

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Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- 2024-2025 "A Better" FAFSA is available December 2023
- Collects family's personal and financial information used to calculate the student's Student Aid Index (SAI)
- File the FAFSA electronically via FAFSA on the Web at <u>www.studentaid.gov</u>
- FAFSA Uses prior-prior year income information (2022)
- All contributors on the application must provide consent to the IRS to obtain Federal Tax Information (FTI) to populate income & tax information with actual prior prior year tax information
 - All prior-prior year tax information (2022) is already filed, allowing immediate retrieval.

2024-2025 Federal Student Aid ID

Used to provide consent to obtain Federal Tax Information, sign the FAFSA.

Student and all information contributors must create a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) at <u>www.studentaid.gov</u> by clicking on 'create account

Student Identifies who the information contributor(s) are and invites them to contribute to the FAFSA. Each contributor must have an FSA ID and password.

Parental Contributors include: Biological Parent, Stepparent, and Adoptive Parent

- One parent if parents filed jointly
- Parent who provided more financial support in the last 12 months
- If married or unmarried/living together but did not file taxes jointly, then both contributors will need an FSA ID

All contributors must be verified by individual email when creating the FSA ID

2024-2025 Federal Student Aid ID for Undocumented contributors

Information Contributors with an ITIN number must use the ITIN number to create their FSA ID and will have to verify identity.

Information Contributors who do not have a SSN will register with all zeros and will have to verify identity through a knowledge based verification process.

All contributors must be verified by individual email when creating the FSA ID

Information Contributors who cannot verify identity must contact FSA to submit documentation and if still cannot verify identify must complete a paper FAFSA

Federal Tax Information (FTI)

- The IRS will request consent to retrieve your Federal Tax Information (FTI) into the FAFSA
- The FTI will be available beginning December 2023 to support the Better FAFSA
- If married or unmarried/living together but did not file taxes jointly, then both will need to log in to provide consent to retrieve federal tax information

Federal Tax Information Consent

Information Contributors will be instructed to provide Federal Tax Information from their 2022 tax return to be used to determine the students eligibility for federal student aid

Provide Consent or the Student Will Be Ineligible for Federal Student Aid

Summary

Your consent is needed to retrieve and disclose federal tax information (FTI). With your consent, we can obtain tax return information automatically from the IRS to help you complete your section of the student's FAFSA[®] form. If you don't provide consent, the student will not be eligible for federal student aid, including grants and loans. You must provide consent even if you didn't file a U.S. federal tax return or any tax return at all.

- → Get your 2022 tax return information for the 2024–25 FAFSA form.
- Tax return information is required to complete the FAFSA form.
- → FTI is used to determine the student's eligibility for federal student aid.

General Highlighted Eligibility Requirements for FAFSA

- The student must have a valid Social Security Number
- Must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in an eligible program of study
- Must be pursuing a degree, certificate, or other recognized credential
- Must be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen
 - New Jersey students who are not citizens or eligible noncitizens should complete the NJDREAMER application

Key Components of the FAFSA

- Student Contributor Section
 - Full Name and address
 - Social Security Number or ITIN Number
 - Date of Birth
 - Mobile phone number (optional)
 - Email address
 - College/Career plans
- Student Consent and Assets
 - FTI
- Student Status: Personal Circumstances
 - Dependent or Independent Determination

Student Special Circumstances Student Unusual Circumstances

- Parent(s) Contributor Section(s)
 - Social Security Number
 - Last Name
 - Date of Birth
 - Email address

Key Components of the FAFSA (cont.)

- Household Size
 - FTI will import this data
- Parent(s) Income and Assets
 - FTI will import this data
 - Income earned from work
- Federal Means Tested Benefits
 - Medicaid, SSI, SNAP, Free or Reduced Price School Lunch, TANF, WIC, EITC, QHP
 - Can list up to 20 colleges

FAFSA Submission Summary

2024 - 2025 Confirmation Page

Congratulations, Student!

Your FAFSA was successfully submitted to Federal Student Aid.

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Start your state application to apply for New Jersey State based financial aid.

Does your brother or sister need to complete a FAFSA?

If so, you can transfer your parents' information into a new FAFSA for your brother or sister to save time. Your parents will have to provide a signature again, but that's all.

This link redirects filers to view instructions regarding the NJFAMS Student Portal. Applicants are instructed to log into "**NJFAMS.HESAA.org**" to create a user ID and password. In 3-5 business days, students can their check awards and eligibility status and complete any outstanding items on their "To Do" list (There is no State Application only a To-Do-List).

Please note, all notifications will be sent to the student email address listed on the FAFSA.

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Federal & State Verification

- SCHOOL is responsible for verifying information for federal aid except for special circumstances
- HESAA is responsible for verifying information for State aid
- Schools may send request for information by mail or e-mail
- Always check your school account and NJFAMS account for required tasks
- Be sure to meet verification deadlines

New Jersey Dreamers



- All students must go to https://njfams.hesaa.org
- Register for your account by creating a User ID and Password
- Log in to complete the application by established deadlines.

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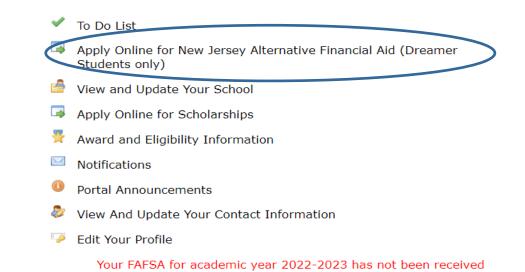
All students must go to "NJGRANTS.org" •

Establish an NJFAMS Account by creating a User ID ulletand Password

NJFAMS

Welcome to NJFAMS!

Check your To Do List for additional information we need to process your grant or scholarship.



Your FAFSA for academic year 2024-2025 has been received Your FAFSA for academic year 2023-2024 has not been received

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Cost of Attendance

- Tuition and fees
- Room and board
- Books and supplies, equipment, transportation, and miscellaneous personal expenses
- Loan fees
- Study abroad costs
- Dependent care expenses
- Expenses related to a disability
- Expenses for cooperative education program

What Is The Student Aid Index (SAI)?

- SAI is determined by a federal formula that calculates need using the information you supplied on the FAFSA
- SAI is used to create your financial aid package
- SAI & Financial Need are guidelines used by schools to determine an aid package
- SAI measures your family's financial strength

Federal Pell - Sample SAI for Smith vs Jones Family

Family lives in New Jersey Married parents filing jointly Household size of 4 2022 adjusted gross income = \$94,002 Assets = \$0 Student income / assets = \$50 / \$213

> SAI = 8,667 \$0 federal Pell grant

Family lives in New Jersey Married parents filing jointly Household size of 6 2022 adjusted gross income = \$94,002 Assets = \$0 Student income / assets = \$50 / \$213

SAI = 3,764 \$3,635 federal Pell grant

SAI Calculator: https://www.collegemoneymethod.com/2024-25-student-aid-index-sai-calculator/

Financial Need for Smith Family

College	Community College	State College or University	Private College or University	
СОА	\$8,000	\$30,000	\$60,000	
SAI and Other aid	1,500	1,500	1,500	
Financial Need	\$6,500	\$28,500	\$58,500	

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The Cycle of Financial Aid

Oct - March	Complete FAFSA application ("December" 2024-25 Only), college search, college application process, and CSS Profile
February - May	Schools send award letters
June - July	School sends Fall Semester bill
August	Bills are due

NJ Shopping Sheet or Federal College Financing Plan – the Financial Aid Results

- Help families with transparency
- Separates the Cost of Attendance listing the direct and indirect costs
- Awards Grants & Scholarships (free no repayment required)
- Student Final Costs box
- College coordinated work study
- Federal Student Loans
- If necessary alternate loans

Award letter must replicate the Shopping Sheet

Total Cost of Attendance					Expected Family Contribution (EFC
Direct Costs (what you will be billed)	Indirect Expens	105			S/yr
Tuition: \$	Books & Supplie	is:	8		Federal calculation of student and family financial resources used to
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	Loan Fees:		5		Additional information within
	Dependent Care		s	_	this section can be found at: https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/
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Grants and Scholarships to Pay for College					students who graduate within 150%
Merit-Based Scholarships					of normal time to degree
Scholarships from your school \$					
Scholarships from your state \$					
Other scholarships \$					This Institution%
Need-Based Grant Aid					
Federal Pell Grants \$					Bepayment Bate Percentage of borrowers
Grants from your school \$					entering into repayment within 3 years
State Grants \$					of leaving school
Other forms of grant aid \$ Employer Paid Tuition Benefits \$					This Institution -
Total Grants and Scholarships (aid that does not he	ave to be paid back)	\$ 0.00		yr 📗	
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Work Options					
Work-Study (Federal, state, or institutional)		s			Student Loan Default Rate Percentage of borrowers
Work-Study = Estimated earnings from working.		<u>ې</u>		yr	entering repayment and
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** These loans are loaned to parents or may require a credit wort protections as Federal Direct Student loans, and include higher fe listed above are the maximum available to you – you are allowed	hy cosigner. In addition, su ees. You must repay loans, and encouraged to borrow	ch loans do not plus interest an r less than the m	have the same b d fees. The amo aximum amount	unts	Visit www.nigrants.org and log into your NJFAMS account or call our customer care line at 609-584-4480
For more information & next steps:					
Contact: Telep	ohone:		mail:		

Where Do I Go From Here?

- Obtain and review admission, financial aid materials and deadlines from each school to which you are applying
- Meet all application deadlines
 - CSS Profile if applicable
 - Complete the FAFSA and any other application materials required by the school or your state agency - NJ State deadlines are:
 - TAG Renewal Students April 15, 2024 preceding the academic year for which aid is requested
 - All Other Applicants September 15, 2024 for Fall and Spring term awards; February 15, 2025 for Spring awards only

Other Resources

- Outside Scholarships
- Campus Administered Payment Plans
- Campus Employment
- Specialized Campus Opportunities
 - ✓ Residential Advisors
 - ✓ Student Ambassadors
 - ✓ Student Tour Guides
 - ✓ Internships/CO-OP'S

Private Scholarship Search

- Institution/college web sites
- Local library resources
- Local businesses, civic organizations and churches

 ✓ Check with your High School guidance office
- Parent's employer(s)
- www.hesaa.org
- www.fastweb.com
- www.collegeboard.org
- www.mappingyourfuture.org



NJBEST College Savings Plan

- NJBEST is the only 529 Savings Plan to award a scholarship ranging from \$1,000-\$3,000 Matching Grant up to \$750 for new accounts
- Tax deduction for 2022 taxes, up to \$10,000
- Must attend a New Jersey Institution
- Funds can be applied for any undergraduate year
- A qualified withdrawal must be taken
- Funding for NJBEST scholarships comes from HESAA
- Earnings on the NJBEST Plan are tax free when used to pay for the qualified higher education expenses of an NJBEST beneficiary
- Limit how much can be contributed annually

Apply for State Aid Workshops & Webinars

Live Webinars



The 2024-2025 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) opened December 2023.

Most colleges and universities provide FAFSA[®] Completion Workshops to assist families with completing the FAFSA[®] application. For FAFSA[®] Virtual Workshops dates please check your local high school or college. You are also invited to join one of HESAA's virtual events.

Please join us for a virtual FAFSA Completion Workshop.

Check back for schedule events starting in September 2023.

Link to monitor: https://www.hesaa.org/Pages/FAFSA.aspx

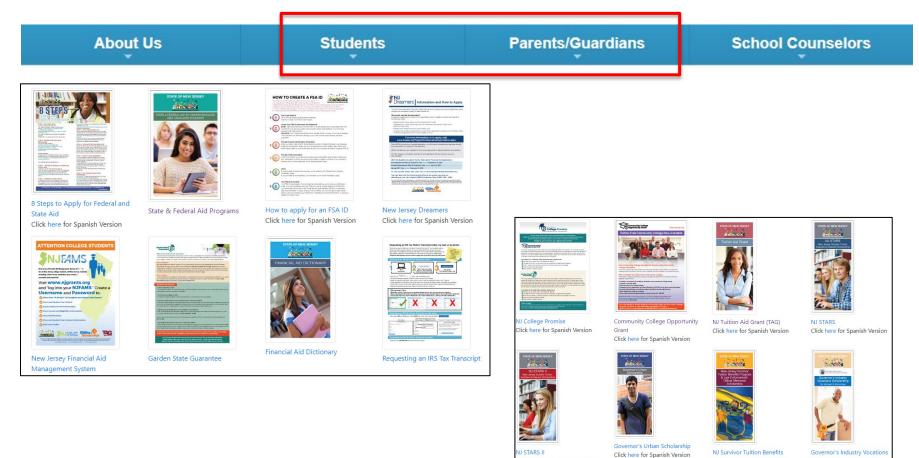
Pre-recorded Webinars

Steps on how to apply for federal and state aid	View/Download YouTube Video		
Steps on how to apply for the New Jersey Alternative Financial Aid Application	YouTube Video (English) YouTube Video (Spanish)		

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Publications



Click here for Spanish Version

NJ Survivor Tuition Benefits Governor's Industry Vocations Program & Law Enforcement Scholarship for Women & Officer Memorial Scholarship Click here for Spanish Version

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- Customer Care Center <u>CustomerCare@hesaa.org</u>
- Customer Care Line
 - 609-584-4480

Monday – Thursday 8:30 – 8 and Friday 8:30 – 5:00

Web Sites

www.hesaa.org

www.njgrants.org

www.njclass.org

https://njfams.hesaa.org

www.hesaa.org/pages/financialaidhub

- NJBEST.org
- MappingYourFuture.org

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