

APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID


Everything you know about financial aid is about to change!

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BIG CHANGES FOR THE 2024-2025 FAFSA

- The FAFSA has been “simplified”.
- Expected Family Contribution – EFC is now the Student Aid Index – SAI
- Instead of the student and parent pulling the income in via the IDR, you will now be giving permission to the Department of Education for them to retrieve the income directly from the IRS. This is now called FTI or Federal Tax Information.
- The student will identify who the contributor(s) are and invites them to contribute to the FAFSA. Each contributor must have their own separate FSA ID and password.
- Contributors can be the biological parent, stepparent and/or adoptive parent. The contributor you use may no longer be the parent you live with. It must now be the parent that provides more than 50% of your support.

BIG CHANGES CONTINUED...

- All contributors must be verified by individual email when creating the FSA ID.
 - Contributors will get an email telling them to log into your FAFSA record. They will then be giving the Dept. of Education permission to retrieve their tax information from the IRS.
 - You will have to fill in some income and asset information, like savings, investments and new for this year...business and farm value regardless of the number of employees.
 - Child support is now listed as an “investment” and although we are looking at income from the 2022 tax return, child support is the dollar amount received from January through December of 2023.
 - Although collected, having multiple students in college is no longer used for the federal aid calculation. However, NJ State Aid will continue to count it.
 - You will be told of your estimated Pell Grant eligibility but calculation for Pell Grant will be different based on the school’s Cost of Attendance, the number of credits you take and your SAI.
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CHANGES TO FAFSA

Federal Student Aid

A better FAFSA® process means a better future for everyone.

AWARD YEAR 2024-2025

Full implementation is right around the corner.

40 years since the last major changes to FAFSA®

Congress passed the FUTURE Act and FAFSA® Simplification Act, making it easier to apply for federal student aid ensuring more people can qualify.

Connecting more people with more funds.

Streamlining application questions.

Developing a better user experience.

930,000 additional Pell Grant award recipients (estimated).

Connecting over 7 million students with more than \$114 billion in aid.

- Knowledge Center
- Training Center
- Financial Aid Toolkit
- FSA Partner Emails
- Customer Service Center

The support you need and deserve. Now and in the future.

BETTER FAFSA®
BETTER FUTURE

financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov/bfbf

SO WHO IS THE CONTRIBUTOR?

A contributor is anyone who is asked to provide information on an applicant's FAFSA including:

- The student;
- The student's spouse (if applicable);
- A biological or adoptive parent; or
- The spouse of the remarried parent who is on the FAFSA--the stepparent.
- Grandparents, aunts, uncles who have custody or guardianship; their income is never used on the FAFSA, so they will not be a contributor.


CONTRIBUTORS CONTINUED...

- Student will determine who will be a contributor. Students will need:
 - The contributor's name, date of birth, Social Security Number (SSN), and email address to invite them to complete the required portion of the FAFSA.
 - Contributors will need to provide personal and financial information on their section of the FAFSA.
 - A wizard is embedded in the FAFSA to assist students to determine who the contributor(s) will be.
- All contributors are required to have their own separate FSA ID and to provide consent to have their federal tax information (FTI) transferred from the IRS and have their tax data used to determine the student's eligibility for aid.
- Consent is provided once for the award year and cannot be revoked in that award year. This consent is necessary even if the contributor does not have an SSN, did not file taxes, or filed taxes in another country.
- Consent allows the U.S. Department of Education (ED) to share information with institutions and HESAA for the administration of aid.

CONTRIBUTORS CONTINUED...

Contributors cannot avoid providing consent by manually entering Federal Tax Information (FTI) on the FAFSA.

If a student or spouse (if applicable) contributor does not provide consent, they will **not** be eligible for any Federal Title IV or State student aid. If a parent contributor refuses to provide consent, the student will be given the opportunity to indicate they would like to receive only a Direct Unsubsidized Loan.

- If a dependent student's parents are unmarried and living together, both parents will be contributors, each need separate FSA IDs, and need to provide consent.
 - Dependent student's parents who filed their U.S. income tax return as Married Filing Jointly only require one parent contributor to complete the FAFSA.
 - If the student's parents filed separately, both parents will be considered contributors and therefore need separate FSA IDs and both must provide consent.
 - If an independent student is married and filed separately, both individuals are contributors, must have FSA IDs, and must provide consent.
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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 student's eligibility for federal student aid for award year 2024-25.

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.

Understanding the FAFSA[®] Form

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Contributors to the FAFSA[®] Form



Parents or Spouses

Your answers on the FAFSA form will determine if any contributors need to be identified. These contributors will complete their own sections of the form and are asked to provide personal and financial information, but will not become financially responsible for your education.



How to Invite

Contributors will need to log in with their own FSA ID to provide their information. To invite a contributor to your FAFSA form, you'll need to provide their name, date of birth, Social Security number, and email address.

Information or Documents You May Need

You might need the following information or documents as you fill out the FAFSA form:

- Tax returns
- Records of child support received
- Current balances of cash, savings, and checking accounts
- Net worth of investments, businesses, and farms

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KEY 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 undocumented and meet the NJ NJDREAMER qualifications should complete the NJ Alternative application for state funded financial aid

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 – 20 Colleges

- Student Consent and Assets

- ✓ FTI (Federal Tax Information)

- Student Status: Personal Circumstances

- ✓ Dependent or Independent Determination
- ✓ Student Special Circumstances
- ✓ Student Unusual Circumstances

- **Parent Contributor Section**

- ✓ Social Security Number
- ✓ Last Name
- ✓ Date of Birth
- ✓ Email address
- ✓ Family size – FTI
- ✓ Income and Assets
- ✓ Federal Means-tested benefits
 - ✓ Medicaid, SSI, SNAP,
 - ✓ Free or Reduced Lunch
 - ✓ TANF, WIC, WITC QHP

- Business and Farm will be considered as assets in the calculation of the SAI
- Child Support received is an asset

WHEN DO I DO MY 24-25 FAFSA?

We still don't know!

- We do know it is expected to be available sometime after December 1st. We now are hearing it will be around December 31st.
- But it may not be available until January 1st.
- If you are a NJ Resident, as a first year student, you need to file it no later than September 15th, 2024 or you will lose your NJ State Aid for the Fall 2024 semester.

Get Money to Pay for School

Use the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college or graduate school.

2024-25 FAFSA Form

Start a New Form

Edit Existing Form



Need to access last year's form? [Start or Edit a 2023-24 Form](#)

Check FAFSA® Deadlines for the State You Live In

Some states and colleges use FAFSA information to award their own grants, scholarships, and loans. Check your state's deadlines here!

School Year

State of Residence

Find Deadlines

[View All FAFSA Deadlines](#)



Who Should Complete This?

Any student, regardless of income, who wants to be considered for federal, state, and school financial aid programs, which includes scholarships, grants, loans, and Federal work-study.



How Long Will it Take?

It takes most people less than an hour to complete, including gathering any documents or data needed.



What Do I Need?

- Verified StudentAid.gov account
- Social Security Number
- Parent or spouse contributor email addresses
- Income and asset information, if required

Congratulations, the FAFSA[®] Form Is Complete!



[REDACTED]

Completion Date
10/12/2024

Data Release Number
2572

Estimated Student Aid Index (SAI)
123456789

*The SAI is **not** a measure of how much student aid you'll receive or how much you'll pay for college. Schools use your SAI to determine your federal student aid eligibility.*

Based on the **eligibility criteria**, you may be eligible for a **Federal Pell Grant** of up to **\$6,000.00**. You may also be eligible for other federal, state, or institutional grants, scholarships, and/or work-study programs.

FAFSA SUBMISSION SUMMARY

2024-2025 Confirmation Page



Congratulations, Student!

Your FAFSA was successfully submitted to Federal Student Aid.

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 check their awards and eligibility status and complete any outstanding items on their **“To Do List”**. (There is no separate State Application, only a To Do List in the state's NJFAMS System. All notifications go to the student email on the FAFSA.)

NEW JERSEY DREAMERS

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- Undocumented immigration status who attended at least 3 years and graduated a NJ high school and met other requirements can apply for NJ State financial aid.
 - Apply at <https://nfams.hesaa.org> and create a User ID and Password.



Apply Now for Fall 2024 & Spring 2025

- ✓ **Create** a login for the NJ Financial Aid Management System (NJFAMS)
- ✓ **Access** your NJFAMS Account
- ✓ **Select** "Apply Online for New Jersey Financial Aid (Dreamer Students Only)"

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

WHAT IS THE STUDENT AID INDEX (SAI)?

- SAI is determined by a federal formula that calculates federal Pell grant eligibility and is used to determine further financial need using the information you supplied on the FAFSA
- SAI & Financial Need are guidelines used by schools to determine student aid offers
- SAI calculates eligibility for federal student aid, based on your family's ability to pay college costs

FEDERAL PELL GRANTS – SAMPLE SAI FOR SMITH VS JONES FAMILY


SAI = 8,667

\$0 FEDERAL PELL GRANT

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

SAI = 3,764

\$3,631 FEDERAL PELL GRANT

- The Jones family lives in New Jersey
 - Married parents filing jointly
 - Family size of 6
 - 2022 adjusted gross income = \$94,002
 - Assets = \$0
 - Student income / assets = \$50 / \$213
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FINANCIAL NEED FOR SMITH FAMILY

College	Community College	State College or University	Private College or University
COA	\$8,000	\$30,000	\$60,000
SAI	8,667	8,667	8,667
Other Financial Aid	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Unmet Financial Need	\$0	\$20,333	\$50,333

WHAT IF THINGS HAVE CHANGED SINCE 2022?

Then we do something called Professional Judgment

- **Special Circumstances** refer to the financial situations (loss of a job, separation, divorce, disability, death, etc.) that justify an aid administrator adjusting data elements in the COA or in the SAI calculation.
- **Unusual Circumstances** refer to the conditions that justify an aid administrator making an adjustment to a student's dependency status based on a unique situation (e.g., human trafficking, refugee or asylee status, parental abandonment, abuse, incarceration), more commonly referred to as a dependency override. This is done for students that are in "Custody" of a grandparent or other relative.

THE CYCLE OF FINANCIAL AID

December -March	Complete FAFSA application (December for 2023-25 only), college search, college application process and CSS Profile
February – May	Schools send financial aid offers
June – July	Schools send Fall 2024 semester bills
August	Bills are due. Covered by financial aid, payment plans or pay out of pocket in full.

THE COLLEGE FINANCING PLAN/NJ SHOPPING SHEET

- Help families with net cost transparency
- Separates the Cost of Attendance listing the direct and indirect costs
- Grants & Scholarships (no repayment required, “free money”)
- Student Net Costs in center box
- College coordinated work study employment
- Federal Student Loans
- If necessary, alternate loans

State of New Jersey
Financial Aid Shopping Sheet for Academic Year 2023-2024
Bachelor Degree

Total Cost of Attendance		Expected Family Contribution (EFC)	
Direct Costs (what you will be billed)		Total EFC	\$
Tuition:	\$	<small>Federal calculation of student and family financial resources used to determine need for financial aid. www.studentaid.ed.gov/sars/fafsa/nextstep/efc-calculator</small>	
Fees:	\$	<small>Additional information within this section can be found at: https://collegeproceed.ed.gov/</small>	
Food & Housing: <small>(if you live in campus housing)</small>	\$	Graduation Rate	
	\$	<small>Percentage of full-time students who graduate within 150% of normal time to degree</small>	
	\$	This Institution:	%
Total Direct Costs:	\$ 0.00	Repayment Rate	%
		<small>Percentage of borrowers entering into repayment within a year of leaving school</small>	
		This Institution:	%
Total Indirect Expenses:	\$ 0.00	Median Borrowing	
		<small>Students who borrow all this graduation typically take out \$ on Federal loans for their undergraduate study. The Federal loan payment over 10 years for this amount is approximately per month. Your borrowing may be different.</small>	
Total Cost of Attendance (Direct Costs and Indirect Expenses combined):	\$ 0.00	Student Loan Default Rate	
		<small>Percentage of borrowers entering repayment and defaulting on Federal loans</small>	
		National Average:	10.1%
		This Institution:	%
Grants and Scholarships to Pay for College			
Merit-Based Scholarships			
Scholarships from your school	\$	Repaying your loans	
Scholarships from your state	\$	<small>To learn about loan repayment choices and work out your Federal Loan monthly payment, go to: http://studentaid.gov/repay-loans/un-chapter-3</small>	
Other scholarships	\$	NJ Grants and Scholarships	
<small>Visit www.nj.gov and log into your NJFASIS account or call our customer care line at 800-961-4480</small>			
Need-Based Grant Aid			
Federal Pell Grants	\$	<small>** These loans are loaned to parents or may require a credit worthy co-signer. In addition, such loans do not have the same borrower protections as Federal Direct Student loans, and include higher fees. You must repay loans, plus interest and fees. The amounts listed above are the maximum available to you - you are allowed and encouraged to borrow less than the maximum amount.</small>	
Grants from your school	\$		
State Grants	\$		
Other forms of grant aid	\$		
Employer Paid Tuition Benefits	\$		
Total Grants and Scholarships (aid that does not have to be paid back)	\$ 0.00	/yr	
What Will You Pay for College			
Direct Net Cost (Direct Costs minus total grants and scholarships)	\$ 0.00	/yr	
Total Net Cost (Total Cost of Attendance minus total grants and scholarships)	\$ 0.00	/yr	
Options to Pay Net Costs			
Work Options			
Work-Study (Federal, state, or institutional)	\$	/yr	
Work-Study - Estimated earnings from working	\$	/yr	
Federal Student Loan Options* (Must be repaid)			
Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan (For current interest rates click here)	\$	/yr	
Federal Direct Subsidized Loan (For current interest rates click here)	\$	/yr	
<small>* You must repay loans, plus interest and fees. Note that the amounts listed above are the maximum available to you - you are allowed and encouraged to borrow less than the maximum amount.</small>			
Other Loan Options (Must be repaid)			
Parent PLUS Federal Loan** (For current interest rates click here)	\$	/yr	
Private Loan**	\$	/yr	
Institutional Loan (% interest rate)	\$	/yr	

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/certificate-seeking undergraduate students.

TYPES OF AID - FEDERAL

Grants

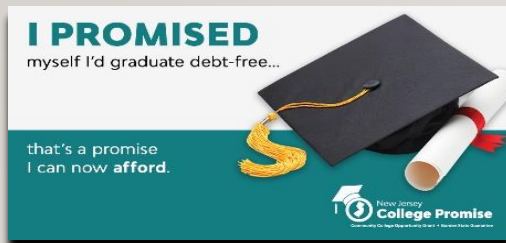
- **Federal Student Aid 2023-24**
 - Pell \$7,395 (max award)
 - SEOG \$4,000 (max award)
 - TEACH \$3,772 (max award)

* 2024-25 award amounts subject to change

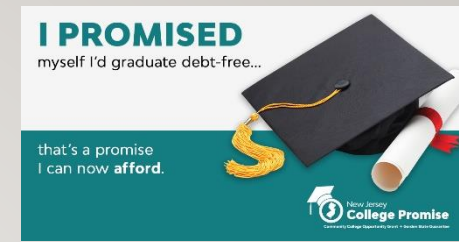
New Jersey State Grants 2023-24 Academic Year

(2024-2025 award amounts to be determined July 2024)

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 15.0% of high school class junior or senior	Tuition Only - community college only years
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	Must be enrolled in summer coursework at least half-time and received at least one TAG payment in the prior academic year.



TYPES OF AID: STATE GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS



Community College Opportunity Grant (CCOG)

Pays for all or part of the cost of Tuition and Approved fees at a NJ county college

- Must take a minimum of six credits per semester
- Must make satisfactory academic progress

Tier I	AGI \$0 - \$65,000 for maximum award: Tuition Free
Tier II	AGI \$65,001 – 80,000 for 50% of the maximum award at that county college
Tier III	AGI \$80,001 - \$100,000 for 33% of the maximum award at that county college

TYPES OF AID: STATE GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS



Garden State Guarantee

Pays for all or part of the cost of Tuition and Approved fees at a NJ state college

- New Jersey State Colleges and Universities
- Must make Satisfactory Academic Progress
- Available for students in their third and fourth year of enrollment at a public 4-year institution

Tier I	AGI \$0 - \$65,000 for maximum award: Tuition Free
Tier II	AGI \$65,001 – 80,000 pay net price of no more than \$7,500, tuition and fees
Tier III	AGI \$80,001 - \$100,000 pay net price of no more than \$10,000 tuition and fees

LOANS & FINANCING 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 Undergraduate Direct Loan interest rates are 5.50%, plus a 1.057% origination fee

2024 – 2025 Rates and fees are subject to change

OTHER LOAN OPTIONS TO COVER THE GAP

BORROW UP TO COST OF ATTENDANCE

Compare NJCLASS and Federal Parent PLUS rates for Academic Year 2023-24			
Terms	NJCLASS No Administrative Fee	vs ¹ Federal Parent PLUS Rate ² /APR - Origination Fee 4.228%	Repayment
10 - Year ² Option 1	5.69% APR	8.05% / 9.053% APR	Immediate repayment of principal and interest while in school
15 - Year ² Option 2	5.89% APR	8.05% / 8.959% APR	Interest only payments while in school
20 - Year ² Option 3	7.49% APR	8.05% / 8.732% APR	Full deferment while enrolled in school at least half time
Party to the loan	The student or parent is the borrower. A parent, relative, or other US Citizen or eligible Non-Citizen may co-sign the loan.	Parent Only	

2024 – 2025 Interest Rates will be determined in mid 2024

WHERE DO I GO FROM HERE??

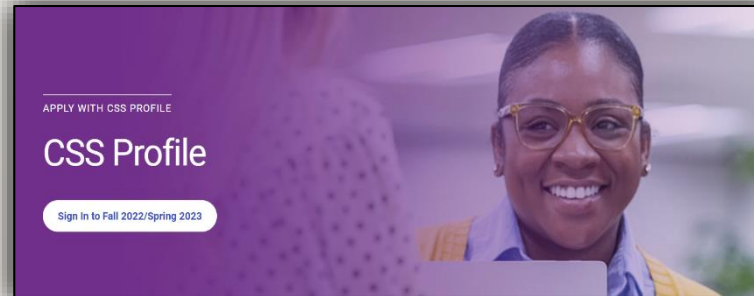
- Obtain and review admission, financial aid materials and deadlines from each school to which you are applying
- Meet all application deadlines:
 - College admission and financial aid deadlines
 - Scholarship deadlines at your high school. Apply for scholarships through www.fastweb.com .
 - CSS Profile if applicable
 - Complete the FAFSA and any other application materials required by the school or your state agency
 - NJ State deadlines for high school Class of 2024:
 - September 15, 2024 for Fall '24 and Spring '25 semesters
 - February 15, 2025 for Spring '25 ONLY awards
 - April 15, 2025 to renew your financial aid for all subsequent academic years

INFORMATION ABOUT FINANCIAL AID

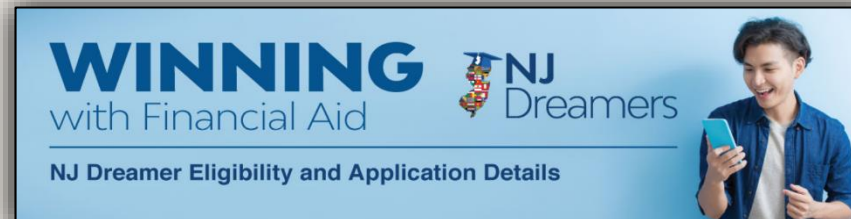
studentaid.gov
Available December 2023



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



HESAA.org
Available December 2023



APPLICATION: CSS PROFILE

- Approximately 400 Colleges and Organizations use the CSS profile to determine how they will award institutional (school funded) aid
- 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)
- Mostly used by independent (private) colleges & universities

Register – Complete Application – Make payment – Submit

- ✓ No payment for income under \$100,000
- ✓ All others, \$25 for first application and \$16 for each additional

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 bachelor's degree program
- Attends and pays the four-year institution's tuition and fees in the final year of the bachelor degree
- Meet all other eligibility criteria for TAG, NJSTARS, CCOG



WHEW!!! THAT'S A LOT TO REMEMBER...

Questions anyone????