

NJ STARS II Fact Sheet

NJ STARS II is a continuation of NJ STARS that will provide successful NJ STARS students at New Jersey county colleges with funding to transfer to a New Jersey four-year public institution of higher education to earn a bachelor's degree

Student Eligibility

- ◆ Student must be an NJ STARS recipient or non-funded (tuition and approved fees fully covered by other State and/or Federal aid) during the semester of graduation
- ◆ NJ STARS student must graduate from a NJ county college with an associate degree
- ◆ Student must graduate with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher
- ◆ Student must be admitted to a NJ four-year public institution
- ◆ Student must be enrolled in a baccalaureate degree program no later than the second semester immediately following county college graduation
- ◆ Student must be enrolled in a full-time course of study (minimum 12 college level-credits) each semester
- ◆ Student must apply for all forms of State and Federal need-based grants and merit scholarships and submit any requested documentation to complete or verify application data within established deadlines

Renewal Eligibility

- ◆ Student must attain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 before the start of the third semester of study at the NJ four-year public institution to maintain eligibility for the third and fourth semesters. Summer courses are included in determining GPA
- ◆ Student must maintain continuous full-time enrollment unless on a medical leave due to the illness of the student, a member of student's immediate family, or a family emergency. Any leave must be approved by the institution.
- ◆ Student may receive the NJ STARS II scholarship for up to four semesters, excluding summer sessions

NJ STARS II Payment

A scholarship will be paid to the institution for each eligible student in the amount of \$2,000 per semester, for up to four semesters. The institution will waive or provide an institutional scholarship for any remaining tuition and approved fees, for up to 18 credits per semester, not covered by State and/or Federal grants and scholarships, plus the NJ STARS II award.

Approved Fees

All fees charged by a NJ four-year public institution that are mandatory for attendance as well as any fees required for a specific program of study are approved.

Application Process

- ◆ Must meet all admission or application requirements established by the institution
- ◆ Must meet all institutional deadlines for admission and financial aid
- ◆ Must meet NJ State deadlines for filing and completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- ◆ Once admitted, must submit to the NJ four-year public institution a final county college transcript that reflects a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher

Further Information

Contact Kim Ross at New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority at kross@hesaa.org or (609) 588-8188 or visit the HESAA.Org web site to learn more.