



**Financial Aid:**

I understand that failure to complete and/or comply with annual filing of the FAFSA or submission of required documents will result in the cancellation of my NJ STARS award.

I filled out a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form for the academic year. I plan to attend MCC. I have listed Middlesex County College school code (002615) as a college choice. If you are unable to submit a FAFSA application due to citizen status you may be eligible to file the NJ Alternative Financial Aid application at <https://www.middlesexcc.edu/financial-aid/alternative-financial-aid-for-nj-dreamers/>

I accessed the HESAA website at [www.hesaa.org](http://www.hesaa.org), created a NJFAMS accounts, and checked the status of my state application.

I understand it is my responsibility to submit any outstanding documents requested by the State to HESAA by their deadline.

I understand that the parent(s) on my FAFSA must be New Jersey residents for at least 12 months prior to my start date.

**Testing:**

Note: Students must complete necessary developmental coursework in order activate their NJ STARS eligibility. Students have one year after high school graduation to complete all developmental coursework. Registering for a developmental coursework after eligibility has been determine will result in award cancelation and repayment for any previous terms.

I have completed the College Placement Test and I am not required to take any developmental courses.

I received an exemption, and I am not required to take any developmental courses.

**Academic Advising and Counseling:**

I have attended New Student Advising to learn how to use Webadvisor and register for classes.

Date Attended/Date Scheduled to Attend: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand the resources available to me for advisement (NJ STARS Coordinator, Academic Advising Center). I also understand that I can receive counseling from Transfer Counselors and Faculty Advisors to prepare me for the transition into any other four year institution.

**Registration:**

I understand I must be registered for at least **12 COLLEGE LEVEL credits** (Registering for Developmental coursework will lead to scholarship ineligibility for the semester)

I understand I must maintain all eligibility requirements throughout the entire semester in order keep my scholarship eligibility.

**Residency:**

I live in Middlesex County.

I am an OUT OF COUNTY resident; I understand that I must submit my CHARGEBACK paperwork EVERY semester. Chargeback papers can be picked up in the Enrollment Services, West Hall. Complete instructions are included on the Chargeback forms. Out of County students MUST be enrolled in majors not available at their home county community college in order to qualify. **Students who do not comply are not eligible for NJ STARS funding.**

***Special Note:*** Out-of-county students must check with both their home county institution and Middlesex County College for chargeback deadlines, and all forms (originals only) must be completed and presented to Enrollment Services by the published deadlines in order to be eligible for that semester.

**Fees:**

I understand NJ STARS covers tuition only up 18 credits per semester. I understand it is my responsibility to pay all fees and any credits above the first 18 by the payment due date for each semester.

**Note:** You can view Webadvisor or review a printout of your itemized bill, or obtain a copy from the Enrollment Services (West Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor).

**Scholarship Maintenance:**

I understand that if I drop below 12 COLLEGE LEVEL credits at ANY time I may lose my NJ STARS eligibility **Note:** I can take less than 12 credits ONLY in my last semester. I will inform the NJ STARS Coordinator to confirm.

I understand that I must maintain continuous full-time enrollment unless on a medical, family or military emergency leave which has received prior approval by the Financial Aid Office of Middlesex County College. You must contact the NJ STARS Coordinator as record for the college to know about this leave.

I understand that I must maintain a 3.0 GPA by the start of my THIRD SEMESTER of NJ STARS eligibility (including semesters in which I did not receive funding due to other aid received) in order to maintain eligibility.

I understand that any course I register for but do not attend will not count towards my NJ STARS eligibility.

**NJ STARS II**

I understand that NJ STARS II is a separate NJ State Legislation from NJ STARS I and can change at any time. I will check with a transfer counselor as I am preparing to graduate.

I understand that in order to be eligible to participate in NJ STARS II I must graduate from MCC within 5 semesters with a minimum of a 3.25 GPA and complete all of the requirements of NJ STARS I to obtain an Associate's Degree. I must also meet the annual income limit to be eligible for NJ STARS II.

I understand that if I should I decide to transfer to a four-year college before the completion of my Associates Degree, I must contact the NJ STARS Coordinator and inform them of this decision as soon as possible.

MCC cannot guarantee NJ STARS II eligibility.

**Key Reminders:**

**I understand that:**

- E-mail is the primary form of communication. It is MY RESPONSIBILITY to read, understand, and follow up on all pertinent information related to my account.
- It is important to check the announcements page on the MYMCC page for important information and deadlines.
- To graduate in 2 years (4 semesters), I must take an average of 15 credits per semester depending on program of study.
- I may visit the NJ STARS Coordinator at least once per semester to make sure I am on track. Please make an appointment.

**I must apply for graduation!** Middlesex County College will not be aware that you are intending to graduate unless you submit an application for graduation. It is your responsibility to meet with your Major Evaluator (Registrar's Office) to determine whether or not you have completed all the necessary requirements for graduation.

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- I understand Middlesex County College will do everything it can to assist me in maintaining my eligibility in the NJ STARS program, **but the responsibility for understanding and following the requirements is mine.**
- I understand that this is my binding contract. I will receive a copy to keep. I will refer to this contract and the Middlesex County College NJ STARS website for all information on program rules and regulations.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

For further information please contact the NJ STARS Coordinator at 732. 548.6000 x3517 or [NJSTARS@middlesexcc.edu](mailto:NJSTARS@middlesexcc.edu)

Please send this form to:  
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