

SUBCHAPTER 2. GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR TUITION AID GRANT AND GARDEN STATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

9A:9-2.1 Undergraduate enrollment

Students must be enrolled or plan to be enrolled as full-time undergraduate students matriculated in a curriculum leading to a degree or certificate in an eligible institution as defined in N.J.S.A. 18A:71B-1 in order to be eligible for student assistance. Students possessing an undergraduate degree (either a Baccalaureate or Associate degree) are not eligible for student assistance at that degree level. Certification of full-time status is the responsibility of the enrolling institution based on the current institutional definition of full-time status and subject to review and approval by the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority.

Amended by R.1983 d.126, effective May 2, 1983.

See: 15 N.J.R. 129(a), 15 N.J.R. 692(a).

(See N.J.A.C. 9:7-4.4) changed to (9:7-6).

Amended by R.1988 d.128, effective March 21, 1988.

See: 20 N.J.R. 33(a), 20 N.J.R. 656(a).

Deleted last sentence "Degree or certificate ...".

Amended by R.1992 d.486, effective December 7, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 2510(a), 24 N.J.R. 4373(a).

Revised text.

Amended by R.2002 d.290, effective September 3, 2002.

See: 34 N.J.R. 1392(a), 34 N.J.R. 3079(c).

9A:9-2.2 Residency

(a) Students must be legal residents of New Jersey for a period of not less than 12 consecutive months immediately prior to receiving a grant. The residence of a student is defined in terms of domicile. Domicile is defined as the place where a person has his or her true, fixed, permanent home and principal establishment, and to which, whenever he or she is absent, he or she has the intention of returning.

1. A dependent student as defined in N.J.A.C. 9A:9-2.6 is presumed to be a legal resident of the state in which his or her parent(s) or guardian(s) is a resident. A dependent student whose parent(s) or guardian(s) is not a legal resident of New Jersey is presumed to be in the State for the temporary purpose of obtaining an education. However, any dependent student who is domiciled in this State and enrolled in an institution of higher education in New Jersey shall continue to be eligible for New Jersey financial assistance despite his or her supporting parent(s) or guardian(s) change of domicile to another state, while such student continues to reside in New Jersey during the course of each academic year. The student's eligibility continues only if the student received a State grant or scholarship for at least one semester before the parent(s)' or guardian(s)' change of domicile to another state.

(b) Residence established solely for the purpose of attending a particular college cannot be considered as fulfilling the definition of domicile. When in question, a student must demonstrate proof of residence by presenting the

following documents: driver's license, voter registration form, tax return(s), or other suitable proof. The Higher Education Student Assistance Authority shall determine the state of residence for any individual whose residency is not certain. Institutions may be asked by the Authority to certify and maintain documentation on the student's claim of legal New Jersey residence and provide the documentation, if needed, to substantiate an appeal.

As amended, R.1979 d.442, eff. November 5, 1979.

See: 11 N.J.R. 442(a), 11 N.J.R. 623(b).

Amended by R.1986 d.322, effective August 4, 1986.

See: 18 N.J.R. 801(a), 18 N.J.R. 1592(c).

Added text to (a)1 "However, any dependent ... each academic year."

Amended by R.1988 d.128, effective March 21, 1988.

See: 20 N.J.R. 33(a), 20 N.J.R. 656(a).

Amended by R.1992 d.486, effective December 7, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 2510(a), 24 N.J.R. 4373(a).

(a): Stylistic revisions; (a)1 and (b): Revised text.

Amended by R.1995 d.428, effective August 7, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 2043(a), 27 N.J.R. 2906(a).

Corrected references.

Amended by R.1997 d.454, effective November 3, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 2763(a), 29 N.J.R. 4679(b).

Amended by R.2002 d.290, effective September 3, 2002.

See: 34 N.J.R. 1392(a), 34 N.J.R. 3079(c).

9A:9-2.3 Noncitizens and resident aliens

(a) In order to receive a grant or scholarship, a noncitizen of the United States of America or resident alien must present affirmative evidence that he or she is not in the United States for the temporary purpose of obtaining an education. Such evidence must include documentation from the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service that the student may remain permanently in this country and such evidence must be placed in the student's file. The student must:

1. Be the holder of an Alien Registration Receipt Card form I-151 or I-551; or
2. Be the holder of an Approval Notice from the Immigration and Naturalization Service form I-181 stating that the non-citizen has applied and met the requirements for Permanent Resident status; or
3. Be the holder of an Arrival Departure Record form I-94 endorsed by the Immigration and Naturalization Service showing one of the following:
 - i. Parole Indefinite/Humanitarian: Paroled pursuant to Sec. 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Naturalization Act; or
 - ii. Refugees: Admitted as a refugee pursuant to Sec. 207 of the Immigration and Naturalization Act; or
 - iii. Granted Asylum: Asylum status granted pursuant to Sec. 208 of the Immigration and Naturalization Act; or
 - iv. Cuban-Haitian Entrant: Status pending; or
 - v. Conditional Entrant: Admission into this status through March 31, 1980.

(b) The Arrival Departure Record form I-94 for persons in the categories in (a)3 above must be updated for each award year as required by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

(c) Aliens with Student Visa Status, F1 or F2 Exchange Visitor Visa and J1 or J2 even when stamped "employment authorized" or holders of form I-766 or holders of form I-94 with one of the endorsements: "adjustment applicant," "245," "245 applicant," "applicant for permanent residence," "voluntary departure," and "deferred action," are considered to be in the United States for temporary reasons and are therefore not eligible for student assistance.

Amended by R.1983 d.468, effective October 17, 1983.
See: 15 N.J.R. 1071(a), 15 N.J.R. 1768(a).

In (a)3, added i.-iii. (b) added: "F1 or ... authorized".

Amended by R.1986 d.254, effective July 7, 1986.

See: 18 N.J.R. 19(a), 18 N.J.R. 1382(b).

Substantially amended.

Amended by R.1988 d.129, effective March 21, 1988.

See: 19 N.J.R. 2101(a), 20 N.J.R. 661(a).

Added new (a)3.

Administrative Correction: Added (b).

See: 24 N.J.R. 2451(b).

Amended by R.1992 d.486, effective December 7, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 2510(a), 24 N.J.R. 4373(a).

(a)2: Stylistic revision.

Amended by R.1997 d.454, effective November 3, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 2763(a), 29 N.J.R. 4979(b).

Changed the section name; in (a), in the first sentence, added the introductory clause; inserted new (a)4 and recodified existing (a)4 and (a)5 as (a)5 and (a)6; and in (b), substituted "Aliens" for "Foreign nationals" and inserted "or holders of form I-766".

Amended by R.1998 d.415, effective August 17, 1998.

See: 30 N.J.R. 2146(a), 30 N.J.R. 3033(a).

In (a), deleted former 3 and 4, and recodified former 5 as 3; recodified former (a)6 as (b), and inserted a reference to (a)3; and recodified former (b) as (c).

9A:9-2.4 Eligibility and repayments

(a) In order to receive a need-based award students must have demonstrated financial need through submission of a financial aid form approved by the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority in accordance with annually established deadline dates.

(b) Students may not receive State financial assistance under the programs administered by the Authority if they owe a refund on a grant or scholarship previously received from a state or Federal program through any institution or are in default on any loan made under any state or Federal student financial assistance program at any institution.

(c) Students owing a refund on a grant or scholarship or who are in default on a loan may receive State financial assistance if they make arrangements acceptable with the Authority to repay the debt.

Amended by R.1979 d.313, effective August 15, 1979.

See: 11 N.J.R. 237(d), 11 N.J.R. 443(a).

Amended by R.1981 d.232, effective July 9, 1981.

See: 13 N.J.R. 218(b), 13 N.J.R. 412(b).

Added: "in accordance with ... deadline dates", and "or by approaches modified to meet ... programs."

Amended by R.1985 d.338, effective July 1, 1985.

See: 17 N.J.R. 787(a), 17 N.J.R. 1653(a).

Added text "need based award".

Amended by R.1988 d.128, effective March 21, 1988.

See: 20 N.J.R. 33(a), 20 N.J.R. 656(a).

Substantially amended.

Amended by R.1992 d.486, effective December 7, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 2510(a), 24 N.J.R. 4373(a).

Added text.

Amended by R.2002 d.290, effective September 3, 2002.

See: 34 N.J.R. 1392(a), 34 N.J.R. 3079(c).

9A:9-2.5 Student notification

Students shall be notified of grant eligibility through the Student Eligibility Notice issued by the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority. The amount of the grant is subject to change based on the annual level of appropriations and other resources available to the student (see N.J.A.C. 9A:9-2.9). The institution's written notification to the student regarding State financial assistance shall contain a clause indicating the State is not responsible for funding of the grant in the event of fraudulent, inaccurate or misleading information.

Emergency Rule, R.1979 d.236, effective June 14, 1979.

See: 11 N.J.R. 343(b).

Amended by R.1988 d.128, effective March 21, 1988.

See: 20 N.J.R. 33(a), 20 N.J.R. 656(a).

Substantially amended.

Amended by R.1992 d.486, effective December 7, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 2510(a), 24 N.J.R. 4373(a).

Revised text.

Amended by R.1995 d.428, effective August 7, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 2043(a), 27 N.J.R. 2906(a).

Corrected references.

Administrative correction.

See: 27 N.J.R. 3602(b).

Amended by R.1997 d.454, effective November 3, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 2763(a), 29 N.J.R. 4679(b).

Amended by R.2002 d.290, effective September 3, 2002.

See: 34 N.J.R. 1392(a), 34 N.J.R. 3079(c).

9A:9-2.6 Dependent/independent student defined

(a) The term independent, when used with respect to a student, means any individual who:

1. Is 24 years of age or older by December 31 of the award year; or
2. Meets the requirements of (b) below.

(b) An individual meets the requirements of this section if such individual:

1. Is an orphan or ward of the court or was a ward of the court until age 18; or
2. Is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States; or
3. Is a graduate or professional student; or
4. Is a married individual; or
5. Has legal dependents other than a spouse; or

Replaced table for 1983–84 academic year.
 Amended by R.1983 d.485, effective November 7, 1983.
 See: 15 N.J.R. 1427(a), 15 N.J.R. 1864(a).
 Increased tuition aid grant at New Jersey Independent Institutions \$100.00.
 Amended by R.1984 d.76, effective March 19, 1984.
 See: 16 N.J.R. 9(a), 16 N.J.R. 548(c).
 Emergency Amendment, R.1984 d.376, effective August 8, 1984.
 See: 16 N.J.R. 2308(a).
 This amendment deleted old text Tuition Aid Grant Award Table and adopted new table to expire October 7, 1984.
 Amended by R.1984 d.535, effective November 19, 1984.
 See: 16 N.J.R. 2308(a), 16 N.J.R. 3206(a).
 Old table deleted, new table inserted.
 Amended by R.1985 d.155, effective April 1, 1985.
 See: 17 N.J.R. 23(a), 17 N.J.R. 815(b).
 Deleted existing table in this section and replaced with new tables.
 Emergency Amendment, R.1985 d.430, effective July 30, 1985 (expired September 30, 1985).
 See: 17 N.J.R. 2050(a).
 Increased award table.
 New Rule R.1985 d.572, effective November 4, 1985.
 See: 17 N.J.R. 2050(a), 17 N.J.R. 2643(a).
 Adopted Emergency Amendment as a new rule with changes to the footnote.
 Amended by R.1986 d.106, effective April 7, 1986.
 See: 18 N.J.R. 19(b), 18 N.J.R. 680(a).
 Table 1 was deleted and replaced with Table 2; new Table 2 added.
 Emergency Amendment, R.1986 d.348, effective July 29, 1986 (expired September 27, 1986).
 See: 18 N.J.R. 1713(a).
 Adopted Concurrent Proposal R.1986 d.435, effective October 20, 1986.
 See: 18 N.J.R. 1713(a), 18 N.J.R. 2124(a).
 Amended by R.1987 d.170, effective April 6, 1987.
 See: 19 N.J.R. 177(a), 19 N.J.R. 516(a).
 Old tables deleted and new substituted.
 New Rule R.1988 d.128, effective March 21, 1988.
 See: 20 N.J.R. 33(a), 20 N.J.R. 656(a).
 Old 3.1 Tuition Aid Grant Award Table recodified at 3.2.
 Administrative Correction.
 See: 20 N.J.R. 1576(b).
 Amended by R.1992 d.486, effective December 7, 1992.
 See: 24 N.J.R. 2510(a), 24 N.J.R. 4373(a).
 Revised text.

9A:9-3.2 Tuition Aid Grant Award Table

(a) Prior to each academic year, the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority shall adopt a Tuition Aid Grant (TAG) Award Table which shall indicate TAG award values which students attending various institutions of higher education shall be entitled to receive based upon their financial need.

1. The Table shall include an annual minimum grant for all institutional sectors.

(b) The value of the grant shall be related to the tuition charges of the various institutional sectors in New Jersey and the student's ability to pay for educational costs.

(c) The determination of eligibility for an award shall be made based on the student fulfilling the provisions of N.J.A.C. 9A:9-2.2 and 2.4.

(d) Subsequent to approval of a final TAG Award Table by the Authority, as required by law, the final TAG Award Table shall be provided to all New Jersey institutions of higher education which enroll students receiving TAG

awards and to all individuals having applied for a TAG award for the upcoming academic year. The Authority shall also provide a copy of the final TAG Award Table to any other individual or entity requesting the table.

(e) The value of the student's grant may change dependent upon appropriated funds, the student's cost of attendance and other State financial assistance. The student will be notified of any change in his or her grant.

Repealed by Emergency Rule, R.1979 d.236, effective June 14, 1979.
 See: 11 N.J.R. 343(b).

Amended by R.1988 d.128, effective March 21, 1988.

See: 20 N.J.R. 33(a), 20 N.J.R. 656(a).

Recodified from 3.1 and old TAG Table 1 was repealed.

Amended by R.1988 d.127, effective March 21, 1988.

See: 20 N.J.R. 147(a), 20 N.J.R. 661(c).

Added new Tag award table in (a)2.

Amended by R.1989 d.185, effective April 3, 1989.

See: 21 N.J.R. 109(a), 21 N.J.R. 897(a).

Deleted the 1987–88 award table and recodified the 1988–89 award table to (a)1, added new 1989–90 award table at (a)2.

Amended by R.1990 d.386, effective August 6, 1990.

See: 22 N.J.R. 1318(a), 22 N.J.R. 2305(a).

Deleted the 1988–89 award table and recodified the 1989–90 award table to (a)1, added new 1990–91 award table at (a)2.

Repeal and New Rule, R.1991 d.336, effective July 1, 1991.

See: 23 N.J.R. 1057(a), 23 N.J.R. 2013(a).

Replaced percentage-based TAG Award Tables with explanation of Student Assistance Board process and factors considered in determining award levels, and stipulated timely notification to applicants and institutions of final award amounts.

Amended by R.1992 d.486, effective December 7, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 2510(a), 24 N.J.R. 4373(a).

Revised (e).

Amended by R.1995 d.428, effective August 7, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 2043(a), 27 N.J.R. 2906(a).

Amended by R.1997 d.454, effective November 3, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 2763(a), 29 N.J.R. 4679(b).

Amended by R.2002 d.290, effective September 3, 2002.

See: 34 N.J.R. 1392(a), 34 N.J.R. 3079(c).

9A:9-3.3 Exercise of institutional professional judgment in the determination of family or student contribution

(a) For purposes of administration of State student aid programs, the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority shall accept eligibility determinations by participating institutions based on the exercise of professional judgment regarding the calculation of the family or student's ability to contribute to the cost of higher education, providing the following conditions are met:

1. Determinations shall satisfy all applicable Federal standards set forth under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, and its implementing regulations and rules. Pursuant to Title IV standards, the determination shall relate to a given student's special circumstances and shall be documented in the student's campus file;

2. Individual determinations for State student aid programs shall be made in a manner consistent with the institutional policies regarding the awarding of need-based financial aid, including Federal and State aid; and

3. The institution shall share with the Authority any material findings or audit exceptions related to the exercise of professional judgment at any time they are revealed in the course of an audit or program review.

(b) The institution may be required to refund to the Authority, upon request, any State student aid funds which are paid to a student as a result of the institution's failure to exercise professional judgment in accordance with this section.

New Rule, R.1995 d.428, effective August 7, 1995.
See: 27 N.J.R. 2043(a), 27 N.J.R. 2906(a).
Amended by R.2002 d.290, effective September 3, 2002.
See: 34 N.J.R. 1392(a), 34 N.J.R. 3079(c).

9A:9-3.4 (Reserved)

Repealed by R.1988 d.128, effective March 21, 1988.
See: 20 N.J.R. 33(a), 20 N.J.R. 656(a).
Repealed section on eligible out-of-state institutions.

9A:9-3.5 Part-time students

(a) Eligibility for Tuition Aid Grants shall be extended on an annual basis to part-time students upon the approval of the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority and the Commission on Higher Education depending on the level of appropriated funds.

(b) An eligible student shall:

1. Be enrolled for at least six credits;
2. Be matriculated in a degree or certificate program;
3. Maintain minimum standards of academic progress as determined by the institution; and
4. Be receiving an award under the Educational Opportunity Fund Program pursuant to N.J.A.C. 9A:11-2.9.

(c) The provisions of N.J.A.C. 9A:9-2 shall apply to part-time students receiving Tuition Aid Grants except where such provisions specifically refer to full-time students.

(d) Payments to eligible students shall be counted for the purpose of the requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 9A:9-2.11 as one-half a semester of payment.

(e) An eligible student enrolled on a half-time basis (six to eight credits) shall receive a part-time Tuition Aid Grant award equal to the value of one-half of the student's full-time award. An eligible student enrolled on a three-quarter time basis (nine to 11 credits) shall receive a part-time Tuition Aid Grant award equal to three-quarters of the student's full-time award. The value of the part-time award, however, shall not exceed the actual tuition charge for the student's part-time enrollment.

New Rule, R.1988 d.128, effective March 21, 1988.
See: 20 N.J.R. 33(a), 20 N.J.R. 656(a).
Amended by R.1988 d.533, effective November 7, 1988.
See: 20 N.J.R. 2007(a), 20 N.J.R. 2772(a).
Deleted old (b) and substituted new; added (e).

Amended by R.1992 d.486, effective December 7, 1992.
See: 24 N.J.R. 2510(a), 24 N.J.R. 4373(a).

Revised (a) and (d).

Amended by R.1995 d.428, effective August 7, 1995.
See: 27 N.J.R. 2043(a), 27 N.J.R. 2906(a).

Corrected references.

Amended by R.1997 d.454, effective November 3, 1997.
See: 29 N.J.R. 2763(a), 29 N.J.R. 4679(b).

Amended by R.2002 d.290, effective September 3, 2002.
See: 34 N.J.R. 1392(a), 34 N.J.R. 3079(c).

In (b)4, amended the N.J.A.C. reference.

SUBCHAPTER 4. GARDEN STATE SCHOLARSHIPS

9A:9-4.1 Program categories

(a) The Garden State Scholarship Program shall provide for grants to undergraduate students in the following program categories:

1. Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars;
2. Urban Scholars; and
3. Garden State Scholars.

Amended by R.1979 d.314, effective August 15, 1979.
See: 11 N.J.R. 342(a), 11 N.J.R. 443(b).

Emergency Rule, R.1980 d.212, effective May 14, 1980.
See: 12 N.J.R. 317(b).

Amended by R.1985 d.339, effective July 1, 1985.
See: 17 N.J.R. 787(b), 17 N.J.R. 1654(a).

Section substantially amended.

Amended by R.1985 d.570, effective November 4, 1985.
See: 17 N.J.R. 2007(a), 17 N.J.R. 2644(b).

Added text in (b): "The academic requirements ... contribution of awards."

Amended by R.1986 d.108, effective April 7, 1986.
See: 17 N.J.R. 2726(a), 18 N.J.R. 680(b).

Substituted N.J.A.C. 9:7-4.6 for below.

Amended by R.1987 d.278, effective July 6, 1987.
See: 19 N.J.R. 498(a), 19 N.J.R. 1207(a).

Added text in (b) "Where SAT scores ... may be used."

Amended by R.1988 d.128, effective March 21, 1988.
See: 20 N.J.R. 33(a), 20 N.J.R. 656(a).

Substantially amended.

New Rule, R.1988 d.303, effective July 5, 1988.
See: 20 N.J.R. 720(a), 20 N.J.R. 1558(a).

Old rule was Eligibility requirements.

Amended by R.1992 d.486, effective December 7, 1992.
See: 24 N.J.R. 2510(a), 24 N.J.R. 4373(a).

Revised (a)1-3.

9A:9-4.2 Academic requirements

(a) Garden State Scholarship recipients shall meet the academic requirements defined by the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority to be eligible to receive a grant in any program category.

(b) The academic requirements for Garden State Scholarships will include secondary school ranking in the graduating class and/or a combination of the secondary school ranking and combined Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) scores or grade point average. Where SAT scores are not available, the appropriate equivalent from the American College Testing (ACT) Program may be used.

(c) Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars shall be selected on the basis of the following criteria:

1. Class rank of one, two or three in the graduating class at the end of the junior year; or
2. Class rank within the top 10 percent of the graduating class at the end of the junior year with combined SAT scores of 1,260 or above at the end of the junior year.

(d) Distinguished Urban Scholars attending secondary schools within the Type A and B school districts as determined by the New Jersey Department of Education and provided in written notice to the Authority pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding between the New Jersey Department of Education and the Authority shall be selected on the basis of the following criteria:

1. Class rank within the top 10 percent of the graduating class at the end of the junior year with a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 on a scale of 4.0 (or an equivalent scale) at the end of the junior year.

(e) Students from each school selected pursuant to (d) above shall be ranked among the students selected at that school according to the following formula and the highest ranking students will be offered scholarships:

1. Academic qualification for a scholarship is determined by an Academic Index (AI). The AI is derived by combining two factors, secondary school GPA and rank in class which will be weighted equally. The formula for combining the two factors is:

$$AI = (GPA \times 37.5) + (Converted Rank \times 2)$$

2. The converted rank shall be determined from the table set forth in (h)1ii below.

(f) For students selected pursuant to (d) and (e) above, each school located within a Type A and B school district shall receive that proportion of the total available scholarships which reflects the size of the graduating class at the end of the junior year as compared to the total number of students in the graduating classes from all schools within Type A and B districts at the end of the junior year.

(g) Garden State Scholars shall be selected on the basis of the following criteria:

1. Class rank within the top 20 percent of the graduating class at the end of the junior year with combined SAT scores of 1000 or above at the end of the junior year, or through the January administration of the SAT in the senior year in the event that funds permit a second-round selection of awards.

(h) Garden State Scholars shall be ranked according to the following formula and the highest ranking students will be offered scholarships based on information as of the end of the junior year. Additional scholarships may be offered

during the senior year dependent upon available appropriations.

1. Academic qualification for a scholarship is determined by an Academic Index (AI). The AI is derived by combining two factors, the combined SAT scores from the College Entrance Examination Board and a converted secondary school rank in class. The formula for combining the two factors is:

$$AI = \frac{\text{Verbal} + \text{Math SAT scores}}{10} + (\text{Converted Rank} \times 2)$$

i. SAT scores: Verbal and math scores are to be weighed equally. Where SAT scores are not available, the appropriate equivalent from the ACT Program may be used. The highest verbal score from any administration may be combined with the highest math score from any administration.

ii. Rank in class: In order to weigh secondary school rank equally with combined SAT scores, the converted rank is multiplied by two. Conversion of the secondary school rank to a standardized score is necessary in order to combine it equally with the combined SAT scores which have also been standardized. The following table gives the converted rank multiplied by two, which is the figure to be combined with the test score sum in the AI formula given in this subsection.

SECONDARY SCHOOL RANK
CONVERSION TABLE

Percent Standing		Converted Rank $\times 2$
00-01	=	150
02	=	142
03	=	138
04	=	136
05	=	134
06	=	132
07	=	130
08	=	128
09-10	=	126
11-12	=	124
13-14	=	122
15-16	=	120
17-18	=	118
19-21	=	116
22-24	=	114
25-27	=	112
28-31	=	110
32-35	=	108
36-39	=	106
40-43	=	104
44-47	=	102
48-52	=	100
53-56	=	98
57-60	=	96
61-64	=	94
65-68	=	92
69-72	=	90
73-75	=	88

Amended by R.1985 d.153, effective April 1, 1985.
See: 16 N.J.R. 3281(a), 17 N.J.R. 816(a).

Section substantially amended.

Amended by R.1986 d.108, effective April 7, 1986.

See: 17 N.J.R. 2726(a), 18 N.J.R. 680(b).

Substantially amended.

Amended by R.1988 d.128, effective March 21, 1988.

See: 20 N.J.R. 33(a), 20 N.J.R. 656(a).

Substituted "scholar" for "scholarship"; deleted text "and the graduate fellowship award".

New Rule, R.1988 d.532, effective November 7, 1988.

See: 20 N.J.R. 1635(a), 20 N.J.R. 2772(b).

Old section was Award amounts.

The new rule was erroneously added effective July 5, 1988 as R.1988 d.303. See: 20 N.J.R. 720(a), 20 N.J.R. 1558(a). The text at that time should have remained Award amounts.

Amended by R.1990 d.14, effective January 2, 1990.

See: 21 N.J.R. 3408(a), 22 N.J.R. 29(b).

Added class rank of 3rd to those eligible for Distinguished Scholars Program minimum award.

Amended by R.1991 d.599, effective December 16, 1991.

See: 23 N.J.R. 2211(a), 23 N.J.R. 3756(a).

Revised (g)1.

Amended by R.1992 d.486, effective December 7, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 2510(a), 24 N.J.R. 4373(a).

Revised (b)-(h); deleted (i).

Administrative Correction to (b).

See: 25 N.J.R. 1513(a).

Administrative correction.

See: 27 N.J.R. 3602(a).

Amended by R.1995 d.582, effective November 6, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 2662(a), 27 N.J.R. 4305(a).

Amended by R.1997 d.454, effective November 3, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 2763(a), 29 N.J.R. 4679(b).

In (d), inserted "and provided . . . Office of Student Assistance".

Amended by R.2002 d.290, effective September 3, 2002.

See: 34 N.J.R. 1392(a), 34 N.J.R. 3079(c).

9A:9-4.3 Eligibility requirements

(a) Garden State Scholarship recipients shall attend an eligible New Jersey institution of higher education as defined by N.J.S.A. 18A:71B-1.

(b) Scholarship awards shall be renewable for up to three or four years of undergraduate programs of study regularly requiring four or five academic years respectively for completion. In order to be eligible for a renewal award the student shall continue to achieve satisfactory academic progress pursuant to N.J.A.C. 9A:9-2.10 and demonstrate continued financial need, if applicable.

(c) Garden State Scholarship recipients who transfer to another eligible New Jersey institution may transfer their awards provided they have demonstrated satisfactory academic progress and have notified the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority in writing in accordance with applicable procedures.

(d) Students may not simultaneously hold an Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars award and an Urban Scholars award and/or a Garden State Scholars award.

Emergency Rule, R.1979 d.101, effective March 13, 1979.

See: 11 N.J.R. 180(c).

New Rule R.1986 d.108, effective April 7, 1986.

See: 17 N.J.R. 2726(a), 18 N.J.R. 680(b).

New Rule, R.1988 d.303, effective July 5, 1988.

See: 20 N.J.R. 720(a), 20 N.J.R. 1558(a).

Old section was Recruitment and awarding responsibilities.

Amended by R.1988 d.532, effective November 7, 1988.

See: 20 N.J.R. 1635(a), 20 N.J.R. 2772(b).

Added (d).

Amended by R.1992 d.486, effective December 7, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 2510(a), 24 N.J.R. 4373(a).

Revised (b)-(d).

Amended by R.1995 d.428, effective August 7, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 2043(a), 27 N.J.R. 2906(a).

Corrected references.

Amended by R.1997 d.454, effective November 3, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 2763(a), 29 N.J.R. 4679(b).

Amended by R.2002 d.290, effective September 3, 2002.

See: 34 N.J.R. 1392(a), 34 N.J.R. 3079(c).

In (a), amended N.J.A.C. reference.

9A:9-4.4 Award amounts

(a) Garden State Scholars shall receive annual awards of up to \$500.00 without regard to financial need based upon their academic performance as determined pursuant to N.J.A.C. 9A:9-4.2(h). If sufficient funds are available, the award may be increased up to an additional \$500.00 based upon the student's New Jersey Eligibility Index (NJEI) pursuant to N.J.A.C. 9A:9-3.1 and 3.2 according to the following table:

NJEI	Additional Amount of Grant			Rutgers Univ. NJIT & UMDNJ
	County Colleges	State Colleges	Independent Institutions	
Under 1500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
1500 - 2499	250	500	500	500
2500 - 3499	250	250	500	500
3500 - 4499	250	250	250	250
4500 - 5499	250	250	250	250
5500 - 6499	0	250	250	250
6500 - 7499	0	250	250	250
7500 - 8499	0	0	250	250
8500 - 9499	0	0	250	250
9500 - 10499	0	0	250	0
Over 10499	0	0	0	0

(b) Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars and Urban Scholars shall receive annual awards of up to \$1,000 without regard to financial need based upon their academic performance as determined pursuant to N.J.A.C. 9A:9-4.2(c), (d) and (e). If sufficient funds are available, the award may be increased up to an additional \$1,000 based upon the student's New Jersey Eligibility Index (NJEI) pursuant to N.J.A.C. 9A:9-3.1 and 3.2 according to the following table:

NJEI	Additional Amount of Grant			Rutgers Univ. NJIT & UMDNJ
	County Colleges	State Colleges	Independent Institutions	
Under 1500	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000
1500 - 2499	500	1000	1000	1000
2500 - 3499	250	500	1000	1000
3500 - 4499	250	500	500	500
4500 - 5499	250	250	500	500
5500 - 6499	0	250	500	250
6500 - 7499	0	250	250	250
7500 - 8499	0	0	250	250
8500 - 9499	0	0	250	250
9500 - 10499	0	0	250	0
Over 10499	0	0	0	0

(c) Undergraduate scholarship award amounts shall be a minimum of \$200.00.