

CHAPTER 9

GRANT AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

Authority

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Chapter Historical Note

Chapter 9, Student Assistance Board, was originally codified in Title 9 as Chapter 7, Student Assistance Programs. Chapter 7, originally the State Scholarship Commission Manual, was filed and became effective pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:62-1 et seq. prior to September 1, 1969. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:71-43 et seq., rules concerning the Student Assistance Board, the Tuition Aid Grant Program, and Garden State Scholars, were adopted as Emergency Rule R.1978 d.106, replacing the prior text, effective March 22, 1978. See: 10 N.J.R. 190(a). Subchapter 5, Public Tuition Benefits Program, was adopted as Emergency Rule R.1980 d.324, effective July 17, 1980. See: 12 N.J.R. 469(b). Subchapter 6, Garden State Graduate Fellowship Program, was adopted as R.1980 d.462, effective October 20, 1980. See: 12 N.J.R. 273(e), 12 N.J.R. 694(d).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 7 was readopted as R.1983 d.126, effective April 13, 1983. See: 15 N.J.R. 129(a), 15 N.J.R. 692(a). Originally, Subchapter 7, Veterans Tuition Credit Program, was adopted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:71-71 as Emergency Rule R.1977 d.376, effective October 4, 1977, and codified at N.J.A.C. 9:2-11. See: 9 N.J.R. 521(a). An amendment was adopted as R.1981 d.449, effective November 16, 1981. See: 13 N.J.R. 572(a), 13 N.J.R. 845(c). Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), N.J.A.C. 9:2-11 expired on November 21, 1984. Subsequently, the expired text of N.J.A.C. 9:2-11 was adopted as R.1986 d.103 and codified at Subchapter 7, effective April 7, 1986. See: 17 N.J.R. 2844(a), 18 N.J.R. 679(b). Subchapter 8, Vietnam Veterans Tuition Aid Program, was adopted as R.1985 d.569, effective November 4, 1985. See: 17 N.J.R. 1735(a), 17 N.J.R. 2645(a). Subchapter 9, originally Congressional Teacher Scholarship Program, was adopted as R.1987 d.168, effective April 6, 1987. See: 18 N.J.R. 2174(b), 19 N.J.R. 516(b).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 7, Student Assistance Programs, was readopted as R.1988 d.128, effective February 29, 1988. See: 20 N.J.R. 33(a), 20 N.J.R. 656(a). Subchapter 9 was redesignated the Paul Douglas Teacher Scholarship Program by R.1988 d.131, effective March 21, 1988. See: 19 N.J.R. 2102(a), 20 N.J.R. 663(a). An amendment to Subchapter 8 was adopted as R.1989 d.183, effective April 3, 1989. See: 20 N.J.R. 2625(a), 21 N.J.R. 899(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 7 was readopted as R.1992 d.486, effective November 6, 1992. In addition, R.1992 d.486 redesignated Subchapter 2 as General Provisions for Tuition Aid Grant and Garden State Scholarship Programs, and repealed Subchapters 7 and 8, effective December 7, 1992. See: 24 N.J.R. 2510(a), 24 N.J.R. 4373(a).

Chapter 7, Title 9, was recodified as Chapter 9, Title 9A, by R.1995 d.428, effective August 7, 1995. See: 27 N.J.R. 2043(a), 27 N.J.R. 2906(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 9, Student Assistance Board, was readopted as R.1997 d.454, effective October 1, 1997. As part of R.1997 d.454, effective November 3, 1997, Subchapter 6, Garden State Graduate Fellowship Program, was repealed. See: 29 N.J.R. 2763(a), 29 N.J.R. 4679(b).

Subchapter 6, Miss New Jersey Educational Scholarship Program, was adopted as R.1998 d.416, effective August 17, 1998. See: 30 N.J.R. 2147(a), 30 N.J.R. 3033(b).

Chapter 9, Student Assistance Board, was readopted as R.2002 d.290, effective August 2, 2002. As a part of R.2002 d.290, Chapter 9, Student Assistance Board, was renamed Grant and Scholarship Programs, Subchapter 1, Student Assistance Board, was renamed Administration for State Grants and Scholarships, and Subchapter 5, Public Tuition Benefits Program, was renamed Survivor Tuition Benefits Program, effective September 3, 2002. See: 34 N.J.R. 1392(a), 34 N.J.R. 3079(c).

Subchapter 7, New Jersey World Trade Center Scholarship Program, was adopted as emergency new rules by R.2003 d.134, effective February 26, 2003. See: 35 N.J.R. 1452(a). Subchapter 7, New Jersey World Trade Center Scholarship Program, was readopted as R.2003 d.202, effective April 23, 2003. See: 35 N.J.R. 2177(a).

Subchapter 8, Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Scholarships Program, was adopted as R.2004 d.137, effective April 5, 2004. See: 35 N.J.R. 5530(a), 36 N.J.R. 1776(a).

Subchapter 10, New Jersey Student Tuition Assistance Reward Scholarship (NJ STARS) Program, was adopted as an emergency new rule by R.2004 d.310, effective July 14, 2004. See: 36 N.J.R. 3589(a). Subchapter 10, New Jersey Student Tuition Assistance Reward Scholarship (NJ STARS) Program, was readopted by R.2004 d.379, effective September 10, 2004. See: 36 N.J.R. 4466(a).

Subchapter 11, New Jersey Student Tuition Assistance Reward Scholarship II (NJ STARS II) Program, was adopted as new rules by R.2006 d.303, effective August 21, 2006. See: 38 N.J.R. 1975(a), 38 N.J.R. 3303(b).

Chapter 9, Grant and Scholarship Programs, was readopted as R.2007 d.286, effective August 7, 2007. As a part of R.2007 d.286, Subchapter 3, Tuition Aid Grant Program, was renamed Tuition Aid Grant Programs, effective September 4, 2007. See: Source and Effective Date. See, also, section annotations.

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SUBCHAPTER 1. ADMINISTRATION FOR STATE GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

9A:9-1.1 Policy responsibility

The Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (Authority) shall develop, coordinate, and administer policies for scholarship and tuition aid programs as provided by law. The Authority shall create and adopt such rules and regulations deemed necessary for the proper administration of these programs.

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

Substituted "Governor" for "Board of Higher Education".
Amended by R.2002 d.290, effective September 3, 2002.

See: 34 N.J.R. 1392(a), 34 N.J.R. 3079(c).
Amended by R.2007 d.286, effective September 4, 2007.

See: 39 N.J.R. 1375(a), 39 N.J.R. 3738(a).
Inserted "(Authority)".

9A:9-10.2 General provisions

General provisions for the Tuition Aid Grant and Garden State Scholarship Programs which pertain to residency set forth in N.J.A.C. 9A:9-2.2, noncitizens and resident aliens set forth in N.J.A.C. 9A:9-2.3, award adjustments, refunds and collections set forth in N.J.A.C. 9A:9-2.12, check endorsements set forth in N.J.A.C. 9A:9-2.14, appeals set forth in N.J.A.C. 9A:9-2.15, and accounting and auditing standards set forth in N.J.A.C. 9A:9-2.16 shall be in effect for the New Jersey Student Tuition Assistance Reward Scholarship (NJ STARS) Program.

9A:9-10.3 Eligible institutions

Scholarships are available to eligible students enrolled in a New Jersey county college serving the student's county of residence pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:64A-1 et seq. except as otherwise indicated in N.J.A.C. 9A:9-10.10.

9A:9-10.4 Full-time enrollment

(a) The student must be enrolled in a full-time course of study at a New Jersey county college and must maintain continuous full-time enrollment.

1. Full-time course of study means a course of study leading to a degree from the county college of enrollment that includes at least 12 credit hours per semester, not including any credit hours in a remedial or developmental curriculum.

9A:9-10.5 Approved fees

(a) The following shall be approved fees that may be paid with scholarship proceeds:

1. General fees;
2. Student service/activity fees;
3. Technology fees; and
4. Required course/equipment fees.

Amended by R.2004 d.379, effective October 4, 2004.
See: 36 N.J.R. 3589(a), 36 N.J.R. 4466(a).

9A:9-10.6 Eligibility requirements

(a) A student shall be eligible for a scholarship under the NJ STARS Program for up to five semesters. This period of eligibility also includes any semester for which a student qualifies for the scholarship but does not receive payment pursuant to N.J.A.C. 9A:9-10.9. In order to qualify for this scholarship, a student must meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. A student must have graduated from high school in 2004 or later, and not earlier than the calendar year two years prior to the first calendar year in which a scholarship payment is to be made;

2. For the first year of enrollment, a student must have graduated in the top 20 percent of the student's high school graduating class;

3. After the first year of enrollment, the scholarship shall continue to be payable to an eligible student if the student has attained a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) at the start of the student's second year of county college enrollment;

i. If an NJ STARS recipient has less than a 3.0 GPA at the start of the second semester of the first year of county college enrollment, the student shall participate in an enrichment program designed by the county college during the second semester of the student's first year of enrollment in accordance with P.L. 2005, c. 168.

4. A student must annually complete and file a financial aid application, as approved by the Authority, within established deadline dates in order to apply for all other available forms of Federal and State need-based grants and merit scholarships. This includes the student satisfying all requirements to determine his or her eligibility to receive payments of these State and Federal grants and scholarships; and

5. A student must maintain continuous enrollment in a full-time course of study unless on medical leave due to the illness of the student, illness of a member of the student's immediate family, or emergency leave because of a family emergency, which medical or emergency leave shall have been approved by the county college.

(b) A student is eligible to receive an NJ STARS scholarship during the fall and spring semesters.

Amended by R.2006 d.115, effective March 20, 2006.
See: 37 N.J.R. 4498(a), 38 N.J.R. 1452(b).
Rewrote (a)3.

9A:9-10.7 Academic or disciplinary dismissal

A student who is dismissed for academic or disciplinary reasons from a county college shall no longer be eligible for an NJ STARS scholarship.

9A:9-10.8 Collection of overpayments, ineligible payments, or refunds

If a student participating in the program is dismissed for disciplinary reasons, the student shall repay in full all amounts received under the program. The county college shall be responsible for collecting any required repayment, or the amount of any overpayment or other ineligible payment, of any State awards under this program, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:71B-10.

9A:9-10.9 Amount of the scholarship

A scholarship under the NJ STARS Program shall cover the full cost of tuition and approved fees, subject to the prior application of other State and Federal grants and scholarships

against those costs, for up to 15 credit hours in any semester for an eligible student enrolled in a full-time course of study at the New Jersey county college serving the student's county of residence. The full amount of need-based and merit grants and scholarships received by the student shall be applied to tuition and fee charges to reduce the amount of the NJ STARS award.

9A:9-10.10 Out-of-county students

An otherwise eligible student, who can demonstrate to the Authority with a letter from the New Jersey county college serving his or her county of residence, stating that it does not offer the curriculum that the student chooses to study or that it cannot admit the student into the desired program of study due to lack of available space which will exist for at least one year, shall be eligible for such scholarship at another New Jersey county college offering that curriculum or program of study. The amount of any scholarship allowed hereunder to a student at a county college serving a county other than the student's county of residence shall be computed as though the student were a resident of the county served by that college pursuant to N.J.A.C. 9A:4-1.3.

Amended by R.2006 d.115, effective March 20, 2006.

See: 37 N.J.R. 4498(a), 38 N.J.R. 1452(b).

Added "or that it cannot admit the student into the desired program of study due to lack of available space which will exist for at least one year", "or program of study" and "pursuant to N.J.A.C. 9A:4-1.3".

9A:9-10.11 Student notification

Students shall be notified of their eligibility for an NJ STARS scholarship by the New Jersey county college they attend and such notification will include the amount of the scholarship.

SUBCHAPTER 11 NEW JERSEY STUDENT TUITION ASSISTANCE REWARD SCHOLARSHIP II (NJ STARS II) PROGRAM

9A:9-11.1 Purpose and scope

The rules established by this subchapter provide the policies and procedures for participation in the New Jersey Student Tuition Assistance Reward Scholarship II (NJ STARS II) Program administered by the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority. This program offers scholarships to NJ STARS scholars who attain an associate degree at a New Jersey county college and are enrolled in a full-time course of study at a New Jersey four-year public institution of higher education in the academic year of study immediately following the student's attainment of an associate degree.

9A:9-11.2 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this subchapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Academic year" means the period between the time the institution begins its fall semester until the end of the succeeding spring semester.

"Academic year of study" means one continuous year of study by the student beginning with the fall semester and including the succeeding spring semester or beginning with the spring semester and including the succeeding fall semester.

"Approved fees" means fees charged to a student by the four-year public institution of higher education that are mandatory in pursuing his or her full-time course of study as well as fees that are mandatory for all students for attendance at that institution.

"Authority" means the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:71A-3.

"Full-time course of study" means a course of study in any semester that includes at least 12 credit hours in a non-remedial or non-developmental curriculum and which leads to a baccalaureate degree from a participating institution.

1. For purposes of this definition, a student may take remedial or developmental credit courses in any semester in addition to fulfilling the 12 full-time credit hours of study as defined herein.

"New Jersey four-year public institution of higher education" means the New Jersey State colleges, Rutgers, the State University in Camden, New Brunswick and Newark, the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) and the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT).

"NJ STARS scholar" means a student who either received an award, or was eligible to receive an award but was non-funded during the semester immediately preceding graduation from the New Jersey county college, under the New Jersey Student Tuition Assistance Reward Scholarship (NJ STARS) Program pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:71B-81 et seq.

"Non-funded" means a student who was eligible but did not receive an award under the NJ STARS Program because the student's tuition and approved fees were fully covered by other State and Federal need-based grants or merit scholarships.

"Participating institution" means a New Jersey four-year public institution of higher education as defined above.

“Program” means the New Jersey Student Tuition Assistance Reward Scholarship II (NJ STARS II) Program established pursuant to P.L. 2005, c. 359.

9A:9-11.3 General provisions

General provisions for the Tuition Aid Grant and Garden State Scholarship Programs, which pertain to residency set forth in N.J.A.C. 9A:9-2.2; noncitizens and resident aliens, set forth in N.J.A.C. 9A:9-2.3; award adjustments, refunds and collections, set forth in N.J.A.C. 9A:9-2.12; check endorsements, set forth in N.J.A.C. 9A:9-2.14; appeals, set forth in N.J.A.C. 9A:9-2.15; and accounting and auditing standards, set forth in N.J.A.C. 9A:9-2.16, shall be in effect for this Program.

9A:9-11.4 Acceptance of academic credits and admission by a participating institution

(a) A New Jersey four-year public institution of higher education shall accept all academic credits awarded by a New Jersey county college to an NJ STARS scholar who subsequently enrolls in the four-year institution and is participating in the NJ STARS II Program at the institution pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:71B-86.5. The student may be required to earn additional credits to meet the requirements of his or her selected major.

(b) Nothing in the NJ STARS II Program shall be construed to require a participating institution to admit a student who is eligible for an NJ STARS II scholarship or to waive its admission standards and application procedures.

9A:9-11.5 Eligibility requirements

(a) A student shall be eligible for a scholarship under the NJ STARS II Program for up to four semesters, excluding summer sessions. The student’s eligibility will be determined during the first semester of enrollment at a participating institution. In order to qualify for this scholarship, a student must:

1. Be a resident of the State of New Jersey pursuant to N.J.A.C. 9A:9-2.2;
2. Have graduated from a New Jersey county college with an associate degree as a funded or non-funded NJ STARS scholar with at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average;
3. Be enrolled full-time in a baccalaureate degree program at a New Jersey four-year public institution of higher education in the student’s academic year of study immediately following his or her attainment of an associate degree;
4. Annually complete and file a financial aid application or renewal financial aid application, as approved by the Authority, within established deadline dates in order to apply for all other available forms of State and Federal need-based grants and merit scholarships. This includes the

student satisfying all requirements within established deadlines to determine his or her eligibility to receive payments of these State and Federal grants and scholarships at the participating institution; and

5. Maintain continuous enrollment in a full-time course of study at a participating institution unless on medical leave due to the illness of the student or a member of the student’s immediate family or on emergency leave because of a family emergency, which medical or emergency leave shall have been approved by the participating institution.

(b) Determination of the student’s ineligibility for an NJ STARS II scholarship during the first semester of enrollment at a participating institution precludes the student from future eligibility for an NJ STARS II award.

9A:9-11.6 Student notification

Students shall be notified of their eligibility for an NJ STARS II scholarship by the participating institution they attend.

9A:9-11.7 Amount of the scholarship

(a) For an eligible student enrolled in a full-time course of study at a participating institution, a scholarship under the NJ STARS II Program shall be paid to the institution in the amount of \$2,000 for each semester of enrollment beginning in the 2006-2007 academic year. For each academic year thereafter, the amount of the scholarship shall be increased by one-half of the average percentage increase over the prior academic year in undergraduate tuition and approved fees for all New Jersey four-year public institutions of higher education, not to exceed \$2,500 per semester, and shall be paid to the participating institution for each semester of enrollment in that academic year.

(b) The scholarship amount awarded shall be in addition to any other State and Federal need-based grants and merit scholarships to which the student is entitled. The State and Federal need-based grants and merit scholarships shall be applied to the student’s tuition and approved fee charges first.

(c) The participating institution shall waive or provide an institutional scholarship for any tuition and approved fee amount for the student, for up to 18 credits, that exceeds the sum of the NJ STARS II scholarship and any other State and Federal grants and scholarships to which the student is entitled. The participating institution shall not be required to waive or provide an institutional scholarship for tuition and approved fees for credits in excess of 18 credit hours in any single semester.

9A:9-11.8 Renewal of the scholarship

(a) In order for a recipient to be eligible for renewal of the NJ STARS II scholarship for the third and fourth semesters of enrollment at a participating institution, the student must:

1. Continue to meet the eligibility requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 9A:9-11.5(a)1, 4 and 5.

2. Have attained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 by the completion of the second semester of enrollment at the participating institution. A grade for credits earned during a summer semester shall, for purposes herein, be included in the calculation of the student's cumulative grade point average for the student's first academic year of study at the participating institution.

9A:9-11.9 Academic or disciplinary dismissal

(a) A student who is dismissed for academic or disciplinary reasons from a participating institution shall no longer be eligible for a scholarship under the NJ STARS II Program.

(b) If a student participating in the program is dismissed for disciplinary reasons, the student shall repay in full all amounts received under the program.

1. The participating institution shall be responsible for collecting the repayment, or the amount of any overpayment or other ineligible payment, of any State awards under the program in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:71B-10.