



NJ Dreamers | Information and How to Apply

The New Jersey Alternative Financial Aid Application allows NJ Dreamers enrolled in eligible New Jersey colleges and universities to apply for state financial aid.

Who should complete this application?

Complete this application if you live in New Jersey, are not eligible for the FAFSA, and meet all of the following criteria:

- Attended a New Jersey high school for at least three (3) years;
- Graduated from a New Jersey high school or received the equivalent of a high school diploma in New Jersey; and
- Are able to file an affidavit stating that you have filed an application to legalize your immigration status or will file an application as soon you are eligible to do so.

For more information or to apply scan the QR Code



Once HESAA receives your completed application, you will receive information and next steps through the email address you supplied on the application.

HESAA will determine your eligibility for New Jersey state grants or request additional documentation.

All of the colleges or universities you listed on your application will have access to view your award eligibility.

2026-27 Deadline to submit the NJ Alternative Financial Aid Application:

TAG Renewal Students for 2026-27 Academic Year	April 15, 2026
All other students for 2026-27 Academic Year	September 15, 2026
Spring 2027 Only	February 15, 2027

For other important deadline dates, please visit: www.hesaa.org/Pages/StateApplicationDeadlines.aspx

You can also visit the financial aid office at the school you plan on attending or you can contact HESAA Customer Care at 609 - 584 - 4480

The New Jersey Alternative Financial Aid Application is a confidential application used solely by our State agency - the New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA) - to determine if students meet the eligibility requirements to receive State financial aid. The data collected is not used for federal financial aid purposes. Information shared with HESAA via this application is protected by Federal Privacy Protections, including 16 C.F.R. Part 313, and only used by HESAA, partner colleges/universities, and other State agencies to administer State grants and scholarships. HESAA will continue to do everything within its authority and jurisdiction to protect the ongoing confidentiality of this information and will not disclose it absent a valid subpoena or court order.

