

**State of New Jersey
Schools Development Authority (SDA) and
Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA)**

NJ Governor's Industry Vocations Scholarship (NJ-GIVS) for Women and Minorities Fact Sheet

NJ-GIVS pays up to \$2,000 per year or up to the cost of tuition in an eligible certificate or degree program, less any federal, state or institutional financial aid. The scholarship is funded by the SDA and administered by HESAA.

Funding is limited and awards will be made on a first-come, first-served basis. To receive an award you must meet all eligibility requirements.

Eligibility Requirements – Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:18A-240, the Schools Development Authority must set aside a portion of the revenues from its construction contracts for training programs for women and minority group members. To receive NJ-GIVS a student must be a female or a minority group member.

- Minority groups include the following as defined at N.J.A.C. 17:46-1.2:
“ ‘Minority’ means a person who is: 1) Black, which is a person having origins in any of the black racial groups in Africa; or 2) Hispanic, which is a person of Spanish or Portuguese culture, with origins in Mexico, South or Central America, or the Caribbean Islands, regardless of race; or 3) Asian American, which is a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, Indian Subcontinent, Hawaii or the Pacific Islands; or 4) American Indian or Alaskan native, which is a person having origins in any of the original peoples of North America.”
- Students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or NJ Alternative Financial Aid Application within established state deadlines.
- Students must have an annual household income below \$60,000, as determined by the FAFSA or NJ Alternative Financial Aid Application.
- Students must have a high school diploma or GED equivalent.
- Students must be U.S. citizens, eligible non-citizens, or eligible to file the NJ Alternative Financial Aid Application by meeting the requirements of P.L. 2018 c.12:
 - 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
 - In the case of a person without lawful immigration status, are able to file an affidavit stating that they have filed an application to legalize their immigration status **or** will file an application as soon as they are eligible to do so.
- Students must be a New Jersey Resident or meet the requirements of P.L. 2018, c. 12.
 - A dependent student as defined in N.J.A.C. 9A:9-2.6 shall be considered domiciled in this State for the purposes of determining eligibility for a State student grant or scholarship if the student and the student's parent have resided in the State for a period of not less than 12 consecutive months immediately prior to the academic period for which State student assistance is being requested **OR** if the dependent student meets the requirements of P.L. 2018 c. 12.
 - Independent students must reside in New Jersey for at least 12 consecutive months prior to the academic period for which State student assistance is being requested **OR** meet the requirements of P.L. 2018, c.12.
- Awards may be used at any of New Jersey's 18 county colleges, county vocational technical schools, or a proprietary trade school affiliated with an institution eligible to participate in the New Jersey Tuition Aid Grant (TAG) program.
- To apply for the NJ-GIVS scholarship, complete an application online by established deadlines at:
njfams.hesaa.org,

Application Deadlines

Applicants must file the online application by December 1st for the fall semester and June 1st for the spring semester, and have a current academic year FAFSA or NJ Alternative Financial Aid Application on file. Students can file the FAFSA at www.studentaid.gov or the NJ Alternative Financial Aid Application at [New Jersey Alternative Application](#).

Award, Payment and Renewal

HESAA sends the payment to the school after classes start and the school confirms that students are enrolled and meeting the school's standard of satisfactory academic progress.

The award is renewable for one year, depending on the availability of future SDA funds and the program in which the student is enrolled. To renew for a second year, students must continue to meet all eligibility requirements and: 1) Complete an NJ-GIVS application at njfams.hesaa.org; 2) complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or NJ Alternative Financial Aid Application within established state deadlines; 3) Enroll at an eligible institution; and 4) Maintain satisfactory academic progress.

Eligible Programs

Architectural Building Construction Technology	Engineering Technology
Architectural Engineering Technology	Environmental Control Technology
Advertising and Graphic Design	Fiber Optic Technical Specialist
Building Construction Technology	General Engineering Technology
Building Maintenance	Heating/Refrigeration/Air Conditioning/Ventilation
Carpentry	Industrial Technology
Carpentry Technology	Landscape/Design/Build
Civil Construction Engineering Technology	Masonry
Civil Engineering Technology	Network Engineering Technology
Computer Aided Drafting and Design Technology	Plumbing
Construction Management Technology	Quality Assurance Technology
Construction Supervision	Solar Energy Technology
Construction Technology	Surveying Technology
Cybersecurity	Sustainable Energy Technology
Drone Technology	Technical Studies
Electronics Engineering Technology	Welding
Electrical Trades	
Engineering	
Engineering Science	

Eligible New Jersey Institutions

County College Technical/Vocational Schools

Atlantic County Institute of Technology
Bergen County Technical School
Burlington County Institute of Technology
Cape May County Technical School District
Career & Technical Institute of Camden County College
Cumberland County Technical Education Center
Essex County Vocational Technical Schools
Gloucester County Institute of Technology
Hudson County Schools of Technology
Hunterdon County Polytech
Mercer County Technical Schools
Middlesex County Vocational & Technical Schools
Monmouth County Vocational School District
Morris County Vocational School District
Ocean County Vocational Technical School

Passaic County Technical Institute
Sussex County Technical School
Union County Vocational-Technical Schools
Warren County Vocational Technical School

County Colleges

Atlantic Cape Community College
Bergen Community College
Brookdale Community College
Camden County College
County College of Morris
Essex County College
Hudson County Community College
Mercer County Community College
Middlesex College
Ocean County College

Passaic County Community College
Raritan Valley Community College
Rowan College at Burlington County
Rowan College of South Jersey
Salem Community College
Sussex County Community College
Union College of Union County, NJ
Warren County Community College

Proprietary Schools

Eastwick College of Nutley
Ho-Ho-Kus School of Trade*

**Affiliated with Eastwick College of Nutley*

For Further Information

Call the HESAA Customer Care Line (English and Español) Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 609-584-4480 or send an email to CustomerCare@hesaa.org.