

New Jersey residents who qualify as NJ Dreamers can apply for State financial aid through the New Jersey Alternative Financial Aid Application administered by the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA).

### Who should complete this application?

Complete this application if you live in New Jersey, are not eligible to file 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.



**Scan the QR code to learn more and get started today!**

Once you create a New Jersey Financial Aid Management System (NJFAMS) account and complete your application in the NJFAMS portal, HESAA will send information about next steps to the email address you provided on your application. Keep an eye on your email and monitor your NJFAMS account to see if there is any further information HESAA needs from you to complete or verify your application and to learn if you are eligible for any State grants and scholarships. The New Jersey colleges and universities you listed on your application are also able to view your financial aid award eligibility.

### Deadline to submit the NJ Alternative Financial Aid Application for Academic Year 2026-27

<b>TAG Renewal Students</b>	<b>April 15, 2026</b>
<b>All other students</b>	<b>September 15, 2026</b>
<b>Spring 2027 Only</b>	<b>February 15, 2027</b>

For other important deadline dates, please visit: [www.hesaa.org/Pages/StateApplicationDeadlines.aspx](http://www.hesaa.org/Pages/StateApplicationDeadlines.aspx)

**If you have any questions, give our Customer Care team a call at 800-792-8670.**

**Free over-the-phone interpretation is available to callers in nearly 300 different languages.**

The New Jersey Alternative Financial Aid Application is a confidential application used solely by 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.