



**Fact Sheet for NJ STARS II Students Who Began Enrollment at a New Jersey Four-Year Public Institution in Spring 2009**

The NJ STARS II Program is a continuation of the NJ STARS Program that provides successful NJ STARS students at New Jersey county colleges with funding to transfer to a New Jersey four-year public college or university to earn a bachelor's degree. **The following information applies to NJ STARS II students who began enrollment at a New Jersey four-year public college or university in spring 2009 and reflects legislative changes to the program enacted in December 2008.**

**NJ STARS II Benefits**

**Fall 2009 semester** - The amount of the **fall 2009** NJ STARS II award is based on a student's cumulative grade point average (GPA) upon graduation from the county college. NJ STARS who graduated from a county college with a GPA equal to or greater than 3.0 and less than 3.50 may qualify for an NJ STARS II award of up to \$3,000 for the fall 2009 semester. Those graduating with GPAs of 3.50 or higher may qualify for an NJ STARS II award of up to \$3,500 for the fall 2009 semester.

**Spring 2010 semester** - The amount of the **spring 2010** NJ STARS II award is based on the cumulative GPA attained at the four-year public institution at the start of the third semester of study. NJ STARS who attain a cumulative GPA equal to or greater than 3.25 and less than 3.50 may receive an award of up to \$3,000 for the spring 2010 semester. Students who attain a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher may receive an NJ STARS II award of up to \$3,500 for the spring 2010 semester.

The NJ STARS II award is based on tuition only, except for Tuition Aid Grant recipients eligible for NJ STARS II awards. Their NJ STARS II awards are based on tuition **and** approved fees. **The amount of the NJ STARS II award is determined after all other State and Federal grants and scholarships are applied to these charges.**

The State funds 50% of the NJ STARS II award, while 50% is provided by the four-year public institution. Students will be responsible for any remaining balance. NJ STARS II awards are dependent upon annual State appropriations.

**Approved Fees - Applies to NJ STARS II Students Receiving Tuition Aid Grants**

All fees charged by a NJ four-year public institution that are mandatory for attendance as well as any fees required for a specific program of study are approved.

