HESAA, the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority, is the only New Jersey state authority with the sole mission of providing students and families with financial and informational resources for students to pursue their education beyond high school.
The Department of Higher Education was dismantled. The Higher Education Restructuring Act created the Office of Student Assistance (NJOSA), comprised of the Office of Grants and Scholarships under the Student Assistance Board and the Office of Student Loans under NJHEAA.

NJOSA launched the New Jersey Better Educational Savings Trust (NJBEST) college savings program.

NJCLASS eligibility was extended to out-of-state residents attending New Jersey colleges and universities.

NJOSA established a Client Services Unit.

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The New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA) was established by statute, thereby merging three student assistance bodies—NJOSA, the Student Assistance Board, and NJHEAA—into one integrated authority.

The Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act ended new loan originations under FFELP effective for loans first disbursed on July 1, 2010.

The Ensuring Continued Access to Student Loans Act of 2008 (ECASLA) provided authority to the Secretary of Education to purchase FFELP Loans.

Termination of HESAA’s role as a FFELP guaranty agency.

**MERGER OF LOANS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

**INCEPTION DATES FOR EXISTING SCHOLARSHIP & GRANT PROGRAMS**

- Tuition Aid Grant (TAG)
- Part-Time TAG for Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Students
- Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Scholarship
- World Trade Center Scholarship
- New Jersey Student Tuition Assistance Reward Scholarship (NJ STARS) Program
- Part-Time TAG for County College Students
- New Jersey Governor’s Urban Scholarship Program
- New Jersey Governor’s Industry Vocations Scholarship for Women and Minorities (NJ-GIVS)
- Community College Opportunity Grant (CCOG)

**MERGER OF LOANS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

**INCEPTION DATES FOR EXISTING SCHOLARSHIP & GRANT PROGRAMS**

- 1978: Tuition Aid Grant (TAG)
- 1979: Survivor Tuition Benefits Program
- 1988: Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Scholarship
- 2001: Community College Opportunity Grant (CCOG)
- 2002: World Trade Center Scholarship
- 2003: New Jersey Student Tuition Assistance Reward Scholarship (NJ STARS) Program
- 2004: Part-Time TAG for County College Students
- 2006: New Jersey Student Tuition Assistance Reward Scholarship II (NJ STARS II) Program
- 2012: New Jersey Governor’s Urban Scholarship Program
- 2013: New Jersey Governor’s Industry Vocations Scholarship for Women and Minorities (NJ-GIVS)
- 2021: Community College Opportunity Grant (CCOG)
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INCEPTION DATES FOR EXISTING SCHOLARSHIP & GRANT PROGRAMS (cont.)

NJ BEST
Matching Grant Opportunity

2021 2022

Garden State Guarantee

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HISTORY OF HESAA

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