

**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** – According 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 you 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.”
- You must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and have an annual household income below \$60,000.
- Your award may be used at any of New Jersey's 19 county colleges, county vocational technical schools or a proprietary trade school affiliated with an institution eligible to participate in the New Jersey TAG (Tuition Aid Grant) program. To apply please fill out an application online by visiting [www.njgrants.org](http://www.njgrants.org).
- New Jersey grants and scholarships are limited to U.S. citizens and eligible non-citizens who have received approval from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to remain in the U.S. on a permanent basis. Students in the U.S. on a temporary basis - who do not have approved permanent resident status from USCIS - are not eligible to receive an award.
- Male award recipients will be required to prove they have registered with the Selective Service System. Registration is included within the Free Application for Federal Student Aid ([FAFSA](#)).
- New Jersey grants and scholarships are limited to New Jersey residents. A New Jersey resident must have resided in the State for at least 12 consecutive months immediately prior to receiving the award. NOTE: Eligible non-citizens must reside in New Jersey for 12 consecutive months after receiving permanent resident status from USCIS to meet the State residency requirement.
- Students must have a high school diploma or GED equivalent to be eligible.

**Application Deadlines**

Applicants must file the on-line application by December 1st for the fall semester and June 1st for the spring semester, and have a current academic year FAFSA on file. You can file your FAFSA at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov).

## Award Payment and Renewal

After classes start and HESAA receives confirmation of your enrollment status and you are meeting the school's standard of satisfactory academic progress, payment will be sent to your college, vocational, or proprietary school.

The award is renewable for one year, depending on the availability of future SDA funds. To renew for a second year, you must continue to meet all eligibility requirements: 1) file a FAFSA; 2) enroll at an eligible New Jersey institution; and 3) maintain satisfactory academic progress.

### Eligible Programs

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

### 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  
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  
Cumberland County College  
Essex County College  
Mercer County Community College  
Hudson County Community College  
Middlesex County College

#### Ocean County College

Passaic County Community College  
Raritan Valley Community College  
Rowan College at Burlington County  
Rowan College at Gloucester County  
Salem Community College  
Sussex County Community College  
Union County College  
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 Espanol) Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 609-584-4480. You can send an e-mail to [clientservices@hesaa.org](mailto:clientservices@hesaa.org), or send a letter by postal mail to N.J. Higher Education Student Assistance Authority, NJ-GIVS, P.O. Box 540, Trenton, NJ 08625-0540. Please be sure to include your name and telephone number.

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