



NJ Dreamers | Information and How to Apply

The New Jersey Alternative Financial Aid Application allows NJ Dreamers enrolled in eligible New Jersey colleges and universities to apply for state financial aid.

Who should complete this application?

Complete this application if you live in New Jersey, are not eligible for 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
- 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

**For more information or to apply, visit
www.hesaa.org/Pages/NJAlternativeApplication.aspx**

Once HESAA receives your completed application, you will receive information and next steps through the email address you supplied on the application.

HESAA will determine your eligibility for New Jersey state grants or request additional documentation.

All of the colleges or universities you listed on your application will have access to view your award eligibility.

2025-26 deadline to submit the NJ Alternative Financial Aid Application:

TAG Renewal Students for 2025-26 Academic Year ----- April 15, 2025

All other students for 2025-26 Academic Year ----- September 15, 2025

Spring Only ----- February 15, 2026

For other important deadline dates, please visit: www.hesaa.org/Pages/StateApplicationDeadlines.aspx

You can also visit the financial aid office at the school you plan on attending or you can contact HESAA Customer Care at 609 - 584 - 4480

New Jersey Alternative Financial Aid Application is a confidential application that is used solely by the New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA) to qualify students for state financial aid. It is not used for federal financial aid purposes. Information that is shared with HESAA via this application is used only by HESAA and partner colleges, universities, and other state agencies in order to administer grants and scholarships. HESAA will do everything within its authority and jurisdiction to protect the ongoing confidentiality of this information.

