

NJ Survivor Tuition Benefits Program & Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Scholarship



New Jersey offers two scholarship programs to help eligible children and spouses of first responders who were killed in the line of duty earn a bachelor's degree.

Survivor Tuition Benefits Program (STB)

STB provides free tuition to eligible children and surviving spouses of New Jersey firefighters, emergency service workers, and law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. Children must apply within eight years of their high school graduation. There is no time limit for surviving spouses. The award amount cannot exceed the highest tuition charged at a New Jersey public institution. Scholarships depend on funding.

The Law Enforcement Officer Memorial (LEOM) Scholarship

The LEOM Scholarship covers up to the cost of attendance after all other grants and scholarships are applied for dependent children of New Jersey law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

To be eligible, a student who meets the criteria for either program above must also:

- ✓ Be a citizen, eligible non-citizen, or eligible to file the New Jersey Alternative Financial Aid Application;
- ✓ Be a permanent New Jersey resident for at least 12 consecutive months immediately prior to enrollment;
- ✓ Be enrolled at least half-time in an undergraduate program (for STB) or full-time in an undergraduate program (for LEOM) at an approved institution of higher education; and
- ✓ Maintain satisfactory academic progress.

Each program offers up to 8 total payments for eligible students attending an approved institution of higher education in New Jersey. Scan the QR Code for a list of approved institutions in our state.



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Both programs primarily apply to the Fall and/or Spring semesters, but may also be available for the summer term if the student is enrolled at least half-time (STB) or full-time (LEOM), did not already receive the maximum number of payments, and is graduating at the end of the summer term of the same academic year they received a scholarship payment in the previous Fall or Spring.

To apply for either scholarship, create or log into your NJFAMS account at: njfams.hesaa.org

