

NJ Resource Guide for Women

Section VIII:

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**NJ Department of Community Affairs
Division on Women
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NJ Department of Education

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P.O. Box 500
Trenton, NJ 08625-0500

Phone: (609) 292-4469

Web: <http://www.state.nj.us/education/index.html>

- ◆ The department provides information to parents, students, educators and staff on topics ranging from school district contact information, school performance and ranking, health and safety, special programs, job openings, and various other topics.

NJ Department of Education Informational Website Links:

Parents Circle

Web: <http://www.state.nj.us/education/parents/>

- ◆ Information for parents about choosing schools, laws and policy, transportation eligibility, school health and safety, special needs, etc.

NJ Students

Web: <http://www.state.nj.us/education/students/>

- ◆ Information for students about what schools should provide like k-8 programs, high school requirements, health and safety, etc.

NJ Partners

Web: <http://www.state.nj.us/education/partners/>

- ◆ Resources to help parents, teachers and students to collaborate like information about the Parent Teacher Association and the New Jersey Education Association.

Project Child Find

Toll Free: 1-800-322-8174

- ◆ Project CHILD FIND is a free referral service and public awareness campaign to assist in the identification of unserved/underserved youth with a delay or disability from birth through twenty-one years of age.

U.S. Department of Education

400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202

Toll Free: 1 (800) USA-LEARN (872-53276)

TTY: 1 (800) 437-0833

Fax: (202) 401-0689

Web: <http://www.ed.gov/index.jsp>

E-mail: customerservice@inet.ed.gov

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NJ Commission on Higher Education – Grants & Scholarships

New Jersey Commission on Higher Education

20 West State Street, 7th Floor

P. O. Box 542

Trenton, NJ 08625-0542

Phone: (609) 292-4310

Fax: (609) 292-7225

Web: <http://www.state.nj.us/highereducation/>

- ◆ The New Jersey Commission on Higher Education provides coordination, planning, policy development, and advocacy for the state's higher education system. The Commission is also responsible for institutional licensure and the administration of the Educational Opportunity Fund and other programs. It also consults with The Higher Education Student Assistance Association (HESAA) on student assistance matters.

College Bound Grant Program

Phone: (609) 292-2955

Web: http://www.nj.gov/highereducation/grants/college_bound.htm

- ◆ The College Bound Grant Program addresses the educational needs and aspirations of urban/minority youth in grades 6-12. It supports pre-college educational enrichment activities to help ensure completion of secondary school; to increase college admission, retention, and graduation rates of these students; and to encourage the successful pursuit of postsecondary education in the sciences, mathematics, or technology.

College Bound Grant Programs exist at the following colleges:

- Burlington County College
- College of New Jersey
- Essex County College
- Kean University
- Mercer County Community College
- New Jersey City University
- New Jersey Institute of Technology
- Passaic County Community College
- Ramapo College of New Jersey
- Rowan University

NJ Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (NJ GEAR UP)

Phone: (609) 292-2955

Web: <http://www.nj.gov/highereducation/gearup/>

- ◆ NJ GEAR UP recruits and serves students from twelve middle and seven high schools in the cities of Camden, Jersey City, Newark, and Trenton. Students participating in GEAR UP receive educational support and assistance to complete high school and enroll in a college or university. To be eligible to participate in the NJ GEAR UP program, students must enter the program in 7th or 8th grade, meet family income requirements, and attend one of the target schools (<http://www.state.nj.us/highereducation/#target>).

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Target Schools:

Camden

- Cooper's Poynt Elementary School
- R. T. Cream Elementary School
- Camden High School
- Woodrow Wilson High School

Jersey City

- PS #14
- PS #40
- PS #41
- Lincoln High School
- Henry Snyder High School

Newark

- Hawkins Elementary School
- Ridge Street Elementary School
- Barringer High School
- East Side High School

Trenton

- Hedgepeth-Williams Middle School
- Holland Middle School
- Martin Luther King Middle School
- Trenton Central High School
- Trenton High School West
- Joyce Kilmer ESLuis Munoz Rivera ES

Special Needs Grant Program

Phone: (609) 292-2955

Web: http://www.state.nj.us/highereducation/grants/special_needs.htm

- ◆ The Special Needs Grant Program provides assistance to auditorily impaired, visually impaired, and learning-disabled students. Currently there are eight centers located throughout the state providing direct assistance to auditory impaired, visually impaired, and learning disabled students.

Centers Specializing in Assisting Students with Hearing Impairments:

- ◆ The Center for Collegiate Deaf Education at Bergen Community College
- Mid-Atlantic Postsecondary Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing at Camden County College

Regional Centers that Assist Students with Learning Disabilities:

- Project Assist at Cumberland Community College
- Regional Center at Fairleigh Dickenson University
- Central Regional Connections at Middlesex Community College
- Project Mentor at New Jersey City University
- Project Academic Skills Support at Ocean County Community College

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Additionally:

- Adaptive Technology Center for NJ Colleges at the College of New Jersey

Education of Language Minority Students Grant Program:

20 West State Street, 7th Floor

P. O. Box 542

Trenton, NJ 08625-0542

Phone: (609) 292-4310/2955

Fax: (609) 292-7225

Web: <http://www.state.nj.us/highereducation/grants/elms.htm>

- ◆ The Education of Language Minority Students Grant Program provides seed money to develop or strengthen programs for language minority students who are residents of New Jersey.

Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF):

20 West State Street, 7th Floor

P. O. Box 542

Trenton, NJ 08625-0542

Phone: (609) 984-2709

Fax: (609) 292-7225/633-8420

Email: glang@che.state.nj.us

Web: <http://www.nj.gov/highereducation/EOF/>

Contact: Dr. Glenn Lang, EOF Executive Director

- ◆ The Educational Opportunity Fund is one of the nation's most comprehensive and successful state-supported efforts to provide access to higher education for economically and educationally disadvantaged students. It assists low-income residents who are capable and motivated but lack adequate preparation for college study. To be eligible, students must be New Jersey residents and must apply to a New Jersey college or university and file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Grants are generally available to students from families with a background of poverty, whose annual income falls within a set scale and who meet the academic criteria set by the institution of their choice.

EOF Graduate Grants:

20 West State Street, 7th Floor

P. O. Box 542

Trenton, NJ 08625-0542

Phone: (609) 292-4310 / (609) 984-2709

Fax: (609) 292-7225

Web: http://www.nj.gov/highereducation/EOF/EOF_Eligibility.htm

- ◆ The objective of the graduate EOF program is to increase participation in graduate and professional study of New Jersey residents from backgrounds of historical poverty. Priority in granting EOF graduate grants shall be given to students who received the EOF undergraduate grant. Applications are available through the Graduate Office and/or the EOF Campus Director at the educational institution.

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Eligibility:

- New Jersey resident 12 consecutive months prior to receiving the award
- Students attending graduate school at out-of-state institutions are not eligible for EOF graduate grants
- Students who received EOF grants as undergraduates shall be given priority consideration for EOF graduate grants as long as they continue to demonstrate financial need
- Other students must meet rules governing state residency, and non-citizens and resident alien status respectively, the EOF financial eligibility criteria and be full-time graduate students as defined by the institution offering the graduate program of study; and attend an eligible institution participating in the Fund
- Students may not receive an EOF graduate grant to pursue a second graduate or professional degree at the same level of study for which he or she has already been funded
- Graduate degree and certificate programs must have a minimum requirement of 24 equivalent semester hours and be at least one academic year in duration

Clyde Ferguson Law Scholarships

20 West State Street, 7th Floor

P. O. Box 542

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Phone: (609) 292-4310

Fax: (609) 292-7225

Web: http://www.nj.gov/highereducation/EOF/EOF_Eligibility.htm#clyde

- ◆ These scholarships are open to students who fall within the income guidelines, or to minority or disadvantaged students with demonstrated financial need, are former or current recipients of the EOF undergraduate or graduate grant, or as undergraduates who would have been eligible to receive the EOF grant. All recipients must be New Jersey residents for 12 consecutive months prior to receiving the award and must be enrolled full-time in a program leading toward an initial law degree through either the Minority Student Program at Rutgers University School of Law - Newark, or at Rutgers University School of Law - Camden, or Seton Hall University Law School. Applications can be obtained through the Graduate Office or the EOF Campus Director at the educational institution.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Physician and Dentist Scholarship

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Fax: (609) 292-7225

Web: http://www.nj.gov/highereducation/EOF/EOF_Eligibility.htm#martin

- ◆ This scholarship is open to students who fall within the income guidelines and who are minority students included in one of the ethnic groups recognized by the Association of American Medical Colleges or the American Association of Dental Schools as underrepresented in the medical or dental professions, or students who are former or current recipients of the New Jersey EOF Article III undergraduate or graduate grant; or those students who would have been eligible as undergraduates

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for the NJ EOF Article III student grant. Recipients must be legal residents of the State of New Jersey for at least two (2) years immediately before receiving the scholarship and must plan to enroll full-time in a program leading toward a medical degree at UMDNJ.

NJ Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA) – Grants & Scholarships

New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA)

P. O. Box 540

Trenton, NJ 08625

Phone: 1 (800) 792-8670

Web: <http://www.hesaa.org/>

- ◆ The New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority's mission is to provide students and families with the financial and informational resources for students to pursue their education beyond high school. It provides aid to students and parents through grants, scholarships and loans.

Tuition Aid Grant (TAG) Program

Toll Free: 1 (800) 792-8670

Web: <http://www.hesaa.org/index.php?page=tuition-aid-grant-tag>

- ◆ New Jersey's Tuition Aid Grant (TAG) program is one of the nation's largest financial aid programs. Depending on a student's need, a TAG award can cover close to the full cost of tuition at a public college or a portion of that cost. The program also offers sizeable awards to attend in-state private institutions. One in every three full-time New Jersey students receives TAG, and awards may be used at nearly all New Jersey postsecondary institutions, including community colleges, state colleges and private schools. To get the best idea of a family's ability to pay higher education expenses, eligibility for TAG is determined by a review of many factors, such as family income and assets, family size and the number in college. The cost of attendance is also taken into consideration. To apply a student must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Renewal FAFSA.

Part-Time Tuition Aid Grant Program for County College Students

Phone: 1 (800) 792-8670

Web: <http://www.hesaa.org/index.php?page=part-time-tuition-aid-grant-tag>

- ◆ Within the limits of available funding, this program provides pro-rated awards to New Jersey county college students taking 6 to 11 credits per term, who are otherwise eligible for the Tuition Aid Grant Program.

Eligibility Requirements Students Must Demonstrate:

- Financial need for the grant.
- Residency in the State of New Jersey for at least 12 consecutive months immediately prior to receiving the award.
- US citizenship or eligible non-citizenship.
- Registration with the Selective Service, if required to do so.
- Enrollment at an approved New Jersey County College.
- Enrollment in an undergraduate degree or certificate program taking between 6-11 credits per term.

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Additionally, students must:

- Not have a baccalaureate degree or associates degree.
- Not have a maximum number of grant payments allowable.
- Be in good academic standing and satisfactory academic progress.
- Not be in default on a federal or student loan or owe a refund on a federal or state student grant.
- Not be enrolled in a program leading to a degree in theology or divinity.
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Renewal FAFSA.

Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars

Toll Free: 1 (800) 792-8670

Web: <http://www.hesaa.org/index.php?page=edward-j-bloustein-distinguished-and-urban-scholars-award>

- ◆ This scholarship is awarded to students who place in the top 10% of their classes and have a minimum combined SAT score of 1260, or are ranked first, second or third in their class as of the end of the junior year. (NJ students attending out-of-state secondary schools must rank in the top 10% of their class and have combined SAT scores of at least 1260.)

Urban Scholars Program

Toll Free: 1 (800) 792-8670

Web: <http://www.hesaa.org/index.php?page=urban-scholars-award>

- ◆ High achieving students attending public secondary schools in the State's urban and economically distressed areas (Type A and B school districts as defined by the New Jersey Department of Education) may be selected as Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars under funding provided through the Urban Scholars Program. Students who rank in the top 10% of their class and have a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 or equivalent scale) at the end of their junior year are considered for Urban Scholar awards.

Dana Christmas Scholarship for Heroism

Toll Free: 1 (800) 792-8670

Web: <http://www.hesaa.org/index.php?page=dana-christmas-scholarship-for-heroism>

- ◆ This scholarship will recognize and honor young New Jerseyans for exceptional acts of heroism. Five one-time scholarships of up to \$10,000 can be awarded annually.

Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Scholarship Program

Toll Free: 1 (800) 792-8670

Web: <http://www.hesaa.org/index.php?page=law-enforcement-officer-memorial-scholarship-leoms>

- ◆ To be eligible for this scholarship a student must be a dependent child of a New Jersey law enforcement officer killed in the line of duty.

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New Jersey World Trade Center Scholarship Fund

Toll Free: 1 (800) 792-8670

Web: <http://www.hesaa.org/index.php?page=nj-world-trade-center-scholarship>

- ◆ To be eligible for this scholarship a student must be a dependent child of a New Jersey resident who was killed in the terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001, or who died as a result of injuries received in the attacks, or who are missing and officially presumed dead as a direct result of the attacks.

NJSTARS

Toll Free: 1 (800) 792-8670

Web: <http://www.hesaa.org/index.php?page=nj-stars-i>

- ◆ Students who graduate in the top 20 percent of their high school class are eligible to receive up to five semesters of tuition (up to 15 credits per term) and approved fees free of charge at one of New Jersey's 19 county colleges. To apply a student must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Renewal FAFSA.

NJSTARS II

Toll Free: 1 (800) 792-8670

Web: <http://www.hesaa.org/index.php?page=nj-stars-ii>

- ◆ NJSTARS II is a continuation of the NJSTARS program that will enable successful NJSTARS students to attend a New Jersey four-year public college or university to earn a bachelor's degree, tuition and approved fee free. To be eligible the student must; graduate with an associate degree as an NJSTARS student, attain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, and be accepted and enroll in a baccalaureate degree program.

Outstanding Scholar Recruitment Program

Toll Free: 1 (800) 792-8670

Web: <http://www.hesaa.org/index.php?page=outstanding-scholarship-program>

- ◆ This program aims to increase the enrollment and retention of the State's highest achieving secondary school graduates. Students who meet the eligibility criteria and enroll as first-time freshmen at participating New Jersey institutions receive annual scholarship awards of up to \$7,500. The award amounts vary on a sliding scale depending on class rank and combined SAT scores. To be eligible for renewal, a student must maintain a B average and complete at least 24 credits per academic year, in addition to meeting other renewal requirements. Institutions must participate in the State's Student Unit Record Enrollment (SURE) data collection and reporting system. An institutional participation agreement details eligibility criteria and program requirements. Please note that funding for the year is limited. Please check with your participating New Jersey institution.

Survivor Tuition Benefits Program

Toll Free: 1 (800) 792-8670

Web: <http://www.hesaa.org/index.php?page=survivor-tuition-benefits-stb>

- ◆ To be eligible a student must be a dependent of a law enforcement officer, fire, or emergency services personnel killed in the line of duty.

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General Educational Development (GED) Test NJ Department of Education

Web: <http://www.state.nj.us/njded/students/ged/ged1.htm>

- The GED (General Educational Development) tests are designed by a national organization to measure skills and concepts associated with four years of regular high school instruction. Each test is developed by adult and secondary educators and subject matter specialists. Each of the five tests corresponds to the general framework of most high school curricula: writing skills, social studies, science, interpreting literature and the arts, and mathematics:
- Candidates testing on the Spanish and French editions of the GED Tests are also required to **demonstrate fluency in English** by passing the GED English Proficiency Test 6 with a minimum score of 40.

Official New Jersey GED Testing Centers

Web: <http://www.state.nj.us/cgi-bin/education/ged/centers.pl?string=id&maxhits=100>

- GED tests may only be taken at the GED Testing Centers (<http://www.state.nj.us/cgi-bin/education/ged/centers2.pl?string=co&maxhits=50>) and at other sites approved by the New Jersey State Department of Education and GEDTS. There are certain restrictions on testing and special assistance is available for qualified persons.
- You must contact the Testing Center where you wish to take the GED Tests to find out when the tests are scheduled and how to register for the tests.

COMMUNITY COLLEGES OF NJ

Community Colleges (19)

*All Accredited by Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools
Carnegie Classification: All - Associate's colleges*

Atlantic Cape Community College

Dr. Peter Mora, President
5100 Black Horse Pike
Mays Landing, NJ 08330-2699
609-343-4900

Bergen Community College

Dr. Judith K. Winn, President
400 Paramus Road
Paramus, NJ 07652-1595
201-447-7100

Brookdale Community College

Dr. Peter F. Burnham, President
Newman Springs Road
Lincroft, NJ 07738
732-842-1900

Middlesex County College

Dr. Joann La Perla-Morales, President
P.O. Box 3050
2600 Woodbridge Ave.
Edison, NJ 08818-3050
732-548-6000

County College of Morris

Dr. Edward J. Yaw, President
214 Center Grove Road
Randolph, NJ 07869-2086
973-328-5000

Ocean County College

Dr. Jon H. Larson, President
College Drive
P.O. Box 2001
Toms River, NJ 08754-2001

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Burlington County College

Dr. Robert C. Messina, Jr., President
601 Pemberton Browns Mills Road
Pemberton, NJ 08068-1599
609-894-9311

Camden County College

Dr. Raymond Yannuzzi, Acting President
P.O. Box 200
Blackwood, NJ 08012
856-227-7200

Cumberland County College

Dr. Kenneth L. Ender, President
College Drive
P.O. Box 1500
Vineland, NJ 08362-1500
856-691-8600

Essex County College

Dr. A. Zachary Yamba, President
303 University Ave.
Newark, NJ 07102-1798
973-877-3000

Gloucester County College

Mr. William F. Anderson, President
1400 Tanyard Road
Sewell, NJ 08080
856-468-5000

Hudson County Community College

Dr. Glen Gabert, President
70 Sip Avenue
Jersey City, NJ 07306
201-360-4001

Mercer County Community College

Dr. Thomas N. Wilfrid, Acting President
1200 Old Trenton Road
Trenton, NJ 08690
609-586-4800

732-255-0400

Passaic County Community College

Dr. Steven M. Rose, President
One College Blvd.
Paterson, NJ 07505
973-684-6800

Raritan Valley Community College

Mr. Richard Schaub, Interim President
P.O. Box 3300
Somerville, NJ 08876
908-526-1200

Salem Community College

Dr. Peter B. Contini, President
460 Hollywood Ave.
Carneys Pont, NJ 08069
856-299-2100

Sussex County Community College

Dr. Bradley M. Gottfried, President
One College Hill
Newton, NJ 07860
973-300-2100

Union County College

Dr. Thomas H. Brown, President
1033 Springfield Ave.
Cranford, NJ 07016
908-709-7000

Warren County Community College

Dr. William Austin, President
475 Route 57 West
Washington, NJ 07882-4343
908-835-9222

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*** Spanish Speakers Available**

- ◆ The Department of the Public Advocate is a principal executive department of the state dedicated to making government more accountable and more responsive to the needs of average New Jerseyans. The Public Advocate advocates on behalf of New Jersey citizens, including children, the indigent, senior citizens, people with disabilities, mental illness and consumers utilizing a range of advocacy tools including systemic and class action lawsuits.

Women's Referral Central

Toll Free: 1 (800) 322-8092

24 hours a day/ 7 days a week

- ◆ Provides information and referrals to women in New Jersey through a statewide toll-free telephone line. The Hotline provides referrals and basic information in areas such as discrimination, affordable housing, displaced homemakers, addiction services, continuing education, domestic violence, employment, legal assistance, divorce and separation, violence, health care, sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, child care, child support/custody, single parenting, job training, social services, and services including medical, mental and reproductive health.