

SINCE 1968

# EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FUND



NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF  
**HIGHER  
EDUCATION**



## FOR NEW JERSEY STUDENTS

The New Jersey Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) was created by law in 1968 to ensure meaningful access to higher education for low-income students facing economic and educational barriers. For more than 50 years, EOF has played a vital role in supporting students whose commitment, motivation and potential are deeply rooted in their goals for themselves, their families and their communities. Students supported by EOF are predominantly first-generation and Pell-eligible.

As one of the nation's most comprehensive evidence-based student success programs, it's more than just financial aid. It is a wraparound program that pairs financial aid with intensive academic and social support services to improve student outcomes. EOF campus programs offer educational initiatives, personalized support services and leadership development opportunities that help students thrive in their majors, chosen career fields and an ever-changing world.

Over time, this New Jersey program has become a national model. Students supported by EOF persist and complete at higher rates than similar peers, demonstrating strong program impact.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

1. Must demonstrate an educationally and economically disadvantaged background.
2. Must be a New Jersey resident 12 consecutive months prior to receiving the award.
3. Must apply and be accepted to a participating New Jersey college or university.
4. Must meet the academic criteria as set by the institution of choice.
5. Must file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the New Jersey Alternative Application.
6. Gross Income and Assets must fall within the EOF Financial Eligibility Scale.



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[nj.gov/highereducation](https://nj.gov/highereducation)



## QUICK FACTS

EOF SERVED APPROXIMATELY

# 15,000

COLLEGE STUDENTS

FOR THE 2025-26 ACADEMIC YEAR

UNDERGRADUATE GRANTS  
range from

# \$100 TO \$1,525

PER SEMESTER

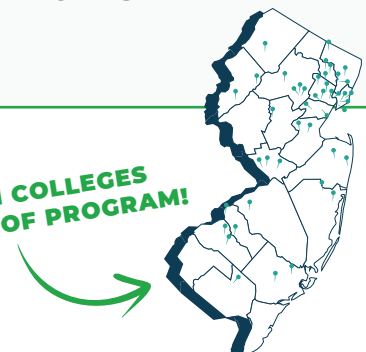
depending on the type of institution,  
enrollment status, and financial need.  
These grants are renewable based upon  
continued eligibility.

# 71

## CAMPUS PROGRAMS

at 40 participating  
institutions throughout  
NEW JERSEY

SEE WHICH COLLEGES  
HAVE AN EOF PROGRAM!



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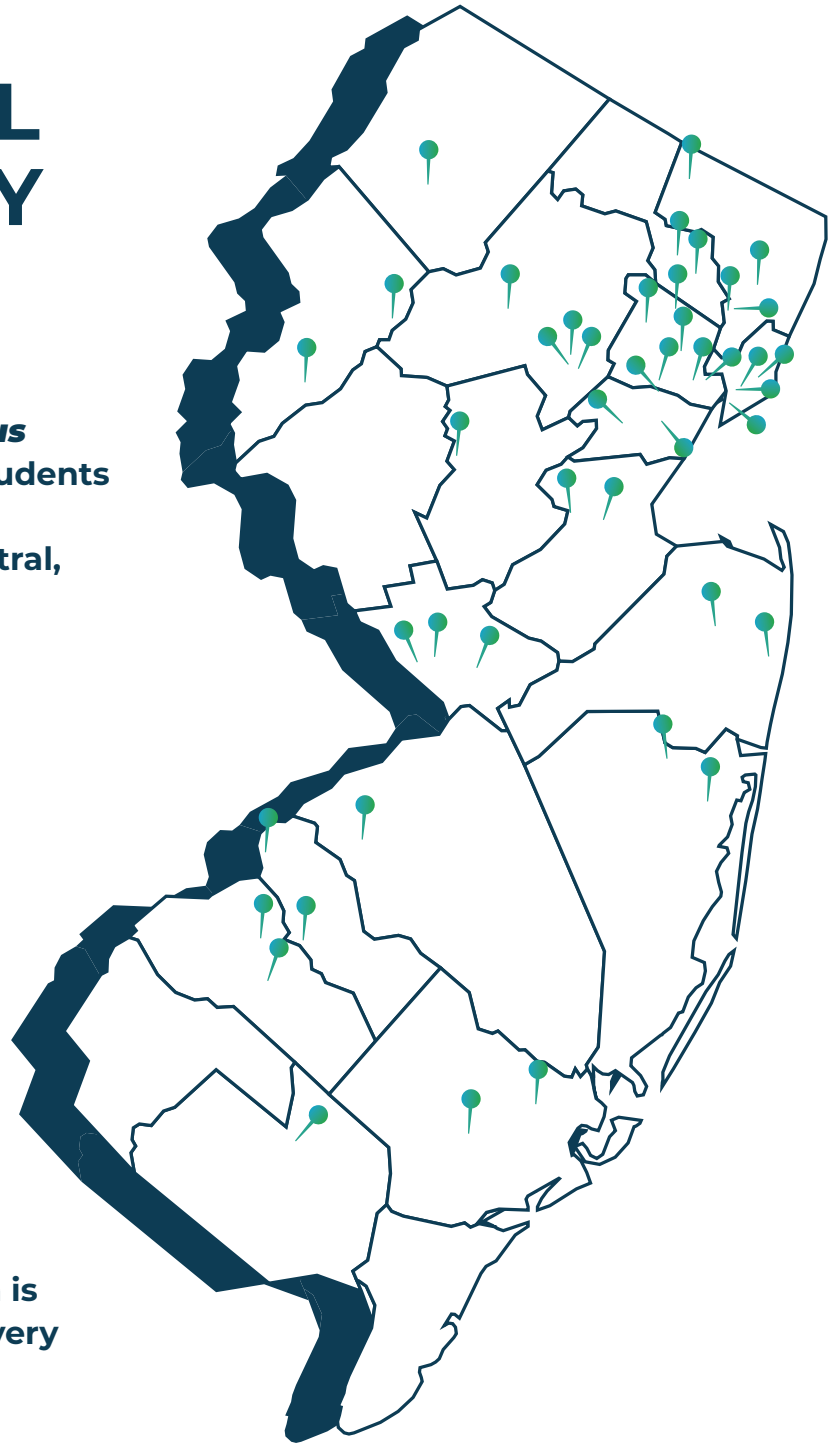
**EOF's statewide network of 71 campus programs** serve New Jersey college students statewide! The program is hosted by colleges and universities in North, Central, and South Jersey.

## Investing in Student Success

Colleges and universities see the value of EOF and respond by going beyond the state's required institutional match.

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The **ultimate goal** of the EOF program is to help participating students along every step of their educational journey, from enrollment to degree completion.



## Strengthening Academic Performance

EOF students may begin college with less extensive academic preparation but with program support go on to achieve high levels of success:

**54%**  
of EOF students earn  
a GPA of 3.0+

**80%**  
of EOF students meet  
academic progress standards