

**To:** NJ Institutions of Higher Education, Undergraduate Students  
**From:** NJ Office of the Secretary of Higher Education,  
NJ Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA)  
**Date:** April 2, 2025  
**Subject:** Call for Student Applications—HESAA Student Advisory Committee

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*Please see the message from HESAA Executive Director Chaly attached.*



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April 2, 2025

Dear New Jersey Institutions of Higher Education,

The Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA) is pleased to announce that the application period for our Student Advisory Committee (SAC) is currently open for the 2025-2026 academic year.

The SAC is established by the HESAA Board of Directors to foster broad, balanced representation of students attending colleges and universities in the Garden State. Members include nine (9) full-time undergraduate students who represent all sectors of New Jersey higher education.

Committee members meet with HESAA staff to discuss and provide feedback on policies and regulations governing State student financial aid programs. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the SAC, who are elected by the Committee, also serve as voting members on the HESAA Board. Joining the SAC is a unique opportunity for students at your institution to participate in shaping New Jersey student aid policy, and we ask you to encourage them to apply.

To be eligible to serve on the Student Advisory Committee, students must meet the following criteria:

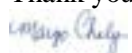
- Be a full-time undergraduate student at a Tuition Aid Grant (TAG)-eligible institute of higher education (IHE) at the time of applying and during the academic year for which the student is applying;
- Be a New Jersey resident; and
- Be a United States citizen, eligible non-citizen, or eligible to file the New Jersey Alternative Financial Aid Application.

The SAC meets a minimum of four (4) times during the academic year, with members choosing the meeting format that best works for them (online or in-person). There is also a mandatory, in-person orientation in June.

We would appreciate your support in sharing this information with applicable campus offices, your Student Government Association, and any other students at your institution who exhibit an interest in policy work concerning higher education and student financial assistance.

Students must complete the online application [here](#) no later than April 25, 2025. If you or your students have any questions, please contact Jennifer Martin at (609) 588-3300 x1207 or [jennifer\\_martin@hesaa.org](mailto:jennifer_martin@hesaa.org).

Thank you,



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