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**N.J.A.C. 9A:11-2.3**

**Take notice** that, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 9A:11-2.3(a), the Educational Opportunity Fund Board of Directors announces an updated EOF Income Eligibility Scale. The EOF Income Eligibility Scale is based on 200 percent of the annual Federal poverty guidelines (that is, doubled) as published annually in the Federal Register.

**Full text** of the changed rule follows (additions indicated in boldface **thus**; deletions indicated in brackets ([thus]):

9A:11-2.3 Financial eligibility for initial Article III student grants

(a) The EOF Income Eligibility Scale is based on 200 percent of the annual Federal poverty guideline (that is, doubled) as published annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services in the Federal Register. This benchmark was established to reflect an eligible target population consistent with the intent of the original legislation. The EOF Executive Director shall inform institutions of annual adjustments to the EOF Income Eligibility Scale each summer, and the gross income limits set forth in this subsection shall be updated through a notice of administrative change published in the New Jersey Register.

1. Except provided in (d), (e), (g), (h), and (i) below, dependent and independent students are financially eligible for an initial Article III student grant if their gross household income does not exceed the applicable amounts set forth in the EOF Income Eligibility Scale, as follows.

Academic Year [2015-2016] **2016-2017**

Applicants with a <u>Household size of</u>	Gross Income <u>Not to Exceed</u>
1	[\$23,340] <b>23,540</b>
2	[31,460] <b>31,860</b>
3	[39,580] <b>40,180</b>
4	[47,700] <b>48,500</b>
5	[55,820] <b>56,820</b>
6	[63,940] <b>65,140</b>
7	[72,060] <b>73,460</b>
8	[80,180] <b>81,780</b>

2. For each additional member of the household, an allowance of \$[8,120] **8,320** shall be added to this amount in order to determine EOF eligibility for the [2015-2016] **2016-2017** academic year.

3. (No change.)

(b)-(k) (No change.)