



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Chief School Administrators
Route To: School Business Administrators/Board Secretaries, District Homeless Liaisons
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Tuition Reimbursement for State-Responsible Homeless Children for 2019-20

The Application for Tuition Reimbursement for State-Responsible Homeless Children and Youth will be available through the New Jersey Department of Education's (NJDOE) [Homeroom webpage](#) on or about May 15, 2020. Applications will be accepted through **June 17, 2020**.

The tuition-reimbursement program provides support to districts for students who meet criteria as specified in *N.J.S.A. 18A:7B-12(d)*. The state assumes fiscal responsibility for the tuition of a student when:

- The district of residence cannot otherwise be determined pursuant to the criteria enumerated in *N.J.S.A. 18A:7B-12*; or
- The criteria in *N.J.S.A. 18A:7B-12* identified a district of residence outside of the State; or
- The child has resided in a domestic violence shelter, transitional living facility or homeless shelter outside of the district of residence for more than one year.

Award notifications will be sent after the application closes, and the payment will be made during Fiscal Year 2020. Reimbursements will be calculated following the close of the school year. The amount of the award is a weighted base per-pupil amount calculated pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-49* and the appropriate special education and security categorical aids per pupil are pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-55* and 56.

For general questions on homeless programs, contact Pheobie Thomas at the NJDOE at (609) 376-9080. For general or technical questions regarding the online application or the reimbursement amount, email inquiries to SRHT@doe.nj.gov.

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