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Dear High School Administrator:

This is a friendly reminder to upload your class rank information to HESAA's New Jersey Financial Aid Management System (NJFAMS) by **November 1, 2023**. Your information about the class of 2024 students who rank in the **top 15.0% as of the end of 11th grade** will identify students who are eligible to receive a valuable merit scholarship at a New Jersey college or university in academic year 2024-2025. Our <u>High School</u> <u>Counselor's User Manual</u> will assist you with this process, including instructions on how to download the template for formatting the data and how to upload your data to NJFAMS.

Your school's employees who already have NJFAMS user IDs and passwords may login to NJFAMS with those same credentials. If no employee at your high school has authorized credentials, please request NJFAMS access via HESAA's <u>online form</u>. NJFAMS access is exclusively for the use of authorized personnel at your school, so please protect your assigned User ID and password to keep HESAA's database secure. For help with NJFAMS logins, please contact <u>helpdesk@hesaa.org</u>.

Your school's IT Department should ensure that e-mails from HESAA and NJFAMS are not blocked or restricted to ensure the timely transmission of data. After the November 1 deadline, HESAA will begin contacting students via the email you provided on the roster to let them know of their potential eligibility for NJ STARS and/or GUS awards. If your roster includes student e-mail addresses that your high school administers, please consider unblocking "njfams.hesaa.org" as a trusted external sender, so your students will not miss out on information about valuable scholarship opportunities.

I would like to thank you and your staff for your continued cooperation. By sending this crucial information, you enable HESAA to inform students in your high school's class of 2024 about significant financial assistance that can help them pay for college next fall. If you or members of your staff have any questions, please feel free to email us at <u>NJSTARS@hesaa.org</u>.

Sincerely,

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