



STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: May 20, 2026
To: Chief School Administrators
Route To: School Business Administrators, Board Secretaries, District Homeless Liaisons
From: Allen Dupree, Director
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Division of Finance and Business Services
Deadline: June 10, 2026

Tuition Reimbursement for State-Responsible Homeless Children for 2025-2026

The Application for Tuition Reimbursement for State-Responsible Homeless Children and Youth will be available through the New Jersey Department of Education's [Homerom](#) webpage on or about **May 20, 2026**. Applications will be accepted through **June 10, 2026**.

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 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 all questions regarding the program, email srht@doe.nj.gov.