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EOF GRADUATE GRANT APPLICATION ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027

Deadlines:

Term	EOF Discretionary and Non-Funded Appeals
Fall 2026	September 29, 2026
Spring 2027	February 16, 2027

Term	Last Day to Award All Graduate Students
Fall 2026	October 7, 2026
Spring 2027	February 24, 2027

Term	Final Time Period to Certify and Request Payment
Fall 2026	October 12 th – 16 th
Spring 2027	March 1 st – March 5 th

Graduate Student Eligibility (N.J.A.C. 9A:11-3.2):

- a) The academic deficiencies that identify the undergraduate student as educationally disadvantaged do not apply at the graduate level. The graduate EOF program is designed to provide an opportunity for New Jersey residents whose undergraduate record reflects the potential for advanced study beyond the baccalaureate degree. Eligible students shall have economic backgrounds that reflect a history of poverty as described in N.J.A.C. 9A:11-2.2(b)1 through 5.
- b) Students who received Article III EOF grants as undergraduates shall be given priority consideration for Article III graduate grants. These students are presumed to have met the financial eligibility criteria (as outlined in N.J.A.C. 9A:11-2.3) for graduate EOF as long as they continue to demonstrate financial need.
- c) To be initially eligible for an EOF Article III graduate student grant, a student must demonstrate that they:
 1. Meet N.J.A.C. 9A:9-2.2 and 2.3, which are the Tuition Aid Grant and Garden State Scholarship programs' rules governing residency, and noncitizens and resident aliens, respectively;
 2. Meet the financial criteria established in N.J.A.C. 9A:11-2.3, Financial eligibility for initial Article III student grants;
 3. Is or will be a full-time graduate student as defined by the institution offering the graduate program of study; and

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4. Are admitted to and enrolled full-time as defined by the participating institution in a curriculum leading to a graduate degree or certificate at an institution participating in the Fund, provided that the student has not already received a graduate or professional degree at the same level of study for which the student is applying. Graduate degree and certificate programs must have a minimum requirement equivalent to 24 semester hours and be at least one academic year in duration.
- d) Students shall not receive assistance under the programs administered by the Board if they owe a refund on a grant or scholarship previously received from a State or Federal program through any institution or are in default on any loan made under any State or Federal student financial assistance program at any institution. However, such students may receive State financial assistance if they make satisfactory repayment arrangements with the appropriate office.
- e) Students attending out-of-State institutions are not eligible for Article III graduate grants.
- f) Students shall not receive an initial graduate grant in their last semester of enrollment.

Additional details regarding the EOF Graduate Grant program can be found within the EOF regulations: <https://www.nj.gov/highereducation/documents/pdf/EOF/EOFRegulations.pdf>.

EOF Graduate Grant Request Amount

EOF Graduate Grant Award Table		
	Semester Minimum	Semester Maximum
State Colleges and Universities	\$100.00	\$1,425.00
Independent Universities	\$100.00	\$1,700.00
Public Research Universities	\$100.00	\$1,700.00
Biomedical and Health Sciences Schools	\$100.00	\$2,450.00

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I. Institution Information

1. What institution is the student attending for their graduate degree?
 2. (Rutgers Graduate Students Only) Please indicate which school the student's graduate program resides within:
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II. Student Information

1. Please provide the following information:
 - a. First Name:
 - b. Middle Initial:
 - c. Last Name:
 - d. NJHESAA ID#:
 - e. Address:
 - f. City:
 - g. State:
 - h. Zip Code:
 - i. Length of NJ Residency (# of years and months):
 2. Gender
 - a. Male
 - b. Female
 - c. Non-binary
 - d. Do not wish to identify.
 3. Race/Ethnicity
 - a. White
 - b. Black or African American
 - c. American Indian or Alaska Native
 - d. Asian
 - e. Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
 - f. Hispanic, of any race
 - g. Two or more races
 - h. Other (please specify)
 - i. Do not wish to identify.
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III. Academic Background

1. Semester(s) of Academic Year 2026 - 2027 requesting aid for:
 - a. Fall 2026 and Spring 2027
 - b. Fall 2026 Only
 - c. Spring 2027 Only
2. Did the student receive EOF as an undergraduate?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
3. If the student received EOF as an undergraduate, what institution did the student attend most recently?
4. Date of undergraduate graduation:
5. What degree level is the student seeking EOF Graduate Grant funding support for?
6. Did the student previously receive a graduate degree?
7. If the student previously received a graduate degree, please indicate the level of graduate degree received:
8. If the student previously received a graduate degree, please indicate the specific type of graduate degree received (e.g., MS, MPH, MBA, MFA, Ph.D., M.D., J.D., Psy.D., Ed.D., etc.):
9. If the student previously received a graduate degree, please indicate the graduate institution:
10. Did the student **previously** receive an **EOF graduate grant**?
11. If the student previously received an EOF graduate grant, please indicate the number of payments:

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12. If the student previously received an EOF graduate grant, please indicate the semester when the first payment was received (i.e. Fall 20XX or Spring 20XX):
 13. What is the student's graduate degree department (i.e. Education, Psychology, etc.)?
 14. What is the student's graduate degree program (i.e. Educational Leadership, Clinical Psychology, Medicine, etc.)?
 15. Please fill out the following information about your current graduate degree program:
 - a. Number of credits required for degree:
 - b. Number of credits required for full-time status:
 - c. Number of credits enrolled for Fall 2025:
 - d. Number of credits enrolled for Spring 2026:
 - e. Number of cumulative credits towards this graduate degree earned to date:
 - f. Cumulative graduate GPA:
 - g. Expected date of completion/graduation (mm/yyyy):
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IV. Financial Information

1. Please report the student's and/or spouse total Adjusted Gross Income (as reported in NJFAMS). *Note: Although the student may be currently eligible to be classified as an independent student, please be sure to carefully review the student's financial information to help establish a history of poverty (per 9A:11-3.3 of the EOF regulations). For example, if the student would not have qualified as an undergraduate student, it is unlikely they will qualify for a graduate grant.*
2. Please report the student's household size (as reported in NJFAMS).
3. Please enter the student's Untaxed Income (as reported in NJFAMS) by source below. *Note: If a source doesn't apply enter 0. Please be sure to include the **Total Untaxed Income** amount at the bottom.*
 - a. Payments to tax deferred plans:
 - b. IRA deductions/payments to qualified plans:
 - c. Child support received:
 - d. Veterans benefits:
 - e. Tax exempt interest income:
 - f. Untaxed portions of IRA distributions and pensions:
 - g. Military/Clergy allowances:

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- h. Veterans noneducation benefits:
 - i. Other untaxed income:
 - j. Money received or paid on student's behalf:
 - k. **Total Untaxed Income (sum of a-j):**

- 4. Please provide information about the student's Assets (as reported in NJFAMS).
*Note: If a category doesn't apply enter 0. Please be sure to include the **Total Assets** amount.*
 - a. Cash, savings, checking:
 - b. Investments:
 - c. Business/Investment Farm:
 - d. **Total Assets (sum of a-c):**

- 5. Does the student owe a refund on any grant or scholarship?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

- 6. Is this student in default on any student loan?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

- 7. If the student is in default on a loan, have they provided documentation to verify that they have made formal repayment arrangements?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No