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Your college degree is closer than you think.

Frequently Asked Questions

? How do I apply to college?

Make a list of the schools you're interested in and, if possible, schedule tours of their campuses. If you are interested in a school, be sure to apply. You can find application requirements on each school's website, or contact the Admissions Office for additional information.

? What's the difference between an associate and bachelor's degree?

An associate degree typically takes two years to achieve, while a bachelor's degree usually requires four years and delves deeper into a topic of study. New Jersey college students can earn their associate degree at a two-year community college, and then transfer their credits to a four-year school to earn their bachelor's. Students may be able to earn a more affordable bachelor's degree with the state's Community College Opportunity Grant and Garden State Guarantee financial aid programs.

? Am I eligible for New Jersey financial aid?

New Jersey offers a wide variety of grants and scholarships. Eligibility for college financial aid in New Jersey depends on various factors, such as financial need, academic performance, residency status, and the type of college/university you choose to attend. Complete a financial aid application to find out whether you are eligible for any of the financial aid available in our state.

? How do I apply for financial aid?

Most students will need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to be considered for both federal and State financial aid. If you are ineligible to apply for federal financial aid, you may still be eligible to apply for State aid if you qualify as an NJ Dreamer. In that case, complete the New Jersey Alternative Financial Aid Application.

? What should I do if I am ineligible to apply for federal financial aid?

If you are ineligible to apply for federal financial aid, you may still be eligible to apply for State aid if you qualify as an NJ Dreamer. You may qualify as an NJ Dreamer if you attended a New Jersey high school for at least 3 years, graduated from a New Jersey high school or received the equivalent of a high school diploma in New Jersey, and are able to file an affidavit stating that you have filed an application to legalize your immigration status or will file an application as soon you are eligible to do so. If you are an NJ Dreamer, apply for State aid by completing the New Jersey Alternative Financial Aid Application instead of the FAFSA.



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