



**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF HIGHER EDUCATION
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM (EOF)
STUDENT SELECTION, AWARDING, & PAYMENT PROCESSING CALENDAR
FOR THE 2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR****

Selection, awarding, certifying and requesting payment for EOF students is a process that requires the involvement of both the EOF campus program and their respective institution's financial aid office.

EOF Campus Programs Selecting and Awarding Students (This process is facilitated by the Campus EOF program. They are responsible for placing students on the EOF "Approved & Eligible Roster" within the NJFAMS EOF Portal)		
EOF Central Roster Processing Schedule: (The following dates are when programs must submit the EOF Roster Processing sheet to the EOF Central Office to have their Awarded students moved from "Qualified" to "Awarded" Status. Programs must award for both the Fall and Spring terms. Submissions must be received by 12pm.)	Fall 2025 September: 11 th , 25 th October: 9 th , 23 rd November: 6 th , 20 th December: 4 th	Spring 2026 January: 8 th , 22 nd February: 5 th , 19 th March: 5 th , 19 th
Fall 2025 Term	DEADLINE	
EOF Discretionary and Non-Funded Appeals	November 13, 2025	
Last Day to Award All EOF Students	December 4, 2025	
Spring 2026 Term	DEADLINE	
EOF Discretionary and Non-Funded Appeals	February 26, 2026	
Last Day to Award All EOF Students	March 19, 2026	

College/University Financial Aid Office EOF Certification and Payment Request (This process is facilitated by the Campus Financial Aid Office within the institutional portal of NJFAMS). <i>Institutions may not certify and request payment until the Monday following each of the above identified EOF Campus Program Roster processing dates. December 15th is the final date to request payment for the Fall 2025 term; March 30th is the final date to request payment for the Spring 2026 term.)</i>	
Fall 2025 Term	Final Time Period to Certify and Request Payment
ALL EOF Students	December 8 th – December 15 th
Spring 2026 Term	Final Time Period to Certify and Request Payment
All EOF Students	March 23 rd – March 30 th

** Programs must refer to the HESAA Deadline and Processing Calendar for:
FAFSA FILING DEADLINE

Incomplete Applications/Corrections/Verification/Task Completion/Appeals/Add a College

Reminder: FAFSA/NJ Alternative Financial Aid Application Deadline for EOF Grant consideration:
Fall 2025/Spring 2026 – September 15, 2025
Spring 2026 Consideration Only – February 15, 2026