

**Student Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: (H): \_\_\_\_\_ (C): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of HS Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

**New Jersey Student Tuition Assistance Reward Scholarship (NJ STARS) Policies:**

*This list is abridged and does not, nor can it, list every situation/circumstance that may occur under the NJ STARS program.*

1. NJ STARS students are required to complete the 2021–2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov). RCSJ’s Federal School Code is **006901**. The FAFSA application must be completed by the 2021–2022 deadline stated on [hesaa.org/Pages/StateDeadlinesNextAY.aspx](http://hesaa.org/Pages/StateDeadlinesNextAY.aspx)
2. Also use the above referenced website for the 2021–2022 deadline to complete your State grant record with the State of Jersey’s Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA) at [njfams.hesaa.org](http://njfams.hesaa.org). This is a requirement for every semester.
3. NJ STARS students must be in the **Top 15.0 percent** of their junior or senior year graduating class of 2019, 2020 or 2021.
4. Please note that the NJ STAR scholarship is an **in-county, tuition only, “last resort”** fund. All funds including grants, scholarships, waivers, third party checks and allowances will be paid to the student’s account before the amount of NJ STARS will be determined and awarded, however award adjustments may be necessary if other funding comes in later. Students whose funding exceeds the amount of their tuition will be coded as a “Non-Funded” NJ STARS recipient.
5. **At the time the check is sent to RCSJ**, other scholarships and third party checks **must** have a letter accompanying it stating that the monies must be applied only towards fees and/or books in order for the NJ STARS award amount to not be lowered.
6. NJ STARS students must submit a final high school transcript dated **after** their graduation date, with class rank and class size in order to determine eligibility for the NJ STARS award. If the NJSTARS student was *only Junior-Year eligible*, a letter from their High School will also be required to determine eligibility.
7. NJ STARS will **only cover full semesters of college-level classes**. All developmental/remedial classes must be taken before the NJ STARS can be awarded and they also must be completed before September 1, of the year post high school graduation.
8. NJ STARS students are eligible to be coded as NJ STARS/“Non-Funded” NJ STARS with the State of NJ for **up to five (5) semesters**, at a maximum of 18 credits per semester. This includes any semesters for which the student was eligible to be coded but was not, due to outstanding requirements for RCSJ and/or the State of NJ.
9. NJ STARS does **not** include Summer or Winter sessions. In addition, students majoring in areas that require an additional (sixth) semester (for example, nursing and engineering) must pay for the additional semester, but may be able to retain their eligibility for NJ STARS II status.
10. Unless the student has an approved exemption, all eligible students **must maintain** full-time (12 or more) college-level credits **at all times** during their RCSJ enrollment. For an approved exemption, a minimum enrollment of 6 credits is required. If less than 12 credits is needed to graduate in a student’s last semester, the student will need to have an advisor email the RCSJ Financial Aid NJ STARS Administrator to confirm.
11. **All Out-of-County NJ STARS students must have an approved chargeback form completed every semester** with the RCSJ Business Office. You can visit the forms section on the RCSJ Business Office website at [RCSJ.edu/BusinessOffice](http://RCSJ.edu/BusinessOffice) or contact them directly at 856-415-2226 for more information regarding the deadlines and chargeback procedures.
12. The NJ STARS’ academic progress policy requires that all students achieve a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average by the start of their third semester of enrollment and also **requires that NJ STARS students achieve a minimum cumulative 3.25 GPA by graduation**. Students **will lose their eligibility** for the NJ STAR scholarship (I and II) **if they fail to maintain satisfactory academic progress** in accordance with the NJ STARS academic progress policy. In addition, an **Enrichment Program** is **required** if at the start of your second semester your GPA is below a 3.0 cumulative grade point average.
13. NJ STARS students must also maintain the Standard Academic Policy established by the Office of Financial Aid at RCSJ.
14. Students must enroll in a full-time course of study no later than the fifth semester following high school graduation.
15. **NJ STARS students who are not attending must drop their classes before the semester begins. Failure to do so may result in owing a bill. NJ STARS will not cover the cost of tuition or related fees for courses that are dropped (after the semester has begun), never attended or withdrawn. Students will be held responsible for these charges.**
16. Regardless whether or not a student receives any form of financial aid (including, but not limited to the NJ STAR scholarship, grants, loans, other scholarships and/or tuition waivers), the student must understand that they are **personally held fully responsible** for all financial charges that they accrue at RCSJ. RCSJ may permit a student to register before determining a student’s eligibility for the NJ STAR scholarship and other forms of financial aid.

**If, for any reason, a student should become ineligible for the NJ STAR scholarship or other types of financial aid, the student agrees to pay their account in full including any collection and/or attorney’s fees that may be incurred by or on behalf of the College to satisfy the student’s personal financial obligations.**

By signing this form, the student confirms that they have **read and understand** the NJ STARS Agreement.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
 NJ STARS Administrator: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Please see the Financial Aid website for important additional NJ STARS information