

Student Information:

Name: _____ Student ID #: _____

New Jersey Student Tuition Assistance Reward Scholarship I (NJ STARS I), 3 + 1 Program, 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 2026–2027 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at studentaid.gov. RCSJ's Federal School Code is **006901**. The FAFSA application must be completed by the 2026–2027 deadline stated on hesaa.org/Pages/StateDeadlinesNextAY.aspx
2. Please use the above referenced website for the 2026–2027 deadline to complete your State grant record with the State of New Jersey's Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA) at njfams.hesaa.org. This is a requirement for every semester.
3. NJ STARS I students **must** have graduated with an associate degree, a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher **and** be a New Jersey Resident.
4. Students must be coded with the State of NJ as NJ STARS I/ "Non-Funded" NJ STARS I during the semester of county college graduation. Students whose program requires an additional sixth semester are an exception, in which the student must be coded during their fifth semester.
5. Please note that the NJ STAR scholarship is an **in-county, tuition only, "last dollar"** 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.
6. 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 I award amount to not be lowered.
7. NJ STARS students are eligible to be coded as NJ STARS I/ "Non-Funded" NJ STARS I with the State of NJ for up to two (2) semesters, at a maximum of 18 credits per semester. This includes any semester for which the student was eligible to be coded but was not, due to outstanding requirements for RCSJ and/or the State of NJ.
8. NJ STARS I does **not** include Summer or Winter sessions.
9. Unless the student has an approved exemption, all eligible students must always maintain full-time (12 or more) college-level credits during their RCSJ enrollment. For an approved exemption, a minimum enrollment of 6 credits is required.
10. The NJ STARS I 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, in addition, it requires that NJ STARS I 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.
11. NJ STARS I students must have a completed file and maintain the Standard Academic Policy established by the Office of Financial Aid at RCSJ.
12. NJ STARS I 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 I will not cover the cost of tuition for courses that are dropped during the refund period, reported as never attended or withdrawn prior to NJ STARS certification. Students will be held responsible for these charges.
13. Regardless of whether 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 NJSTAR 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.

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Student Signature: _____ Date: _____