



**2020-2021  
Financial Aid Office  
NJ STARS  
Participant Responsibilities**



In order to receive funding under the New Jersey Student Tuition Assistance Reward Scholarship (NJ STARS), there are certain obligations/requirements that a prospective NJ STARS recipient must meet or perform.

Please **initial each line** and **sign/date bottom** to show you understand your obligations.

**IN ORDER TO RECEIVE NJ STARS FUNDING I MUST**

\_\_\_\_\_ File a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year by April 15th if you were eligible for a Tuition Aid Grant in the previous academic year or by September 15<sup>th</sup> if you were not eligible for a Tuition Aid Grant. You must meet all published NJHESAA filing and completion deadlines to qualify (DEADLINES SUBJECT TO CHANGE).

\_\_\_\_\_ Show "College Readiness" by the required deadline date. I either: must have the required SAT scores submitted to the College or have passed ALL SECTIONS OF THE ACCUPLACER TEST BEFORE TAKING ANY COLLEGE LEVEL COURSES and expect NJ STARS to cover tuition.

\_\_\_\_\_ Pay for all classes in which I enroll if I have not demonstrated "College Readiness".

\_\_\_\_\_ Complete any developmental courses required by the start of the fall term in the year following my high school graduation (graduate from high school 2020, developmental courses completed by Fall 2020).

\_\_\_\_\_ Pay all fees and costs of books. I understand that NJ STARS pays for tuition only for a maximum of five semesters. NJ STARS must be enrolled full time, up to 18 credits.

\_\_\_\_\_ Enroll in a two-year degree program at Sussex County Community College and complete my degree within five semesters.

\_\_\_\_\_ Have my high school MAIL an official copy of my final high school transcript (with seal) AFTER graduation showing FINAL rank in class and graduation date. No faxed copy.

\_\_\_\_\_ Have my high school generate proof of placement in top 15% of class at end of junior year if I failed to graduate in the top 15%.

\_\_\_\_\_ Submit any documentation requested of me to appropriate agency (Federal Processing Center, State of NJ Higher Education Student Assistance Authority, Sussex County Community College) in a timely manner. Failure to do so may result in the loss of my NJ STARS funding.

\_\_\_\_\_ Enroll in at least 12 college credits AND pay for any credits above my 18 credits limit. I understand if I drop any credits before my attendance is certified, I will have to pay out of pocket for these costs. (Always check with the Financial Aid Office when any changes are made to your schedule: dropping or adding any classes). Also, I can take less than 12 credits (be less than full time) my last semester at Sussex and have the NJ STARS program pay for my tuition, ONLY if I have applied for graduation and have met all requirements to graduate.

\_\_\_\_\_ Maintain a 3.0 Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA). Failure to do so will result in the loss of NJ STARS funding. After my first semester as a NJ STARS student, if I do not have the required 3.0 CGPA, I will enroll in an Enrichment Program provided for me by the College. Failure to do so can result in the loss of my NJ STARS funding.

\_\_\_\_\_ Graduate from Sussex County Community College if I want to participate in NJ STARS II at any public or private Tuition Aid Grant eligible four-year college in the State of NJ.  
At graduation I must have a 3.25 CGPA, or greater, to continue as a NJ STARS II student.

**Did you initial each of the above items? Then you are ready to sign below, showing your acceptance of the terms and conditions of the NJ STARS Program.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
ID#

**PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE NJ STARS PROGRAM IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE  
DEPENDING ON THE GOVERNOR'S 2020/2021 STATE BUDGET.**