

2009-10 NJ TAG Reminders for DeVry Students

▪Effective with the Fall '93 term, DeVry in New Jersey has been eligible to participate in the New Jersey Tuition Assistance Grant (TAG) program. TAG is a State (not federal) program.

Please read the following information carefully! State grant requirements are different from Federal Aid programs in several key areas.

▪To be eligible to receive TAG, a student must be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen, enrolled in an Associates Degree or Baccalaureate Degree program, attending full-time (taking at least 12 credits), and be a New Jersey resident for at least 12 months prior to submitting his/her financial aid application (FAFSA). Please note that the parents of dependent students must also be 12-month residents of New Jersey.

▪A student must be taking at least 12 **degree** credits per term to be considered full-time for TAG. Diploma credits are ineligible for TAG consideration. Required developmental course credits, however, can be included in determining a student's full-time status. **A student must complete a course and receive a grade to ensure that the course will count towards full-time status and eligibility for TAG. Course withdrawals, especially in the A Session of the Fall or Spring terms, will not count towards full-time status for the purpose of TAG eligibility. Courses/credits repeated in the A and B Session of the same semester will only count once towards full-time status for TAG.**

- **Only online courses that are approved for the North Brunswick, NJ campus count in determining full-time status for TAG. Non NJ online courses DO NOT COUNT towards TAG eligibility.**

▪A DeVry Associates Degree student is **ineligible** to receive TAG, if he/she has already earned an Associates or Bachelor's degree. Likewise, a DeVry Bachelor's Degree student is also **ineligible** to receive TAG, if he/she has already earned a Bachelor's Degree.

▪Associates Degree students may receive only 5 TAG payments (5 terms). Bachelor's Degree students can receive 9 TAG payments (9 Terms). **This includes TAG payments received at schools other than DeVry.**

▪TAG will only be paid to students for the Fall and Spring terms. There will be **no Summer payments** under this program. **TAG payments are posted to the accounts of eligible students after full-time attendance for the term is confirmed in the B Session.**

▪For the **2009-10** year TAG awards ranged from \$941 to \$3426 per term, or from \$1882 to \$6852 for both Fall and Spring term attendance.

- Students must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to be evaluated for TAG eligibility.
- A first time TAG recipient (e.g. Most "NEW" DeVry Students) must submit a FAFSA to DeVry's Financial Aid Office by 9/12/09 to be considered for Fall '09 and Spring '10 TAG awards, *or by 2/9/10 to be considered for a Spring only TAG award.* **"NEW" DeVry students who have received TAG at other schools (prior to July 2009) must submit their FAFSA's before 5/12/09.**
- Students who received TAG payments in 2008-09 or earlier (e.g. DeVry "CONTINUING" students), and who are reapplying for 2009-10 TAG awards, must submit their 2009-10 FAFSA to DeVry's Student Finance/Student Central Office by 5/12/09.
- Students must maintain satisfactory academic progress per TAG regulations to retain eligibility for payments.
- TAG has many strict deadlines and procedures of its own, which are significantly different from policies related to federal aid programs. For example, **students must respond to the New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA) directly when information is requested directly by NJ HESAA. The staff members in DeVry's Student Finance/Student Central Dept. can assist, but it is the student's responsibility to respond to NJ HESAA in the time frames allotted. Failure to respond in a timely manner will typically result in the loss of TAG eligibility.**
- Please note that questions concerning TAG should be directed to DeVry's TAG Coordinator, Ms. Nina Patel or to the Director of Student Finance, Mr. Al Cama. These individuals can be reached by phone at **732-729-3777** or in person in the Student Finance/Student Central Department.
- Students may also contact **New Jersey HESAA with their questions about TAG by calling the "N.J. Financial Aid Hotline" at: 1-800-792-8670.**

