2015-2016 New Jersey Tuition Aid Grant (TAG) Eligibility Information

Eligibility Requirements:
To be eligible to receive New Jersey Tuition Aid Grant (TAG), a student must:

- Demonstrate financial need
- Complete a 2015-2016 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) by the state deadlines
  - June 1, 2015 for Renewal TAG recipients
  - October 1, 2015 for Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 TAG consideration
  - March 1, 2016 for Spring 2016 only TAG consideration
- Be a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen (please note that eligible non-citizens who have been granted permanent resident status or those who have been permitted to enter the U.S. for other than temporary reasons by the USCIS must reside in New Jersey for at least 12 consecutive months after their status has been determined)
- Be a legal resident of New Jersey for at least 12 consecutive months immediately prior to enrollment (please note that parents of dependent students must also meet this requirement)
- Be registered with Selective Service (if required)
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress
- Be a full-time undergraduate student enrolled in an approved degree program
  - Full-time enrollment is at least 12 degree credits per semester (required remedial course credits can be included)
  - Students are expected to complete a course and receive a grade – course withdrawals, in most cases, do not count towards full-time status for the purpose of determining TAG eligibility
  - Courses repeated in the same semester will only count once towards full-time status
  - Only online courses that are approved for New Jersey campus and centers will count towards the 12 credit hour requirement. Non New Jersey online courses will not count towards TAG eligibility
- Not have a previous baccalaureate degree (or a prior associate degree if currently enrolled in an associate degree program)
- Not have received the maximum allowable number of grant payments
  - Associate degree students may receive a maximum of 5 semesters of TAG payments
  - Bachelor’s degree students may receive a maximum of 9 semesters of TAG payments
  
  Please note: this includes TAG payments received at schools other than DeVry University
- Not be in default on a Federal or State student loan
- Not owe a refund on a Federal or State grant
What is the Tuition Aid Grant (TAG) program?

The Tuition Aid Grant (TAG) program is a state grant program administered by the New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (NJ HESAA).

How do I know if I’m eligible?

The NJ HESAA eligibility requirements include timely submission of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), as defined by NJ HESAA, and full-time enrollment. Complete eligibility information is available on the reverse side of this handout.

What are the award amounts?

Estimated 2015-2016 TAG awards range from $979 to $6098 per semester. The amount received is dependent on several factors, including financial need, cost of attendance and available funding.

When will awards be disbursed?

TAG is only paid to students in the DeVry University Fall and Spring semesters. There are no Summer payments under this program. Payments are posted to the accounts of eligible students after full time attendance for the semester is confirmed. This occurs in the second session of the semester.

NJ HESAA is contacting me for additional information, what do I do?

If information is requested from the New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (NJ HESAA), a student must respond directly as requested following the NJ HESAA timeline. DeVry’s Student Central Office will be happy to assist, but it is the student’s responsibility to respond to the NJ HESAA in the time frames specified by the NJ HESAA. Failure to respond to the state in a timely manner may result in the loss of TAG eligibility.

Who can I contact with additional questions?

Please contact your local TAG coordinator, Nina Patel, with any questions. She can be reached by phone at 877-874-6236, Agent ID 6487 or in person in the Student Central Office.

You may also contact the NJ HESAA with your questions by calling the New Jersey Financial Aid Hotline at 609.584.4480.