



## **Fact Sheet for NJ STARS II Students Enrolling at William Paterson University**

The NJ STARS II program is a continuation of the NJ STARS program that provides successful NJ STARS students at New Jersey county colleges with funding to transfer to a New Jersey four-year college/university to earn a bachelor's degree.

### **NJ STARS II Benefits**

The NJ STARS II award will be based on tuition only, except for Tuition Aid Grant recipients who will receive NJ STARS II awards based on tuition and approved fees. The amount of the NJ STARS II award will be determined after all other state and federal grants and scholarships are applied to these charges, not to exceed \$1,250 per semester.

The state funds 100% of the NJ STARS II award, while students will be responsible for any remaining balance. NJ STARS II awards are dependent upon annual state appropriations.

### **Approved Fees – Applies to NJ STARS II Students Receiving Tuition Aid Grants**

All fees charged by a William Paterson University that are mandatory for attendance as well as any fees required for a specific program of study are approved.

### **Student Eligibility**

- Students must be NJ STARS recipients or non-funded (tuition and approved fees fully covered by other state aid and/or federal aid) during the semester of county college graduation.
- NJ STARS students must have graduated from a New Jersey county college with an Associate Degree and a GPA of 3.25 or higher.
- Family income (including taxable and untaxable income) must be less than \$250,000.
- Students must be admitted to a New Jersey four-year institution that participates in the Tuition Aid Grant (TAG) program. Note: NJ STARS eligibility does not guarantee admission to William Paterson University.
- Students must begin NJ STARS II program participation no later than the second semester immediately following county college graduation.
- Students must be enrolled in a full-time course of study (minimum 12 college-level credits) each semester.
- Students must apply for all forms of state and federal need-based grants and merit scholarships and submit any requested documentation to complete or verify application data within established deadlines.

### **Application Process**

- Must meet all admission or application requirements established by William Paterson University.
- Must meet all institutional deadlines for admission and financial aid.
- Once admitted, students must submit a final county college transcript to William Paterson University that reflects a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher and confirmation of receipt of Associate Degree from the county college.
- Must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the New Jersey Alternative Financial Aid Application annually within established state deadlines.
  - After filing your application, log on to <https://njfams.hesaa.org/NJFAMS/login.aspx> and complete your state grant record.

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### **HESAA's FAFSA Filing Deadlines**

Previous year TAG recipients – Renewal applicants -----April 15<sup>th</sup>

All other applicants – non-renewal applicants for Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 -----September 15<sup>th</sup>

All other applicants – non-renewal applicants for Spring 2022 semester only-----February 15<sup>th</sup>

**Students must also meet the NJ state deadlines below for completing State grant records (State Tasks, State Verification, corrections, adding a college, etc.):**

Previous year applicants Fall and Spring-----November 1<sup>st</sup>

Spring only-----March 1<sup>st</sup>

Nonrenewal applicants for Fall and Spring-----November 1<sup>st</sup>

Spring only-----March 1<sup>st</sup>

### **Renewal Eligibility**

- File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or New Jersey Alternative Financial Aid Application (if applicable), annually within established state deadlines.
- Students must attain a minimum GPA of 3.25 at the start of the third semester of study at William Paterson University to maintain eligibility for the third and fourth semesters. Summer courses are included in determining GPA.
- Students must maintain continuous full time enrollment as NJ STARS II recipients unless on a medical leave, approved by William Paterson University, due to the illness of the student, a member of the student's immediate family or a family emergency. The only other exception to the continuous full-time enrollment applies to NJ STARS II students called to partial or full mobilization for state or federal active duty as a member of the National Guard or a Reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States
- Students may receive an NJ STARS II award for up to four semesters, excluding summer sessions.

### **Additional Information:**

Contact the Financial Aid Office at William Paterson University in Morrison Hall at (973) 720 – 3945 for additional information.

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, acknowledge that I have received the “Fact Sheet for NJ STARS II Students Enrolling at William Paterson University”. I understand all of the benefits, eligibility requirements, application process and renewal eligibility information that has been provided. I understand that I must adhere to state deadlines in order to remain eligible for the NJ STARS II awards.

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Signature

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Date

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