



# OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID 2020-21 NJ STARS CERTIFICATION

If you purposely give false or misleading information on this document, or on any financial aid form, you may be fined up to \$20,000, be sent to prison, or both.

## STUDENT INFORMATION

Last Name	(PLEASE PRINT)	First Name	M.I.	*Student ID or Social Security Number
Cellular Telephone Number	Home Telephone Number	Work Telephone Number		

The following is a list of terms, conditions, and policies governing the NJ STARS scholarship. This list is abridged and therefore does not, and cannot, address every circumstance that may occur. Please read both the front and back of this form. Policies governing the NJ STARS program are subject to revision without prior notice.

1. I understand that I must be a resident of NJ who graduated from an accredited high school in June of 2018, 2019 or 2020.
2. I understand that I must enter the NJ STARS program by the fifth semester after my high school graduation.
3. I understand that I must have graduated in the top fifteen (15.00%) percent of my high school class, **and agree to provide documentation of my class rank to the Office of Financial Aid.**
4. I understand that I must matriculate in an associate's degree program at Camden County College.
5. I understand that I must enroll and maintain continuous full-time enrollment each semester. As a full-time student I must register for at least twelve (12) college-level credits each semester.
6. I understand that dropping below full-time enrollment by withdrawing or failing to attend a course(s), either officially or unofficially, will result in the loss of NJSTARS for life and ineligibility for NJSTARS II. Withdrawals will not be paid by NJSTARS.
7. I understand that the NJ STARS scholarship will pay the tuition only for a maximum of eighteen (18) credits each fall and spring semester. Tuition does not include the cost of books, supplies or any other fees associated with my enrollment.
8. I understand that I must demonstrate college readiness within one year of high school graduation, regardless of when I start the program.
9. The NJ STARS academic progress policy requires that I achieve a minimum 3.00 cumulative GPA by the start of my second year of enrollment. The NJ STARS academic progress policy also requires, among other stipulations, that I graduate with a minimum cumulative 3.25 GPA in order to be eligible for the STARS II scholarship. I understand that I will lose my eligibility for the NJ STARS Scholarship (I and II) for life if I fail to maintain satisfactory academic progress in accordance with the NJ STARS academic progress policy.
10. I understand that I am eligible for the NJ STAR scholarship for a maximum of five (5) semesters so long as I continue to meet all program requirements.
11. I understand that I must submit a FAFSA every year by the published state deadlines. Camden County College recommends a new FAFSA be filed no later than March 15<sup>th</sup> of each academic year. I also understand that I must completed my file with both the college and the state by submitting all information and documents requested by the following deadlines and that Camden County College needs to be listed as my first school choice.
  - a. September 15, 2020 for fall enrollment first time applicants
  - b. February 15, 2021 for spring enrollment for first time applicants
12. I understand that the NJ STARS scholarship is a financial aid program and as such I must comply with all applicable financial aid policies and procedures. No award can be made until the students file is complete.
13. *Whether or not I receive financial aid (includes the NJ STARS scholarship, grants, loans, other scholarships, and waivers), I understand that I AM PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE for all financial charges that I incur at Camden County College. The College may permit me to register before a determination is made regarding my eligibility for the NJ STARS scholarship and other financial aid. If, however, I am or become ineligible for the NJ STARS scholarship or other financial aid for any reason, I agree to pay my account in full including any collection and/or attorney's fees that may be incurred by or on behalf of the College to satisfy my personal financial obligations.*

I have read the information on both the front and the back of this form and agree to abide by the NJ STARS scholarship policies. My signature below also confirms that all of the information I am providing on this Certification form and in all supporting documentation is true, accurate, and complete.

Student Signature

Date

## **ADDITIONAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES GOVERNING THE NJ STARS PROGRAM**

### **Student graduated in the top 15% of his/her class and student's name appear on the state's junior -year list**

If you believe that you meet the academic qualification for the STARS program (class rank in the top 15% of your 2016, 2017 or 2018 graduating class) you must document your eligibility by providing a letter or an official transcript from your high school. The letter must be written on letterhead, signed by an appropriate official and must state your class rank at the point of your graduation and must also include the total number of students in your graduating class. The transcript must include final class rank, final class size and graduation date. Please contact the financial aid office for additional information.

### **Academic progress appeals**

If you encounter academic, personal, financial, family or other difficulties during the semester you must bear in mind that withdrawing from the college will cause you to become ineligible for the NJSTARS program for life. If you are on a college-approved medical or emergency leave due to the illness/emergency of the student, or a member of the student's immediate family you may appeal for continued eligibility.

Exceptions are handled as appeals, and must be accompanied by full medical documentation of the mitigating circumstance and must be submitted to the Office of Financial Aid.

### **Out of county registration**

If you are a resident of Camden County you must attend Camden County College (CCC) to qualify for NJSTARS unless you document that CCC does not offer the program (major) that you want to study. If you are a resident of another county and want to attend Camden County College, you may if your home county college does not offer the program (major) that you want to study. You must submit a letter to the Office of Financial Aid at CCC from your home county college indicating that your major is not available there. CCC will then be able to charge you the in-county tuition rate and review your eligibility for NJSTARS.

### **Financial aid recipient who does not qualify for STARS funding**

If you are a financial aid recipient whose federal and state grants fully pay your tuition you must still adhere to all NJ STARS eligibility criteria. As a NJ STARS scholar it is critical that you preserve your eligibility for the NJ STARS II scholarship by meeting all NJ STARS eligibility requirements while you are enrolled at Camden County College.

### **NJ STARS II minimum eligibility criteria**

1. Student must be an NJ STARS recipient or non-funded (tuition and approved fees fully covered by other State and/or Federal aid) during the semester of graduation.
2. NJ STARS student must graduate from a NJ county college with an associate degree.
3. Student must graduate with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.25 or higher.
4. Student must be admitted to a participating NJ four-year institution. Note: NJ STARS eligibility does not guarantee admission to a New Jersey four-year college or university.
5. Student must enroll in a baccalaureate degree program no later than the second semester immediately following CCC graduation.
6. Student must be enrolled in a full-time course of study (minimum 12 college level-credits) each semester.
7. Student must apply for all forms of State and Federal need-based grants and merit scholarships and submit any requested documentation to complete or verify FAFSA application data within established deadlines.
8. Student must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 before the start of the third semester of study at the participating NJ four-year public institution to maintain eligibility for the third and fourth semesters. Summer courses are included in determining GPA.
9. Student must maintain continuous full-time enrollment unless on an approved medical leave due to the illness or injury of the student, a member of student's immediate family, or a family emergency. Any leave must be approved by the institution.
10. Student may receive the NJ STARS II scholarship for a maximum of four semesters, excluding summer sessions.
11. Family Income (including taxable and untaxed income) must be less than \$250,000.

### **Additional information:**

For more information on NJSTARS, visit [www.njstars.net](http://www.njstars.net) or contact Mary Cay Reilly at 856-227-7200 ext 4794 or [mcreilly@camdencc.edu](mailto:mcreilly@camdencc.edu). Additional information is also available on-line at [www.camdencc.edu](http://www.camdencc.edu) and in the Financial Aid Handbook.