



## NJ STARS STUDENT CONTRACT

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ STUDENT SS/ID# \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

### OVERVIEW:

NJ STARS (Student Tuition Assistance Rewards Scholarship) is awarded to students graduating in the top 20% of their high school class, who are attending College for the first time and attending the community college in the county in which they reside. In addition students must be taking at least 12 non-remedial credits by their second semester and be matriculated in a degree program. The NJ STARS scholarship covers the cost of tuition and fees (not including Health Insurance) for classes completed AFTER other Federal and State grants are applied, for up to 15 credits and may be received for up to 5 terms of continuous Full time enrollment.

Please read and sign the statement below.

1. I understand I must be in the top 20 % of my high school graduating class. Brookdale will verify that I am on the HESAA Garden State/ Bloustein Scholars Roster, as reported by my high school guidance office at the end of my junior year. **If I am not on the roster, because I reached the top 20% of my graduating class in my senior year, I must provide a copy of my FINAL high school transcript with my class rank OR a letter from my Guidance Counselor listing my class rank and date of graduation.**
2. I understand that I am required to file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year within the deadlines stated by federal and state agencies. **The FAFSA must include our college code (008404) and must be the first school listed. If it is not listed I must add Brookdale to my FAFSA. If it is not the first school listed I must also contact HESAA and request that Brookdale be changed to my first choice school.** I am also required to submit requested documentation to the Financial Aid Office and/or HESAA within the deadlines in order for my eligibility to be determined.
3. I understand that I must be matriculated in a degree program and be registered Full Time, taking at least 12 credits consecutively, for every Fall and Spring term. I have the option of attending part time in my first term only. Once Full Time, NJ STARS will pay for a maximum of 15 non-remedial credits per term for up to 5 consecutive terms provided I have met all of the application requirements for financial aid consideration and I am enrolled in a minimum of 12 non-remedial credits. If I am not Full Time by my second term, or drop to less than Full Time in any consecutive term, I will be disqualified from the NJ STARS Program.
4. I understand that I must attain at least a 3.0 grade point average (GPA) by the start of my second year of enrollment in order to continue receiving the scholarship.
5. **I understand that if I withdraw from any classes during any term that bring my credits below full time, I may be in danger of loosing my scholarship and be disqualified from the NJ STARS program. I must maintain full time attendance (12 or more credits) and I will notify the Financial Aid Office should I have special circumstances, which have caused me academic difficulties that require me to withdraw from all of my classes. I will work with my Student Development Specialist (counselor) if I am having any difficulties.**
6. I understand that if the College dismisses me for disciplinary actions, I will be responsible to repay my ENTIRE NJ STARS (all terms) award to the New Jersey Higher Education Assistance Authority.
7. **I understand that in order to be considered for NJ STARS II, I must graduate with an Associates Degree by the 5<sup>th</sup> term of continuous full time enrollment with a 3.0 GPA and be accepted for Admission by a public College or university in the state of New Jersey.**

I have read and understand the conditions of NJ STARS.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_