



## **Fact Sheet for NJ STARS Enrolled Full Time at a County College** **During or Prior to the Fall 2008 Semester**

The New Jersey Student Tuition Assistance Reward Scholarship (NJ STARS) Program is an initiative created by the State of New Jersey that provides New Jersey's highest achieving students with free tuition and approved fees at their home county college.

### **NJ STARS Benefits**

The NJ STARS award covers the cost of tuition and approved fees, less any State and/or Federal grants and scholarships, for up to five semesters. The award covers these costs for up to 15 credit hours per semester. Students must be enrolled full time for a minimum of 12 college-level credits and may take up to 3 credits of remedial/developmental coursework per semester.

The laws governing the NJ STARS and NJ STARS II Programs were amended in December 2008. NJ STARS students enrolled at a county college during or prior to the fall 2008 semester are not affected by changes to the NJ STARS Program.

However, in order to qualify for the NJ STARS II Program, students in the **first year** (first or second semester) of county college enrollment as of December 2008 are required to attain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of **3.25** or higher upon graduation from a county college. NJ STARS students in the **second year** (third, fourth, or fifth semester) of county college enrollment as of December 2008 are required to attain a cumulative GPA of **3.0** or higher upon county college graduation to qualify for NJ STARS II. In addition, to establish NJ STARS II eligibility at a New Jersey four-year public college or university, a student's family income (taxable and untaxed income) must be less than \$250,000.

For more information on NJ STARS II eligibility requirements, please visit [www.hesaa.org](http://www.hesaa.org).

### **Fees**

The following list includes examples of approved and excluded fees:

#### **Approved Fees:**

General Fees  
Student Service/Activity Fees  
Technology Fees  
Required Course Fees and Equipment

#### **Excluded Fees:**

Application and Insurance Fees  
Late Fees and Library Fees  
Testing and Licensing Fees  
Criminal Background Checks

