



**NJ STARS Program**  
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**Please read all information.**  
**Many of students questions**  
**are answered on this form.**

## SELF-IDENTIFICATION FORM FOR PROSPECTIVE NJ STARS STUDENTS

The New Jersey Student Tuition Assistance Reward Scholarship (NJ STARS) is a fantastic opportunity that covers the cost of tuition of up to 18 credits per semester and up to five semesters or until enough credits are earned to graduate.

**Please download this form, right-click and "Save As" to your computer. Read and complete the form, save it again, and email it to [njstars@bergen.edu](mailto:njstars@bergen.edu).** When your form, is received, if you have already applied to the college, you will be identified as a prospective NJ STARS student in your student record and qualified students identified on the HESAA list will be waived from taking placement tests. If you haven't applied yet, please email [njstars@bergen.edu](mailto:njstars@bergen.edu) when you apply.

**PLEASE NOTE: Temporary protection will be placed on your account in July (December for Spring) which will be displayed as "NJ STARS Student PROTECTION" in Notifications in Self-Service in your student portal. This will prevent your registered courses from being dropped for non-payment. As long as your NJ STARS Application/Contract is signed before the semester begins, you will be identified as an NJ STARS student and your protection date will be extended.**

Please type in the answers to the following questions: *Click the tab key to scroll through the questions*

Student's First Name:

Student's Last Name:

Street Address:

City:

, NJ Zip Code:

Bergen Community College Student ID #:

*Choose from the drop down box. After applying, email [njstars@bergen.edu](mailto:njstars@bergen.edu) to be processed.*

Primary Personal Email Address:

Primary Phone Number:

Type:

*Choose one*

High School Graduated From:

Year of Graduation:\*

*\*Students may qualify no later than the fifth semester following high school graduation, even if they already attended a four-year college/university.*

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**IMPORTANT:** To be certified as an NJ STARS student, you must complete your **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Be sure BCC is one of your college choices (school code 004736), choose Associate's Degree, and use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool which will shorten the review process. **Your FAFSA will be uploaded to your student record sometime in March.** Register on the HESAA **NJFAMS** website. Be sure to complete all items on the "To Do List."

**Your financial aid review cannot begin until your FAFSA appears in the Financial Aid Section of your BCC Student Portal at [my.bergen.edu](http://my.bergen.edu).** If your FAFSA is missing from the Financial Aid section of Self-Service in your student portal, your Social Security number may be missing or incorrect in your student record in the College database. Please email [njstars@bergen.edu](mailto:njstars@bergen.edu) to have it checked. Another possibility is that Bergen Community College is not listed on your FAFSA. If that is the case, please login to your FAFSA, and your HESAA portal and add Bergen Community College as one of your college choices. **To be certified as an NJ STARS student, your financial aid review must be complete in both your BCC and HESAA NJFAMS student portals.**

Bergen Community College will do everything it can to certify you as an NJ STARS student and to help you maintain your eligibility in the STARS program, **but the responsibility for understanding and completing the requirements is yours.**

Student's Name:

Date:

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