


## How to Apply for *FEDERAL* Aid and *STATE* using the FAFSA!

The state of New Jersey Higher Education Assistance Authority (HESAA) awards Tuition Aid Grants (TAG) to eligible New Jersey residents. In order to calculate a student's eligibility, the state requires students and parent(s) to complete additional information not found on the FAFSA.

Students will be asked if they are a veteran, the amount of Earned Income Credit for student or parent(s) and untaxed Social Security benefits for student or parent(s). If the answer is zero please do not leave the answer blank but write in a zero. After you submit the FAFSA, go to the **Confirmation Page**, then click **Start State Application Here** to start the State information section. Remember to turn off the pop-up blocker.

**Congratulations, Michael!** Your FAFSA was successfully submitted to Federal Student Aid.

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 [Start your state application](#) to apply for New Jersey state-based financial aid.

### What Happens Next

- You will receive an e-mail version of this page.
- In 3-5 business days, you will receive an e-mail notifying you that your FAFSA was processed.
- Your FAFSA information will be made available to your school(s), and they will use it to determine the aid you may be eligible to receive.
- Your school(s) will contact you if they need more information or when they are ready to discuss your financial aid award.
- If you have questions about your financial aid package, contact your school(s).

School(s) on your FAFSA:

School Name	<a href="#">Graduation Rate</a>	<a href="#">Retention Rate</a>	<a href="#">Transfer Rate</a>	Additional Information from <a href="#">College Navigator</a>
WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY	46%	76%	32%	NA

### Eligibility Information

Based on the [eligibility criteria](#), you may be eligible for the following:

**Estimated Expected Family Contribution (EFC)**

= 00524

[Pell Grant](#) Estimate - \$5,095.00

The EFC is a measure of how much you can contribute to the cost of your education. Schools use your EFC to determine your federal student aid eligibility.

[Direct Stafford Loan](#) Estimate - \$9,500.00

The EFC is not how much aid you will receive or how much you have to pay for college.

You may also be eligible to receive other federal, state, or institutional grants, scholarships, and/or work-study.

In addition, you should learn about [federal tax benefits for education](#), including the *American Opportunity Tax Credit* (AOTC).

You indicated that you had filed an IRS tax return when you provided your financial information and it appears that you were eligible to use the [IRS Data Retrieval Tool](#), which allows you to view information from your IRS tax return and transfer that information directly into your FAFSA. The benefit of using the tool is that it's the easiest way to provide accurate tax information, and it also eliminates the need for providing a copy of your tax return to the financial aid office at your college. Once your FAFSA has been processed, you can return to *FAFSA on the Web* and use the tool to transfer your tax information.

If you have questions, visit [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) and click the "Help" icon on the FAFSA home page.