## **Information about Eligibility**

The New Jersey Educational Opportunity Fund provides financial assistance and support services (e.g. counseling, tutoring, and developmental course work) to students from educationally and economically disadvantaged backgrounds who attend institutions of higher education in the State of New Jersey. Undergraduate grants range from \$200 annually to \$2,500 annually depending on the type of institution and financial need. These grants are renewable based upon continued eligibility.

Forty-one of New Jersey's community colleges and public and private four-year colleges and universities participate in the EOF program. However, the actual number of available spaces at each college or university is limited. Because EOF is a campus-based program, each campus is responsible for student recruitment, selection, program services, and its own specific criteria for EOF admission and program participation.

## **Undergraduate Eligibility:**

- 1. Must demonstrate an educationally and economically disadvantaged background
- 2. Must be a New Jersey resident 12 consecutive months prior to receiving the award
- 3. Must apply and be accepted to a participating New Jersey college or university
- 4. Must meet the academic criteria as set by the institution of choice
- 5. Must file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- 6. Gross Income must fall within the criteria shown:

Academic Year 2016-2017	
Applicants with a Household Size of	Gross Income Not to Exceed
1	\$23,540
2	\$31,860
3	\$40,180
4	\$48,500
5	\$56,820
6	\$65,140
7	\$73,460
8	\$81,780
**	For each additional member of the household add \$8,320