

Information about Eligibility

The New Jersey Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) provides financial assistance and support services (e.g. counseling, tutoring, and developmental course work) to students from educationally and economically disadvantaged backgrounds who attend participating institutions of higher education in the State of New Jersey. Undergraduate grants range from \$200 annually to \$2,650 annually depending on the type of institution and financial need. These grants are renewable based upon continued eligibility.

Forty-two of New Jersey's colleges and universities participate in the Fund. However, the actual number of available spaces at each college or university is limited. Since EOF is a campus-based program, each campus program is responsible for student recruitment, selection, program services, and its own specific criteria for EOF admission and program participation. Candidates interested in applying for EOF should contact the TCNJ EOF Recruiter to discuss the specific eligibility requirements and application process.

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) or the New Jersey Alternative Financial Aid Application.
6. Gross income and assets must fall within the criteria shown:

2020-2021 EOF Income Eligibility Scale with Asset Cap Calculation		
Applicants with a Household Size of	Gross Income Not to Exceed	Asset Cap Calculation (Not to exceed*) * = Based on Household Size for ALL Students
1	\$24,980.00	\$4,996.00
2	\$33,820.00	\$6,764.00
3	\$42,660.00	\$8,532.00
4	\$51,500.00	\$10,300.00
5	\$60,340.00	\$12,068.00
6	\$69,180.00	\$13,836.00
7	\$78,020.00	\$15,604.00
8	\$86,860.00	\$17,372.00
***	Add \$8,840 for each additional family member	Add \$1,768 for each additional family member