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FAFSA®: Apply for Aid

Use the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college or grad school.

NEW TO THE FAFSA® PROCESS?
Completing the FAFSA form is free. Fill it out now.

RETURNING USER?
Correct info • Add a school
View your *Student Aid Report* (SAR)

START HERE >

LOG IN >

www.fafsa.gov – AVAILABLE OCTOBER 1st

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- **2020-2021 FAFSA** application - www.fafsa.gov
- FAFSA will use **prior-prior year** income information
 - You must use **2018** income information.
- **IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT)** can be used immediately to load some income information onto the FAFSA.
 - You cannot use the IRS DRT if you filed married filing separately, amended tax return or a foreign tax return.
- **Student Aid Report (SAR)** is a summary of your FAFSA. Review for accuracy!

Note: FAFSA is linked to your SSN on the Admissions Application

What is a Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID?

www.fsaaid.ed.gov

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Create a New FSA ID

New to FSA? **Create an FSA ID** account below. An FSA ID gives you access to Federal Student Aid's online systems and can serve as your legal signature.

Only create an FSA ID using your own personal information and for your own exclusive use. You are not authorized to create an FSA ID on behalf of someone else, including a family member.

You are not allowed to have an employee or agent of a commercial entity, or other third party, create an FSA ID for you for any purposes including but not limited to: payment reductions, debt consolidation or applying for aid. Misrepresentation of your identity to the federal government could result in criminal or civil penalties.

[Need help creating an FSA ID?](#)

Important: When you are done click the CANCEL button to clear your data, even if you did not finish creating your FSA ID. Just closing your browser window or going to another website may not be enough to prevent other people using this computer from seeing your information until the session expires.

Create an FSA ID

Manage My FSA ID

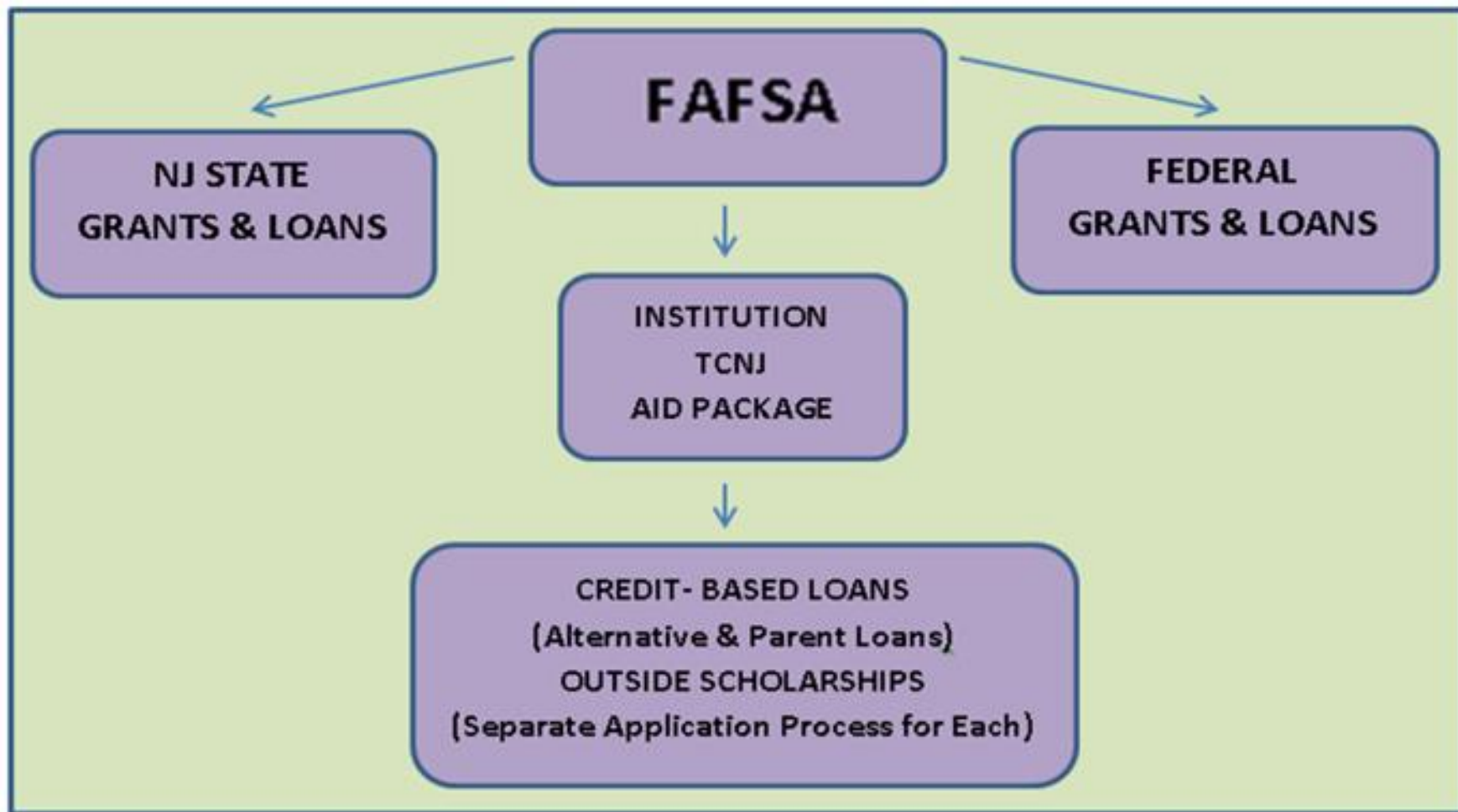
Please enter your:

E-mail

- In order to enhance security, FAFSA requires both the student and parent (if needed) to registered for a FSA ID which is the electronic signature to sign the FAFSA.
- Students and parents must have two separate FSA ID's and use two different email addresses when creating the FSA ID.
- Students who accept the Federal Direct Stafford Loan will use their FSA ID to sign the Master Promissory Note (MPN) online.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid

2020-2021 FAFSA



Completion of the FAFSA guarantees evaluation for all types of federal, State and institutional need-based aid.

Aid Programs

- **Grants (Need based aid/based on household income)**
 - Pell (Federal Grant) - \$605 up to \$6195 YR
 - Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant-(Federal Grant) - \$200 - \$4,000 YR
 - TEACH Grants (Federal Grant) - \$3,720 YR
 - NJ Tuition Aid Grant (State Grant) - \$2,666 up to \$9488 YR
 - NJ Educational Opportunity Grant Fund (State Grant) - \$1,150 up to \$1,550 YR
- **Work (Employment opportunity)**
 - Federal Work Study opportunities available on campus – Variable
- **Scholarships (Merit & Need Scholarships)**
 - Institutional Scholarships (TCNJ) – Merit/Need based - Variable
 - Private Scholarships (Outside Resources) – Variable
- **Loans (Must be repaid after leaving school)**
 - Federal Direct Loan (FDL)
 - Freshman (\$5500), Sophomores (\$6500), Juniors & Seniors (\$7500) YR
 - Federal Nursing Loan - \$4,000 YR
 - Private/Alternative Loans (i.e. credit based loans) – Up to Cost of Attendance

Private Scholarship Search

- FinAid.org: www.finaid.org
- The College Board: www.collegeboard.com
- FastWeb.com: www.fastweb.com
- GoCollege.com: www.gocollege.com
- TCNJ FA Page:
<http://financialaid.tcnj.edu/about/scholarships/>
- JLV College Counseling-
<https://jlvcollegecounseling.com/scholarships/>

Online Private Scholarship Reporting Tool

- You are required to report all private scholarships that you will receive for the school year.

Priority Reporting Deadline: June

- TCNJ will give you a temporary credit on your TCNJ bill until the scholarship money arrives.
- Once reported allow 5 to 7 business days for scholarship to appear on your student account
- Actual scholarship funds must be received one month after classes start
- Private Scholarships should be sent to:

TCNJ
Student Accounts
PO Box 7718
Ewing, NJ 08628

***Students name and ID should be listed on the check.**

TCNJ MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Merit Scholarships are administered by the Office of Admissions

In-State Applicants

- First-year in-state applicants to TCNJ are automatically considered for merit scholarships upon submission of the Common Application.
- [While there are no minimum criteria to be eligible for a scholarship, competitive applicants should have at least a 1300 SAT \(Math and Reading\) or 28 ACT](#)
- These awards are based on a student's overall academic record (strength of curriculum, GPA, class rank, and strength of high school).
- [The average merit award is roughly \\$4,000 per year.](#)
- Scholarships are distributed at the time of acceptance by TCNJ and are renewable for 8 consecutive semesters, provided the student maintains full-time enrollment and a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.

Out-of-State Applicants

- At the time of acceptance, Out of State Students are mailed a **one page application** for scholarship consideration.
- Over the past three years, over 80% of admitted out-of-state high school students have qualified for a merit scholarship, which [range from \\$8,000 to \\$12,000 annual merit award for all four years of study.](#)
- All award packages from Admissions are received for eight consecutive semesters of study at TCNJ, provided the student maintains a satisfactory GPA while at The College.

“TCNJ Lion’s Pride Need-Based Scholarships”

- These institutional grants will be awarded to merit scholarship recipients who demonstrate financial need.
- Students must submit the **FAFSA by February 15th** to be eligible for a Lion’s Pride Need-Based Scholarship.
- The Office of Student Financial Assistance will work with the Office of Admissions to review FAFSA data before awarding Lion’s Pride Need-Based Scholarships in late March.
- Award amounts will be based on available institutional funds and the number of qualified candidates who successfully submit the FAFSA. Lion’s Pride Awards are designed to supplement a student’s current merit scholarship.
- **Lion’s Pride Awards range from \$3,000 to \$5,000 per year.**

Note: Students must receive an TCNJ Merit Scholarship to receive a ‘TCNJ Need Scholarship’

TCNJ & RaiseMe

<https://www.raise.me/join/tcnj>



The College of New Jersey has also partnered with **Raise Me** in order to enable students to earn TCNJ scholarships before and during the application review process based off of their high school achievements.

Interested students can visit www.raise.me/join/tcnj and create a Raise Me profile to start qualifying for scholarships today!

1. Add Your Achievements

Add your course grades, clubs, sports, volunteer activities, and more to your portfolio.

2. Earn Scholarships

For each achievement, you'll get scholarships from different colleges, which you can redeem when you attend that college.

3. Discover Colleges

Learn about and follow different colleges from across the country to find schools that are the best fit for you.

TCNJ Direct Cost – 2019-2020

Direct Cost are traditional items billed to students per semester. This does not include health insurance, parking for commuters, etc.

<u>In State</u>	<u>Fall 2019</u>	<u>Spring 2020</u>	<u>Year</u>
Tuition	\$ 6,620	\$ 6,620	\$ 13,240
Fees	\$ 1,852	\$ 1,852	\$ 3,704
Room & Board	\$ 6,982	\$ 6,982	\$ 13,964
Total	\$ 15,454	\$ 15,454	\$ 30,908

<u>Out of State</u>	<u>Fall 2019</u>	<u>Spring 2020</u>	<u>Year</u>
Tuition	\$ 12,608	\$ 12,608	\$ 25,216
Fees	\$ 1,852	\$ 1,852	\$ 3,704
Room & Board	\$ 6,982	\$ 6,982	\$ 13,964
Total	\$21,442	\$ 21,442	\$42,884

Understanding the Cost of Attendance

The 'Cost of Attendance' determines the maximum amount of Financial Aid (i.e. grants, Scholarships and loans) that a student may receive for the academic year. Students do not have to borrow loans up to COA. If additional funds are needed for educational expenses such as books, gas, notebooks, etc., financial aid funds can be used to help pay for these items.

Standard items in the Cost of Attendance

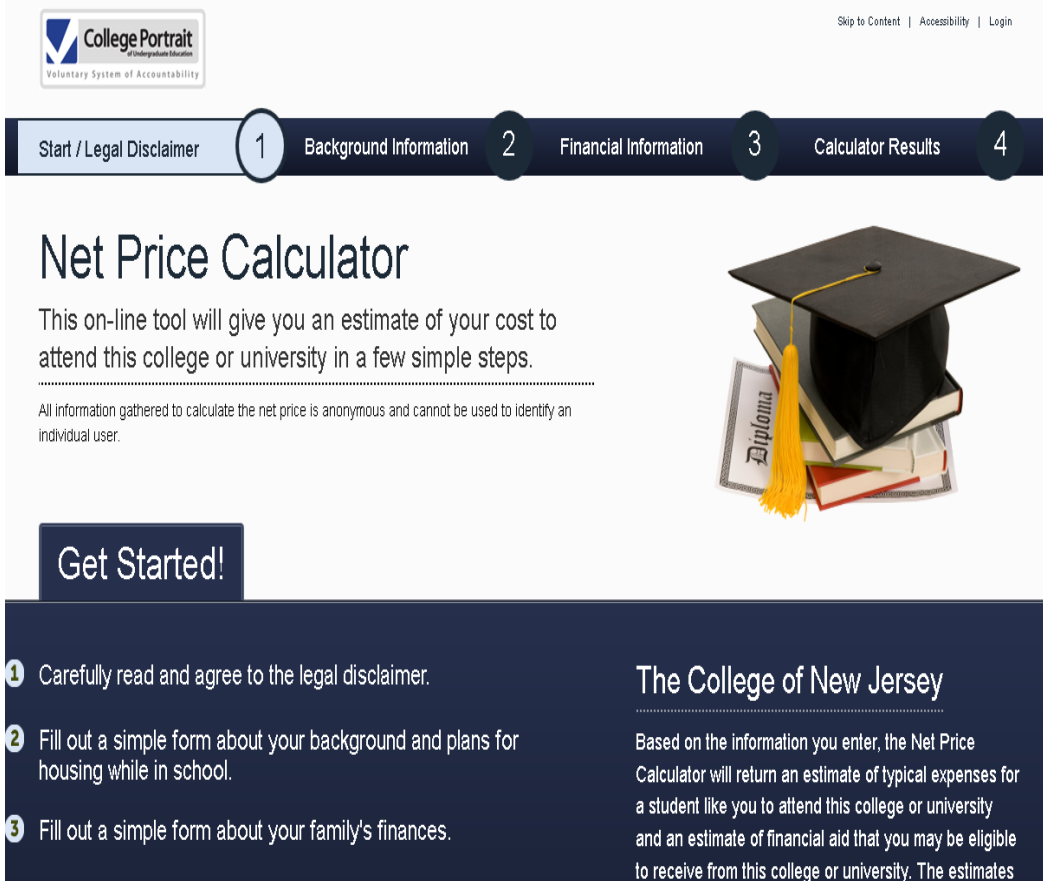
- Tuition and fees
- Room and board (i.e. meals)
- Books and supplies
- Transportation
- Miscellaneous personal expenses

Cost of Attendance:	\$35,044
Tuition, fees, room, board/meals :	<u>- \$30,220</u>
Balance amount	\$4,824
Student may receive In financial aid and/or borrow loan funds for books, etc.)	

Note: A 'Cost of Attendance' is calculated for both on campus and commuting students.

Net Price Calculator

- All institutions must have a net price calculator posted on their websites.
- Students will be able to estimate the individual net price per institution.
- Based on full-time, first degree/certificate-seeking undergraduate students.



The screenshot shows the College Portrait Net Price Calculator interface. At the top left is the College Portrait logo with the text "College Portrait of Undergraduate Education" and "Voluntary System of Accountability". At the top right are links for "Skip to Content", "Accessibility", and "Login". A navigation bar below the logo contains four steps: "Start / Legal Disclaimer" (1), "Background Information" (2), "Financial Information" (3), and "Calculator Results" (4). The main heading is "Net Price Calculator". Below it is a paragraph: "This on-line tool will give you an estimate of your cost to attend this college or university in a few simple steps." To the right of this text is an image of a graduation cap on top of several books, with a diploma in front. Below the paragraph is a disclaimer: "All information gathered to calculate the net price is anonymous and cannot be used to identify an individual user." A "Get Started!" button is positioned below the disclaimer. On the left side of the bottom section, there are three numbered steps: 1. Carefully read and agree to the legal disclaimer. 2. Fill out a simple form about your background and plans for housing while in school. 3. Fill out a simple form about your family's finances. On the right side of the bottom section, under the heading "The College of New Jersey", there is a paragraph: "Based on the information you enter, the Net Price Calculator will return an estimate of typical expenses for a student like you to attend this college or university and an estimate of financial aid that you may be eligible to receive from this college or university. The estimates

Payment Alternatives

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[AUXILIARY ACCESS](#)



WELCOME

The Office of Student Accounts serves students, faculty and staff of The College of New Jersey community by billing student tuition, fees, room and board, processing refunds, issuing the College ID card, establishing TCNJ GetIt Card accounts, and providing parking services through the sale or issuance of parking permits.

Please review our instructional videos and slideshows geared towards incoming students and parents.

[VIEW TUTORIALS](#)

PAWS LOGIN

Sign In to update personal info and process student account information.

[SIGN IN](#)

[Account Lookup](#) | [Need Help?](#)
[Auxiliary Access \(TCNJ Authorized User\)](#)

<http://studentaccounts.tcnj.edu/>

Installment Payment Plans – Cash/Check/Credit Card payments - ACH payments

The TCNJ Financial Aid Cycle

- October
- Complete the FAFSA
2020-2021 FAFSA (current high school seniors)
- Jan-March
- February 15th FAFSA filing date to be considered for Need Scholarships
 - Apply for private scholarships.
- March
- **“Estimated” Financial Aid award letters** are e-mailed to accepted TCNJ students who have filed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). ** Your SSN must be listed on the Common Application**
- May
- TCNJ Admissions Acceptance Deposits due \$600 (**May 1st**)
- July
- Fall semester bills are emailed to students and Auxiliary Users (*if applicable*) by the Office of Student Accounts
- August
- Fall semester bills are due

The Office of Student Financial Assistance

Green Hall – Room 101

Academic Year Office Hours
Monday through Friday
8:30am to 4:30pm



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