



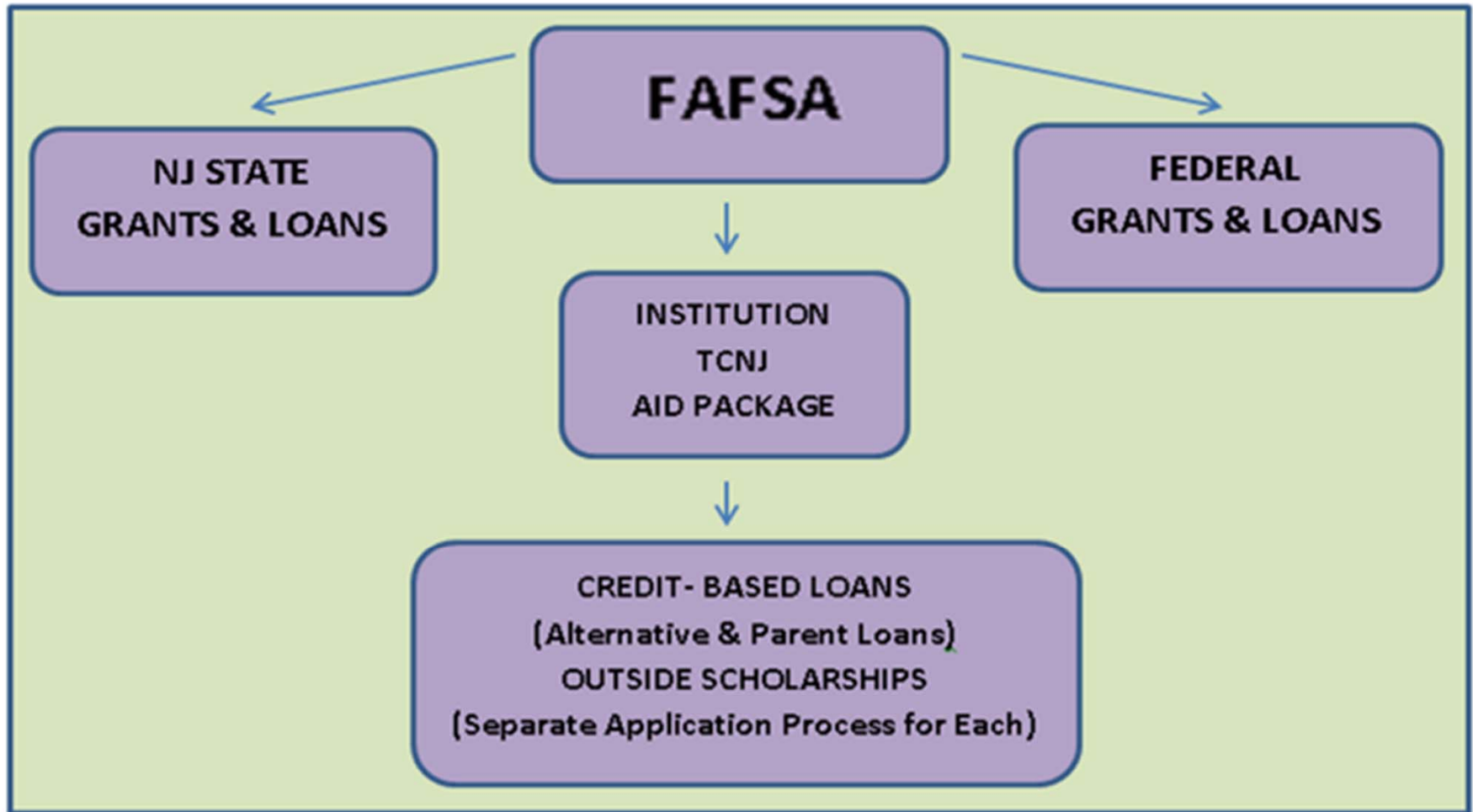
“Funding Your Education”



***Office of Student Financial Assistance
2024-2025 Aid Year***

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid

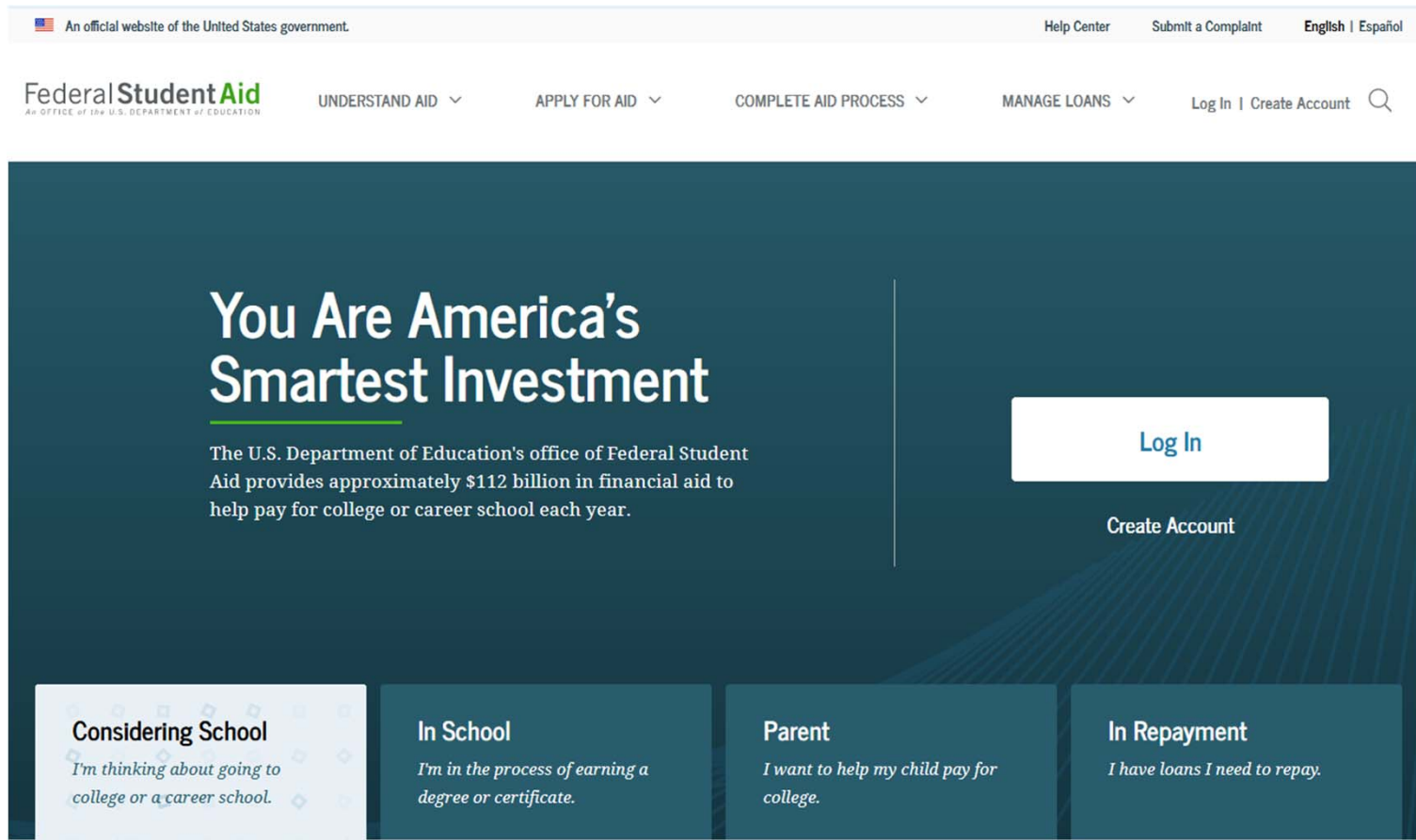
2024-2025 FAFSA



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

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid

FAFSA



www.studentaid.gov

AVAILABLE December 2023

Types of Aid

The FAFSA Simplification Act was enacted into law in 2021.

There will be significant changes to the FAFSA for 2024-2025.

- The eligibility formula is changing.
- Federal tax information will be automatically transferred to the form (no longer an option to opt out).
- All assets, including small businesses, must be reported.
- Definition of family size is changing*
- Number of children in college no longer a factor in the formula
- The parent whose income information goes on the FAFSA will change (Divorced/Separated parents)*

** Guidance due in October*

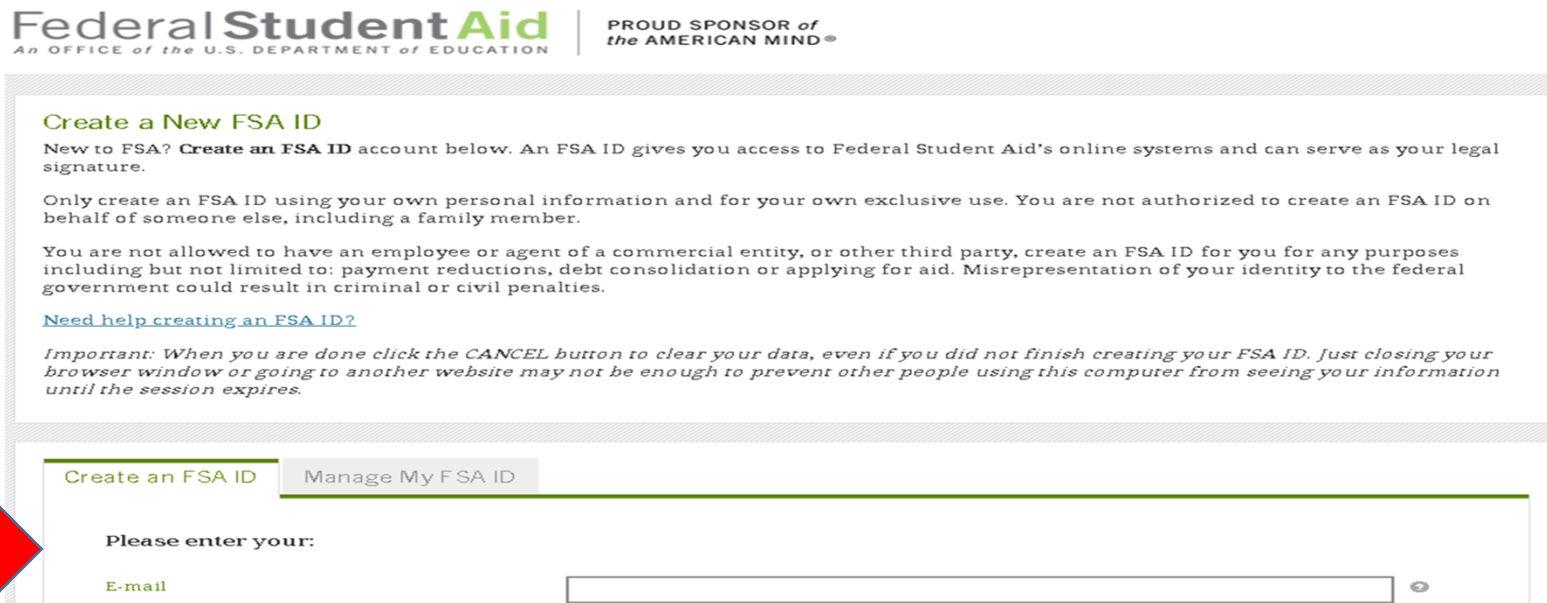
Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- **2024-2025 FAFSA** application - www.fafsa.gov
 - Complete the FAFSA on a yearly basis. Available December 2023 of your senior year in high school.
- FAFSA will use 2022 income information (Prior-Prior Income)
- **Student Aid Report (SAR)** is a summary of your FAFSA. Please 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.
- The FSA ID will be needed for other financial aid requirements, such as when borrowing on student loans.



New Jersey State Aid

Once a New Jersey resident submits the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) a copy of the FAFSA is automatically sent the **New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (NJ HESAA)**

Log in to your account.
Please identify yourself with a valid User Name and Password.

New to NJFAMS? Click [here](#) to create your student account and login credentials.

Returning Users

1. Click [here](#) if you forgot your User Name or Password.
2. Your Password will expire after 60 days. When it has expired after 60 days and you log in with your old Password you will be presented with a screen where you must change your Password.
3. If you are still having trouble logging in, send an email with your full name, date of birth, and a description of the problem to client_services@hesaa.org.

IMPORTANT: AFTER FIVE FAILED ATTEMPTS TO LOG IN WITHIN 60 MINUTES, YOUR ACCOUNT WILL BE LOCKED. After 24 hours your account will be unlocked and you can try again. If you do not remember your login credentials, [CLICK HERE](#) or email client_services@hesaa.org for support.

User Name:
Password:

To return to the main page of the NJ HESAA Grants webpage, [click here](#).

Note: This site requires the use of JavaScript and Cookies. Please be sure to enable JavaScript and Cookies in your web browser in order to access the full functionality of the site.

Approximately a week after submitting the FAFSA, students **MUST** log into HESAA's NJFAMS portal (New Jersey Financial Aid Management System) to complete any tasks listed on the "TO DO" list.

Tasks may need to be completed to be considered for Tuition Aid Grant (TAG) and all other State grants and scholarships.

www.njgrants.org

Aid Programs

- **Grants (Need based aid/based on household income)**

- **Pell (Federal Grant)** - \$605Pup to \$7395 YR *(2024-2025 Federal Poverty Limits used as a qualifier)*
- **Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant-(Federal Grant)** - \$200 - \$4,000 YR *(neediest students only)*
- **TEACH Grants (Federal Grant)** - \$3,772 YR
- **NJ Tuition Aid Grant (State Grant)** - \$2,666 to \$9966 *(New Summer TAG)*
- **NJ STARS II** - May received up to \$2500 **Work (Employment opportunity)***(must have received STARS 1 at a NJ community college)*
- **NJ Garden State Guarantee** - provide up to four semesters of free or reduced tuition and required fees at a four-year, public institution of higher education in New Jersey.
To be eligible, students must be New Jersey residents enrolled full time in their third or fourth years of study. For more information visit: <https://financialaid.tcnj.edu/garden-state-guarantee/>
- Federal Work Study opportunities available on campus – Variable
*Answer yes to the FAFSA question: “Are you interested in work”?

- **Scholarships (Merit & Need Scholarships)**

- Institutional Scholarships (TCNJ) – Merit/Need based - Variable
- Private Scholarships (Outside Resources) – Variable

- **Loans (Must be repaid after leaving school)**

- Federal Stafford Loan (FSL)
 - 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

TCNJ IN-STATE MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Merit Scholarships are administered by the Office of Admissions

- Students are automatically considered for merit scholarships upon submission of their Application.
- These awards are based on student's overall high school academic record:
 - Strength of curriculum, GPA, class rank, and strength of high school
- As a test-optional institution, TCNJ will not consider standardized test scores as part of our merit scholarship review process.
- **Award Amounts:**
 - The average merit award is roughly \$2,000 per year.
 - Beginning Fall 2022 Presidential Scholarships will have a maximum value of \$12,000 per year.
 - Granted to NJ residents who fall in the top 10% of their graduating class
 - Demonstrates a significant level of interests based on their responses to TCNJ's "Quest to Get to Know You Better" survey available to students after an application submitted.
 - All scholarships criteria is re-assess annual every summer for the next school 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.

<https://admissions.tcnj.edu/scholarships/instatescholarships/>

TCNJ OUT-OF-STATE MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Merit Scholarships are administered by the Office of Admissions

- Offer merit and need-based scholarships to our most deserving applicants to bring tuition costs closer to those paid by in-state residents.
- Award amounts - **These awards will range from \$1000 to \$6000 per year.**
- Scholarship evaluations:
 - Shown talent both inside and outside the classroom
 - Made a contribution to the life of their school community.
 - Most recipients of a merit award will rank in roughly the top 20% of their high school's graduating class.
- 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.

For the incoming Fall 2021 class, TCNJ re-calibrated our out-of-state tuition rate, scaling it back by approximately \$7000. In addition, we will offer merit and need-based scholarships to our most deserving applicants to bring tuition costs closer to those paid by in-state residents.

<https://admissions.tcnj.edu/scholarships/outofstatescholarships/>

TCNJ LIONS PRIDE NEED-BASED GRANT

- Lions Pride Need-Based Grant is awarded to merit scholarship recipients among the incoming first-year class who demonstrate financial need.
- Student must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by February 15th to be considered.
- Award amounts will be based on available institutional funds and the number of qualified candidates who successfully submit the FAFSA. Awards are designed to supplement a student's current merit scholarship.



<https://admissions.tcnj.edu/scholarships/lions-pride-need-based-grant/>

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.

Private Scholarship Search



Factors that may influence eligibility:

Academics	Athletic Ability*
SAT's	Geographic Diversity
AP Courses	Legacy (child of alumni)
Activities	Talent
Academic Track	Gender/Ethnicity
H.S. Attended	Class Rank

Resources

- Library resources
- Local businesses,
- Civic organizations
- Churches
- Sororities & Fraternities
- Parent's employer(s)
- www.hesaa.org
- www.finaid.org
- www.fastweb.com
- www.collegeboard.org
- www.mappingyourfuture.org
- www.jlvcollegecounseling.com

Athletic awards offered by NCAA Division I and Division II schools only.

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 Direct Cost – 2023-2024

Direct Cost are traditional items billed to students per semester. This does not include health insurance, parking for commuters, etc. **The 2024-2025 cost are announced in July 2024.**

<u>In State</u>	<u>Fall 2023</u>	<u>Spring 2024</u>	<u>Year</u>
Tuition	\$ 7,353	\$ 7,353	\$ 14,706
Fees	\$ 1,990	\$ 1,990	\$ 3,980
Room & Board (avg.)	\$ 8,070	\$ 8,070	\$ 16,140
Total	\$ 17,413	\$ 17,413	\$ 34,826

<u>Out of State</u>	<u>Fall 2019</u>	<u>Spring 2020</u>	<u>Year</u>
Tuition	\$ 10,295	\$ 10,295	\$ 20,590
Fees	\$ 1,990	\$ 1,990	\$ 3,980
Room & Board (avg.)	\$ 8,070	\$ 8,070	\$ 16,140
Total	\$20,355	\$ 20,355	\$ 40,710

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/supplies, gas, 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: \$40,604

Direct Costs

*Tuition, fees, room,
board/meals :*

- \$34,826

Balance amount \$5,778

Student may receive

*In financial aid and/or
borrow loan funds for books, etc.)*

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

Payment Alternatives

Student Accounts Office of the Treasurer

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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

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| December | - Complete the 2024-2025 FAFSA (high school seniors) |
| Jan-March | - February 15 th FAFSA filing date to be considered for Need Scholarships
- Apply for private scholarships.
- Respond to requests for additional information from NJ Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (NJ HESAA) |
| March | - “Estimated” Financial Aid award letters are e-mailed to accepted TCNJ students who have filed the FAFSA.
* <i>Student’s SSN must be listed on the Common Application*</i> |
| May | - TCNJ Admissions Acceptance Deposits due \$600 (May 1st) |
| July | - Fall semester bills are emailed to students and Auxiliary Users (<i>if applicable</i>) 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
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