



Dear Student,

On behalf of the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA), congratulations on your acceptance to TCNJ!

The College of New Jersey has worked hard to be recognized as one of our country's best values in higher education. TCNJ has been consistently named among top colleges and universities based on excellent academics and Return on Investment (ROI). Because TCNJ's graduation and retention rates are so high, TCNJ students graduate on time, having incurred less debt than most students attending other highly selective institutions.

Please review this email carefully.

Your 2026-2027 estimated financial aid offer is now available to view online through TCNJ's Personal Academic Web Services (PAWS) Portal at:

[TCNJ Financial Aid Estimates](#)

To access PAWS, some temporary credentials have been established for you:

**Temporary Username: testtesttest**

**Temporary Password: 066027622**

Once you have entered your temporary Username and Password, click on the "**Sign In**" button. Mistakenly choosing the "TCNJ SSO" button will prevent you from successfully entering PAWS.

If you get an error message after clicking "Sign In", don't fret! You can also log in via [account.tcnj.edu](https://account.tcnj.edu) by following these steps:

1. Click "Account Lookup"
2. Review the three account-related agreements and answer "Yes" to each.
3. Input your Last Name, Date of Birth and **PAWS ID Number (Test123)**.
4. Click "Get Account Info" and copy down your Username and Password. We encourage you to copy-and-paste these somewhere, as it's hard sometimes to distinguish between a "1", an "l" and an "I".

**If you still have issues logging into PAWS after trying both methods, please contact our Admissions Office for assistance at [admiss@tcnj.edu](mailto:admiss@tcnj.edu).**

Once logged into PAWS, you can click on the [Financial Aid Estimates](#) tile; this will display your award(s). **Please refer to the amounts in the "Offered" column. You are not accepting/declining awards at this time. This estimate is provided to you for budgeting purposes and to help you determine whether TCNJ is a good financial fit.**

Additionally, TCNJ has made the [College Financing Plan](#) available to all students. This standardized form is designed to simplify the information that students receive about the costs to attend TCNJ. You can access the [College Financing Plan](#) link on the left side of the screen when you are viewing your financial aid on the [Award Summary](#) page.

Please review our [2025-26 Cost of Attendance](#). The final Cost of Attendance amounts for 2026/2027 will be posted in July, after the Governor signs the NJ state budget. Traditionally, costs will increase by 3%.

For students who completed a 2026/2027 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Please note that for any need-based awards (if eligible) and student loans, those award(s) are based on the data you provided by completing the 2026-2027 FAFSA. This award signifies the best offer we can provide to you.

**Merit scholarships are awarded by our Admissions Office.** Students that are eligible for a merit scholarship were notified of such in their initial acceptance letter. If you are eligible for a merit scholarship, that amount is included in your award summary. **Please direct questions about merit scholarship amounts or eligibility to the Admissions Office.**

On the [financial aid tutorials page](#), you will find helpful videos on various topics such as our Cost of Attendance, types of aid, Alternative Loans, etc. Additionally, please feel free to visit the [OSFA website](#) for announcements and additional helpful information or the [General FAFSA Information website](#) for grant eligibility income maximums.

TCNJ will provide you with the official financial aid offer in July. Traditionally, official offers do not differ from the estimated offer but sometimes factors such as a Federal and/or State audit of FAFSA data (if selected), or receipt of additional aid may change the awards.

If you have any additional questions, please email us at [osfa@tcnj.edu](mailto:osfa@tcnj.edu).

Sincerely,

**The Office of Student Financial Assistance**

The College of New Jersey