

Free Community College Now Available

How does a student apply for a Community College Opportunity Grant?

For the Spring 2019 award, all students (renewal and new students) must complete and file the FAFSA (https://fafsa.ed.gov/) or New Jersey Alternative Financial Aid Application

(https://www.hesaa.org/Pages/NJAlternativeApplication.aspx) by **February 15, 2019**, in order to apply for all other available forms of federal and state need-based grants and merit scholarships. Current students who have already completed a financial aid application for the fall 2018 semester will be automatically considered for CCOG eligibility if they enroll at one of the 13 pilot institutions for at least six credits in the spring 2019 semester. In order to qualify, students must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Enrolled in at least six (6) credits at select colleges during the spring semester of 2019
- Do not have a prior college degree
- · Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), including State questions
- Make satisfactory academic progress
- Have a total household adjusted gross income not exceeding \$45,000

Starting with the spring semester of 2019, the program will be piloted at 13 county colleges across New Jersey.

Participating Community Colleges for Spring 2019

- Atlantic Cape Community College
- Bergen Community College
- Camden County College
- Cumberland County College
- Hudson County Community College
- Mercer County Community College
- Middlesex County College

- Ocean County College
- Passaic County Community College
- Rowan College at Gloucester County
- Salem Community College
- Union County College
- Warren County Community College

For more information visit your County College's Financial Aid Office or visit www.hesaa.org/pages/CCOG.aspx