

Institutional Policy on Eligibility for

New Jersey Tuition Aid Grant (TAG) and Dependent/Staff Tuition Remission

Policy Title: Ineligibility for New Jersey Tuition Aid Grant for Students Receiving Dependent/Staff Tuition Remission

Effective Date: 2025-2026 Aid Year and Beyond

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Responsible Office: University Enrollment Services - Compliance

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to clarify the eligibility requirements for students receiving tuition assistance through the New Jersey Tuition Aid Grant (TAG) and Dependent/Staff tuition remission. This policy ensures compliance with state regulations and institutional guidelines regarding the allocation of financial aid.

Policy Statement:

Students who are receiving Dependent/Staff tuition remission, which covers the full cost of tuition expenses at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, are not eligible to receive the New Jersey Tuition Aid Grant (TAG). TAG is a state-funded financial aid program intended to assist with tuition costs for eligible New Jersey residents attending approved institutions. Since the Dependent/Staff tuition remission program already covers all tuition costs for the student, the student is considered fully funded for tuition and, therefore, ineligible to receive TAG for the same tuition expenses.

Scope:

This policy applies to all undergraduate students who are receiving Dependent/Staff tuition remission at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey and are residents of New Jersey seeking or receiving the New Jersey Tuition Aid Grant (TAG).

Eligibility Criteria:

1. A student must follow the university guidelines to receive Dependent/Staff tuition remission.
2. A student must be receiving Dependent/Staff tuition remission from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey that covers the full cost of tuition.
3. The student must be a resident of New Jersey and meet other eligibility criteria for the New Jersey Tuition Aid Grant (TAG).
4. The student may not receive TAG for any tuition costs covered by dependent tuition remission.

Procedure:

1. University Enrollment Services will generate a report that consists of all Dependent/Staff tuition remission university wide.

2. University Enrollment Services will then verify the amount of Dependent/Staff tuition remission awarded to the student and compare it to the cost of tuition.
3. If a student is determined to be receiving full Dependent/Staff tuition remission, University Enrollment Services will notify the student that they are ineligible for the New Jersey Tuition Aid Grant.
4. Students who are eligible for both the Dependent/Staff Tuition Remission and the New Jersey Tuition Aid Grant must contact their One Stop or Campus Financial Aid Office to determine which award they wish to receive.
5. The student must submit a formal request to their One Stop or Campus Financial Aid Office to indicate their preferred financial aid award.
6. If a student inadvertently receives both awards, University Enrollment Services will adjust the student's account to reflect only one award once UES is notified from the Campus Financial Aid Offices via a Salesforce ticket, in accordance with this policy.
7. Students found to be in violation of this policy may be required to repay any over-awarded financial aid amounts. Failure to adhere to this policy may also result in the loss of eligibility for future financial aid awards.

Appeals Process:

Students who are eligible for the New Jersey Tuition Aid Grant despite receiving Dependent/Staff tuition remission may not appeal the decision to University Enrollment Services. The TAG award provides coverage for the same educational-related expense category known as “Tuition”.

In accordance with Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey’s financial aid policies, students who are receiving **Dependent Tuition Remission** and the **National Guard Tuition Waiver** are ineligible to receive both financial aid awards for the same term. This is due to the fact that both financial aid awards cover full tuition expenses.

Students are allowed to receive either the **Dependent/Staff Tuition Remission** **OR** the **New Jersey Tuition Aid Grant**, but not both for the same term. If a student is eligible for both awards, they must choose the one that best suits their financial aid needs.

Contact Information:

For questions or further clarification, students should contact their One Stop or Campus Financial Aid Office.

Policy Review and Updates:

This policy will be reviewed annually and updated as necessary to ensure compliance with institutional guidelines and state regulations by University Enrollment Services - Compliance.