

**Institutional Policy on Eligibility for****New Jersey Tuition Aid Grant (TAG) and Dependent/Staff Tuition Remission**

**Policy Title:** Coordination of TAG and Dependent/Staff Tuition Remission

**Effective Date:** 2025–2026 Aid Year and Beyond

**Reviewed/Revised:** August 29, 2025

**Responsible Office:** University Enrollment Services – Compliance

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this policy is to outline how tuition assistance through the New Jersey Tuition Aid Grant (TAG) and Dependent/Staff Tuition Remission is applied and to further clarify the eligibility requirements for students receiving tuition assistance via multiple facets. This ensures compliance with state regulations and institutional guidelines while promoting equitable allocation of financial aid resources.

**Policy Statement:**

Students who are eligible at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey for both the New Jersey Tuition Aid Grant (TAG) and Dependent/Staff Tuition Remission must have their TAG award applied toward tuition charges first. Any remaining tuition balance, after application of the TAG award, will then be covered by Dependent/Staff Tuition Remission up to the allowable amount.

Since TAG is a state-funded program specifically intended to assist with tuition costs, it must be utilized before institutional remission benefits are applied. Students may not receive duplicate coverage of the same tuition charges from both programs.

**Scope:**

This policy applies to all undergraduate students at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey who are New Jersey residents and are eligible to receive both the New Jersey Tuition Aid Grant (TAG) and Dependent/Staff Tuition Remission.

**Eligibility Criteria:**

1. A student must meet all institutional requirements for Dependent/Staff Tuition Remission and follow all university guidelines associated.
2. A student must be a resident of New Jersey and meet all eligibility requirements for The Tuition Aid Grant (TAG).
3. TAG funds must be applied to tuition charges prior to the application of remission.
4. Dependent/Staff Tuition Remission will be applied only to tuition charges not already covered by TAG.

**Procedure:**

1. University Enrollment Services will generate a report of all students receiving Dependent/Staff Tuition Remission.
2. University Enrollment Services will verify TAG eligibility and apply TAG funds to a student's award.
3. In conjunction, any remaining tuition balance will then be covered through Dependent/Staff Tuition Remission.
4. Adjustments are then required on the Student Accounting, Billing, and Cashiering side to then adjust accordingly to incorporate the TAG and reduce the Dependent/Staff Tuition Remission.
5. On the Financial Aid side, the financial aid management system Oracle Student Financial Planning (OSFP) will reflect the same dollar amounts to match Student Accounting, Billing, and Cashiering.
6. Students cannot opt out of this order of application; TAG must always be applied first.
7. If a student inadvertently receives both TAG and remission covering the same tuition charges, University Enrollment Services will adjust the account to reflect proper application of funds.
8. Students found to be in violation of this policy may be required to repay over-awarded financial aid.

**Appeals Process:**

Decisions regarding the order of application for TAG and Dependent/Staff Tuition Remission may not be appealed, as the coordination of awards is required to ensure compliance with state and institutional policy. Students remain eligible to receive both benefits, but remission will only cover tuition costs remaining after TAG has been applied.

If a student has extenuating circumstances and requires additional financial assistance for the 2025-2026 academic year, a student may submit an appeal <insert link to appeal application and/or process instructions>. All relevant details pertaining to the request for extra funding must be included in the appeal submission. Submission of an appeal does not guarantee that additional aid will be provided. [Regional One Stop Student Services Center](#) can be contacted with any questions or concerns regarding the appeal process.

**Contact Information:**

For questions or 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.