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**FINANCIAL AID  
NEXT STEPS  
CHECKLIST**

**FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS**



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## 1. CLAIM YOUR UNIVERSITY COMPUTING ID

Go to [myucid.njit.edu](https://myucid.njit.edu) to claim your UCID.

## 2. FILE THE FAFSA

- U.S. Citizens/Eligible Non-Citizens: If you have not done so already, submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov). NJIT's federal school code is **002621**.
- New Jersey Dreamers (DACA): Complete the New Jersey Alternative Financial Aid Application (if not already done) [hesaa.org/Pages/NJAlternativeApplication.aspx](https://hesaa.org/Pages/NJAlternativeApplication.aspx)

## 3. ACCEPT YOUR FINANCIAL AID AWARDS

- Financial aid awards are sent to all students who have filed the FAFSA. You must review and accept your awards through your Highlander Pipeline at [my.njit.edu](https://my.njit.edu).

Go to [my.njit.edu](https://my.njit.edu)

1. Enter UCID & password
2. Click on Discover More
3. In the Financial Aid Account Card, click on 'Financial Aid Dashboard'
4. Select "2025-2026" Aid Year from the drop-down
5. Go to Award Offer tab
6. Under 'Loans' section, review and accept or decline your awards
7. Click 'Submit'

## 4. COMPLETE YOUR LOAN FEDERAL DOCUMENTS

- Complete Master Promissory Note at [studentaid.gov/mpn/](https://studentaid.gov/mpn/)
- Complete Entrance Counseling at [studentaid.gov/entrance-counseling/](https://studentaid.gov/entrance-counseling/)

## 5. FOR NJ RESIDENTS: CREATE YOUR NJFAMS ACCOUNT

- Create the NJFAMS account at [njfams.hesaa.org](https://njfams.hesaa.org)
- NJFAMS is the portal for Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA) that determines student's state aid eligibility
- Monitor the NJFAMS portal regularly and provide the requested information
- FAFSA filing deadline for State Aid (HESAA): September 15, 2025
- State (HESAA) deadline to submit requested documents: October 1, 2025 or 30 days from initial notification

## 6. IMPORTANT DATES

- Tuition bill statements are sent via email by the University Bursar.
- Important dates: [njit.edu/bursar/important-dates](https://njit.edu/bursar/important-dates)
- Billing dates  
Bills released: July 29, 2025  
Bills due: August 27, 2025  
Health Insurance Waiver due: October 7, 2025

## 7. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Parents may apply for a Federal Parent PLUS loan [studentaid.gov/plus-app/](https://studentaid.gov/plus-app/)
- Payment plan information [njit.edu/bursar/payment-information](https://njit.edu/bursar/payment-information)
- Apply for a Private loan [njit.edu/financialaid/private-loans](https://njit.edu/financialaid/private-loans)

## 8. SCHOLARSHIP UNIVERSE

- Scholarship Universe allows you to look for trusted external scholarships: [njit.edu/financialaid/scholarship-universe-njit](https://njit.edu/financialaid/scholarship-universe-njit)

## 9. IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- NJIT communicates via email. Regularly check your NJIT email and Highlander Pipeline for important communication and updates.
- If you are a New Jersey resident, monitor and respond to all the emails from the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA) and NJFAMS.

## 10. NEED MORE INFORMATION?

- For frequently asked questions, click on this QR code:



## 11. CONTACT US

- To schedule a meeting with a financial aid counselor, click on this QR code:



**CONGRATULATIONS!  
YOU ARE OFFICIALLY  
AN NJIT HIGHLANDER!**

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