

Financial Aid

Financial Aid Application Process

To be considered for most types of aid, you must first complete the 2014–2015 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.gov. TCNJ's federal school code is 002642.

Filing the FAFSA begins the financial aid process. Keep in mind that you must file a new application for each academic year.

A personal-identification-number (PIN) is required in order to electronically sign the FAFSA. You can apply for a PIN at www.fafsa.gov or at www.pin.ed.gov. Failure to electronically sign the FAFSA will result in delays to your aid.

If you are a previous FAFSA filer, you can file a Renewal FAFSA. The Renewal FAFSA will have all your previous years' information stored. Please review and make any updates to your information before submitting the form.

After filing the FAFSA, you will receive either a Student Aid Report (SAR) or a SAR acknowledgment. You will receive this via U.S. mail if you do not provide an e-mail address on the FAFSA. If you do provide an e-mail address, you will receive an e-mail from the federal processor with a link to your SAR or SAR acknowledgement. Read all comments to ensure that your application has been processed and that all information is accurate and complete. Also check the Information Release section to be sure that The College of New Jersey (002642) is listed as a school to receive your information. If TCNJ is not listed and/or there are other changes to be made, please contact the Office of Student Financial Assistance at 609.771.2211 or call the federal processor at 800.433.3243.

Loan Programs

Federal Stafford Loans

Students must be matriculated and enrolled for at least five credits per semester to qualify for these loans. The maximum loan limit for most graduate students in a degree program is \$20,500 per academic year. Graduate students are only eligible for unsubsidized loans. The interest rate is fixed at 6.8 percent for unsubsidized loans. The interest on an unsubsidized loan is not paid by the federal government and begins to accrue immediately.

Veterans' Assistance

TCNJ participates in federal and state assistance programs for veterans. Please contact Dionne Hallback, Associate Director of Customer Service, V.A. Administrator in the Office of Student Financial Assistance at 609.771.2211.

Private/Alternative Loans

In your research for alternative or private loans The College of New Jersey recommends that you use ELM Select as a tool to compare the different lenders based on the options, benefits and services that each offer.

<http://beta.elmselect.com/link/query?schoolid=87>

Important Information

Phone: 609.771.2211

Fax: 609.637.5154

osfa@tcnj.edu

Web: www.tcnj.edu/~sfs/aid

Location:

Green Hall 101

Monday–Friday, 8:30 A.M.–4:30 P.M.

PO Box 7718, Ewing, NJ 08628-0718

FAFSA school code: 002642

Summer School

Financial aid application available March 1, 2014 at www.tcnj.edu/~sfs/aid/summer.html.

Tuition and Fees

Application Fee

A \$75 non-refundable application fee (subject to change), payable to The College of New Jersey, is charged to all applicants. The fee is waived for students who formerly attended the College.

Enrollment Deposit

Matriculated students in an on-campus program (this excludes students in global, RTC partnership, and other off-site programs) will be required to submit a \$100.00 enrollment deposit upon acceptance to secure their seat. This enrollment deposit is non-refundable, but will be entered as a credit toward the student's account.

Costs per Semester

Costs are charged per credit hour (*Fall 2014/Spring 2015).

See <http://studentaccounts.pages.tcnj.edu/tuition-fees/> for current rates.

| | NJ Resident | Out-of-State Resident |
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| Tuition | \$674.68 | \$1064.14 |
| General Service Fee | 114.17 | 114.17 |
| Student Service Fee | 26.05 | 26.05 |
| Student Center Fee | 10.29 | 10.29 |
| Computing Access Fee | 15.70 | 15.70 |
| Total Cost Per Semester Hour | \$850.89 | \$1240.35 |

Additional Fees:

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| ID Fee | \$10 per semester |
| Late Registration Fine | \$125 |
| Bad Check Fine – Insufficient Funds | \$25 |
| Returned ACH Payment – Acct Not Found | \$10 |
| Late Payment Fine for Balances over \$1000 | 1.5% of balance or \$25, whichever is greater |

Graduate students enrolled, whether matriculated or admitted as a non-matriculated student, pay at the graduate rate whether taking graduate or undergraduate courses. Students who do not intend to apply undergraduate courses to a graduate program now or in the future should apply for non-matriculant standing through the undergraduate Office of Admissions and will be charged the undergraduate rate. Such classes will not be applied to a graduate degree or certification program offered by the College.

*Costs reflect 2014–15 academic year rates and are subject to change at any time. Rates are usually higher during the next academic year. Check with the Office of Student Accounts for current charges after July 15 of each year.

A student is classified as a “New Jersey resident” for tuition purposes if the student has been a bona fide domiciliary of the state of New Jersey prior to registering for classes. Any questions regarding residency status can be directed to Records & Registration at 609.771.2141.

Identification Card Fee

A non-refundable \$10 identification card fee is charged each semester to all students who attend the College for the maintenance of the campus' one-card system.

Health Insurance Fee

Graduate students registered for nine or more credits in a term will be billed for Student Health and Accident Insurance. Full-time students have the opportunity to waive/opt out of this coverage by providing evidence of health insurance coverage to the insurance company by the waiver deadline established by the College. Information regarding the health insurance coverage can be found by visiting: <http://studenthealthinsurance.pages.tcnj.edu/> Students will be updated with waiver information and notified of changes through their TCNJ email account. Contact The College Health Services Office about specifics.

Special Fees

Students who register for Seminar in Supervised Teaching, internships, practicum, NURS 633/Holistic Health Assessment for Advanced Practice, and NURS 634/Primary Care of Women pay fees determined by the appropriate program. Please contact the School of Education or the School of Nursing, Health, and Exercise Science for these fees.

Parking/Vehicle Registration Fee

The fee for the 2014–15 is \$95 plus seven percent sales tax. Rates are subject to change each academic year. For more information on current vehicle registration procedures and fees, please visit the Parking Services Web site, <http://parking.pages.tcnj.edu/>.

To be considered registered and allowed to park on campus, each vehicle must bear a current valid decal, which must be visibly displayed.

For students who live off campus and use motor vehicles to commute to class, one automobile and one motorcycle may be registered. Those individuals under contract with the College as graduate assistants may register one vehicle on a faculty/staff basis. They do not need to pay the fee and are permitted to park in faculty/staff lots.

Payment

Payment of tuition and fees may be made by cash, check, electronic check, wire transfer, or money order payable to The College of New Jersey. MasterCard, Visa, Discover, and American Express credit cards are also accepted via the PAWS system.

Identification Cards

Graduate student identification cards may be obtained in the Office of Student Accounts, located in Green Hall 119. During the fall and spring semesters, the office is open from 8:30 A.M. to 5 P.M. Monday, and from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Tuesday through Friday. The College of New Jersey ID card is the official college identification for students and should be

carried at all times. The card also serves as a library card for purposes of checking out books and recordings. The card is non-transferable. Loss of the ID card should be reported immediately to <http://cardservices.pages.tcnj.edu/> and/or to the Office of Student Accounts, 609.771.3146. A fee of \$10 is charged for each replacement.

Withdraw or Leave of Absence Refunds of Tuition and Fees

A student must withdraw from all courses for the semester (or reduce his/her registered course load) by the last day of Add/Drop in order to be eligible for a refund. The computing of all refunds will be based upon the date of receipt shown on the written notice or Intent to Withdraw Form. Refunds are not based upon date of the last class attendance. A student who leaves school without officially withdrawing from the College forfeits all rights to a refund or to a reduction in his or her account.

The College uses the following policy to determine the amount of refund:

1. A student withdrawing from the College on or before the official last day of Add/Drop shall receive a 100 percent refund of applicable tuition and fees* paid.
2. A student reducing his/her load in a manner that results in a decrease in billable tuition and applicable fees* on or before the last official day of Add/Drop shall receive a 100 percent refund of the reduced amount. Reductions in load after the last official day of Add/Drop will not result in 100 percent refunds.
3. A student withdrawing from the College after the official end of Add/Drop but before the end of the third week of classes in the fall and spring semesters shall receive a 75 percent refund of applicable tuition and fees* paid.
4. A student withdrawing from the College after the official end of Add/Drop but before the end of the fifth week of classes in the fall and spring semesters shall receive a 50 percent refund of applicable tuition and fees* paid.
5. A student withdrawing from the College after the fifth week of classes shall receive no refund.
6. Summer withdrawal policies are different. Please consult the College's Web site at <http://summer.pages.tcnj.edu/faqs/course-withdrawal/>.
7. Students receiving federal Title IV financial aid funds must contact the Office of Student Financial Assistance, Green Hall 101, prior to withdrawing.

**Only General Services, Computing Access, Student Activity, Student Center, and Student Services fees.*

Refunds for Students Receiving Federal Title IV Funds

Federal regulations require that a pro-rata portion of Title IV funds be returned to the funding source if students withdraw from the College. Students may, therefore, incur a liability to The College of New Jersey and should consult with the Office of Student Financial Assistance, Green Hall 101, prior to withdrawing.

For additional information concerning the refund process at TCNJ, we invite you to visit our Web site at www.tcnj.edu/~recreg/withdrawal/index.html.

Residency for Tuition Purposes

Individuals who have been a resident within the state of New Jersey for a period of 12 months prior to enrollment in a public institution of higher education are presumed to be domiciled in this state for tuition purposes. Persons who have been residents within this state for less than 12 months prior to enrollment are presumed to be non-domiciliaries for tuition purposes. Persons whose residency status is challenged by TCNJ may demonstrate residency status according to the rules set forth by the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education. These guidelines are available in the Office of Records and Registration, Green Hall 112. Residence established solely for the purpose of attending TCNJ is not domicile for the purpose of achieving in-state residency. United States military personnel and their dependents who are living in New Jersey and are attending public institutions of higher education in New Jersey shall be regarded as residents of the state for the purpose of determining tuition.

Financial Obligations to the College

Students with unfulfilled obligations to the College (including tuition, fees, library materials, fines, or damage assessments) may be prevented from registering and/or from obtaining a transcript and diploma. Students with delinquent loans (federal, state, or college) may also have their transcripts and diploma withheld. Unfulfilled financial obligations with the College may allow for your account to be given to a collection agency at which all cost incurred will be the responsibility of the student.