

Financial Aid

Financial Aid Application Process

To be considered for most types of aid, you must first complete the 2015–2016 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 5.8 percent for unsubsidized loans (subject to change). 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

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

Location:

Green Hall 101

Monday–Friday, 8:30 A.M.–4:30 P.M.

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Summer School

Financial aid application available March 1, 2015 at www.tcnj.edu/~sfs/aid/summer.html.