

# New Jersey just became the 10th state to expand access to state financial aid to New Jersey Dreamers. Now what?

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### WHAT HAPPENED?

On May 9th, 2018, Gov. Murphy signed into law legislation that expands access to state financial aid programs (i.e. Tuition Aid Grant, Educational Opportunity Fund, New Jersey Stars, and more!) to New Jersey DACA recipients and eligible undocumented students. Students can apply for aid for fall 2018. The application is live now.

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### ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

In order to qualify to submit the New Jersey Alternative Application, you must:

- have attended a high school in New Jersey for three or more years; AND
- have graduated from a New Jersey high school, or attain the equivalent of a high school diploma in New Jersey; AND
- register as an entering student or be currently enrolled in a New Jersey public or independent institution of higher education; AND
- NOT be a U.S. citizen, green card holder or eligible noncitizen (i.e. you can be undocumented or a DACA recipient to apply); AND
- be registered with Selective Service (if male); AND
- file an affidavit with your college stating you will file an application to legalize your immigration status as soon as you are eligible to do so. See an example here.

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### WHAT DO YOU NEED TO FILL OUT THE APPLICATION?

The **New Jersey Alternative Application can be found here:** [goo.gl/V4UGiK](http://goo.gl/V4UGiK). If you plan on attending college in New Jersey in the Fall 2018 and are interested in being considered for state aid, here's what you'll need to do to apply:

- Get your 2016 taxes or proof of income ready. You (or your family if you are a dependent) will be required to present proof of income from 2016.
- Make sure you have your high school ID number (you can find this on your transcript);
- Have your Social Security number (if you have one) handy;
- Contact your college/university and request an affidavit (see above);
- Join our mailing list on [www.NJ4Dreamers.com](http://www.NJ4Dreamers.com) for updates and support!

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### WHAT IS NJ4DREAMERS.COM FOR?

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- Learn about the campaign that young people organized for more than a decade;
- Find quality, free tax clinics near you;
- Find events we're hosting near you where you can get personalized support;
- Connect with other young people fighting for immigrant rights; and
- Request that we visit your school or community organization to share resources!

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