

NJ STARS

at RCBC



NJ STARS CHECKLIST:

- Apply to RCBC and declare a major in an Associate of Arts, Associate of Science or Associate of Applied Science degree program.
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and State (HESAA) requirements.
- Submit the final high school transcript post-graduation.
- Meet with the NJ STARS Coordinator and complete the NJ STARS Contract.
- Register full-time for 12-18 college credits.

**SCAN HERE
FOR MORE
INFORMATION!**



HAVE QUESTIONS?
CONTACT US!

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*Free tuition
is in the STARS!*

REWARD YOURSELF WITH FREE TUITION

The New Jersey Student Tuition Assistance Reward Scholarship (NJ STARS) is a program created by the State of New Jersey to provide high-achieving students easier access to higher education.

RCBC offers students support to ensure they are successful in the NJ STARS program. In addition to awarding students efficiently, the honors coordinator guides students on a path toward personal achievement and degree completion. Choosing to take advantage of NJ STARS at RCBC is a well-rewarded step toward the future.



BE PREPARED TO BE A STAR

NJ STARS Eligibility Requirements:

- Rank in the top 15% of high school class at the end of either junior or senior year.
- Meet citizenship standards and legal NJ residency for at least 12 consecutive months immediately prior to high school graduation.
- Submit FAFSA and HESAA and submit all required documentation within State deadlines.
- Enroll in your county's community college full-time within 5 semesters of high school graduation.
- Maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher by the start of the third semester of NJ STARS eligibility.

PATH TO CONTINUED SUCCESS

The NJ STARS financial benefit does not end at RCBC. Eligible NJ STARS graduates can take advantage of NJ STARS II and gain up to \$2,500 annually toward a bachelor's degree. Currently, there are 36 four-year colleges and universities in New Jersey participating in NJ STARS II.

NJ STARS II Checklist:

- Graduate from RCBC with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25.
- Apply for admission at a participating NJ institution.
- Complete the FAFSA and HESAA requirements.
- Enroll in a full-time course of study (minimum 12 college-level credits) each term.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I find out if I am eligible?

If eligible, you will be notified officially by your high school at the end of either your junior or senior year. You can meet with your high school guidance counselor or the honors coordinator to prepare for additional NJ STARS requirements.

What does NJ STARS cover?

NJ STARS covers the cost of tuition (only less) any federal or state grant eligibility at RCBC for 12-18 college credits per term. Students are responsible for payment of the remainder student fees, associated course fees, books and supplies. NJ STARS can be used for up to 5 consecutive terms.

NJ STARS STUDENT STORIES



"RCBC provided me with an alternate route to earning an education and degree. University can be quite expensive, but starting out at RCBC reduces some of those costs and allows me to explore what I want to pursue without worry. In addition, RCBC is helping me transition into college life steadily and comfortably.

There are so many resources at this college that I can count on to help me, and RCBC also makes sure I know what's available to me."

-Danielle Davenport
Computer Science, Class of 2025

"I enjoy the diverse range of educational programs and career pathways the college offers following a seamless transfer to four-year universities. Programs like GAP (Guaranteed Admission Program) have allowed me to graduate from RCBC and be admitted directly to a four-year institution."

-Shreeya Kamal
Engineering, Class of 2024



"So far, I have loved my NJ STARS experience, the staff have been very helpful guiding me in the right direction and understanding what might be the best option for my future. One thing that NJSTARS offers, that I notice is I would not get at another institute is the efficacy of the program. RCBC's NJ STARS

program keeps me updated with important deadlines, more opportunities, and a community that cares about how they operate and how they can help all of their students."

-Lahaina Lorenzo
Exercise Science Health and Wellness Promotion,
Class of 2024

