

**APPLICATION FOR  
THE STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
(SAC)**

**ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025**

**NEW JERSEY HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENT ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY  
(HESAA)**

**LEGAL AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS  
PO BOX 545, 2 QUAKERBRIDGE PLAZA TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08625-0545**

**Application Due Date: April 5, 2024**

The Student Advisory Committee (SAC) provides a means of communication between the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA) and New Jersey's students. The Committee, which is comprised of students from New Jersey colleges and universities, advises the HESAA Board on financial aid matters that affect New Jersey's college students.

**Committee Processes and Duties:**

The SAC consists of nine (9) members, two (2) of whom serve as Chair and Vice Chair. The SAC elects the Chair and Vice Chair, who serve as voting members on the HESAA Board. The Chair and Vice Chair attend the HESAA Board of Directors meetings, which are held four (4) times a year. The remaining SAC members are encouraged to attend HESAA Board meetings, though they attend as members of the public, not as voting members of the Board.

The SAC meets four (4) times during the academic year. SAC meetings are typically held two weeks prior to HESAA Board meetings. The first SAC meeting is usually in person at the New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority, located at 2 Quakerbridge Plaza in Mercerville, and the subsequent three (3) meetings are held virtually via Zoom. Each meeting is typically 1-2 hours, and is usually held on Friday mornings. Students who attend the in-person meeting are reimbursed for travel expenses pursuant to State guidelines.

SAC members are encouraged to speak with other students on their campuses to obtain broad input on student views on State student financial aid policies and share that feedback at SAC meetings. SAC members are also encouraged to team with HESAA's Outreach & Communications department in hosting and attending events in the communities where they come from such as financial aid sessions for high school seniors at the high school from which they graduated.

**Eligibility:**

In order to become a member of the Student Advisory Committee, you must meet specific criteria. Please read the following questions.

- 1) Are you a New Jersey resident?
- 2) Are you a US citizen, eligible non-citizen, or eligible to file the New Jersey Alternative Financial Aid Application?
- 3) Are you currently registered for and attending classes at a New Jersey community college, New Jersey state college/university, New Jersey independent college/university, Rutgers University, or a New Jersey public research college/university?
- 4) Are you attending classes full-time?

If you answered “yes” to all of the questions, please complete the following application and e-mail it to Jennifer Martin at [Jennifer\\_Martin@hesaa.org](mailto:Jennifer_Martin@hesaa.org) no later than **April 5, 2024**. Please contact Jennifer Martin with any questions via email or phone at (609) 588-3300 x1207.

**Student Advisory Committee Application for Academic Year (AY) 2024-2025**

**I. Personal Data**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Campus Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cellphone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

May we text you? Yes:  No:

May we share your cellphone number with other AY 2024-2025 SAC members? Yes:  No:

**II. Educational Background**

High School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

College/University You Will Attend in AY 2024-2025:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Major (Program of Study): \_\_\_\_\_

Do You Expect To Complete Your Degree During AY 2024-2025? Yes:  No:

Number of credits completed as of June 2024: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**III. Student Assistance Background**

Are you familiar with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the New Jersey Alternative Financial Aid Application?

Yes:  No:  Somewhat:

Are you familiar with any of New Jersey's tuition assistance programs?

Yes:  No:  Somewhat:

Please describe how you might contribute to the Committee and why you believe you would be a valuable addition:

**IV. Work Experience And Extra-Curricular Activities**

Do you work? If yes, do you work part-time  or fulltime ?  
No:

List scholastic, community, and/or extra-curricular activities in which you are presently or will be actively participating during AY 2024-2025 (include the time commitment involved):

***ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MAY BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS APPLICATION IN THE FORM OF A RESUME***