STARS EMAIL NOTIFICATION:

Subject line of email: Important information regarding your NJSTARS potential eligibility

I am pleased to inform you that, based on your high school academic record, you qualify for the NJ Student Tuition Assistance Reward Scholarship (NJ STARS) program. You are **potentially** eligible to receive valuable support from a scholarship that can help you pay for college in New Jersey.

The NJ STARS Program allows top New Jersey high school graduates to attend their home county college, **tuition-free**, for up to five semesters. New Jersey students graduating from high school in June 2023 who are ranked in the top 15.0 percent of their class at the end of 11th or 12th grade are **potentially** eligible to participate in the NJ STARS Program. To receive a scholarship, you must demonstrate college readiness and meet all other program eligibility requirements. As with all State-supported student assistance programs, NJ STARS awards are subject to available annual State funding.

To activate your eligibility for NJ STARS you must click on the following URL, and provide the information requested: NJSTARS Activation

Completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), or the NJ Alternative Financial Aid Application is a requirement of the NJ STARS program. If you haven't completed your 2023-2024 financial aid application yet, you can do so here: HESAA Financial Aid. In addition, the New Jersey Financial Aid Management System (NJFAMS) is where you can view all of your state aid awards after you complete your financial aid application. You will need to create an account here: https://njfams.hesaa.org.

Looking ahead, NJ STARS recipients who earn an associate degree from a county college with a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher, have a family income (taxable and untaxed income) less than $250,000, and meet all other eligibility requirements may be eligible to receive a NJ STARS II award to transfer to a New Jersey four-year public or independent institution of higher education that is approved to participate in the New Jersey Tuition Aid Grant (TAG) Program.

Congratulations on your outstanding academic record and best wishes for continued success. If you are planning to attend any New Jersey college or university with your GUS scholarship, or if you wish to enroll at your home county college with a tuition-free NJSTARS award, be sure to contact the college's financial aid office to discuss your participation in these programs. Please visit www.njgrants.org to learn more about State student financial aid programs.

Sincerely,
David J. Socolow
Executive Director

STARS & GUS EMAIL NOTIFICATION:

I am pleased to inform you that, based on your high school academic record, you qualify for the Governor's Urban Scholarship (GUS) and the NJ Student Tuition Assistance Reward Scholarship (NJ STARS) programs. You are **potentially** eligible to receive valuable support from a scholarship that can help you pay for college in New Jersey.

You **may be eligible** for a Governor's Urban Scholarship because you rank is in the top 5 percent at your high school and you reside in a designated high-need community. The GUS Program provides eligible students scholarships of $1,000 each year for up to four years of undergraduate study at any public or independent New Jersey college or university, subject to available annual State funding.

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To activate your eligibility for GUS and NJ STARS you must click on the following URL, and provide the information requested: NJSTARS Activation

Completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), or the NJ Alternative Financial Aid Application is a requirement of the GUS and NJ STARS program. If you haven't completed your 2023-2024 financial aid application yet, you can do so here: HESAA Financial Aid. In addition, the New Jersey Financial Aid Management System (NJFAMS) is where you can view all of your state aid awards after you complete your financial aid application. You will need to create an account here: https://njfams.hesaa.org.

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Congratulations on your outstanding academic record and best wishes for continued success. If you are planning to attend any New Jersey college or university with your GUS scholarship, or if you wish to enroll at your home county college with a tuition-free NJSTARS award, be sure to contact the college's financial aid office to discuss your participation in these programs. Please visit www.njgrants.org to learn more about State student financial aid programs.

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