



# NJ STARS CONTRACT

For New and Transfer NJ STARS Students



Rowan College  
at  
BURLINGTON COUNTY

Congratulations on your enrollment to Rowan College at Burlington County as a NJ STARS student! The following is a list of eligibility requirements for NJ STARS and NJ STARS II. By initialing and signing, you are verifying your knowledge and responsibility for understanding and following the requirements.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ RCBC Student ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Please initial next to each requirement:

## ADMISSION:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Attend the county college in the county which I can prove residency.**

I may attend an out-of-county college as an NJ STARS student only after having been approved for a chargeback for a degree program that my home county college does not offer. Chargebacks must be approved every semester.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Enroll in a degree-seeking program: AAS, AS, AA or AFA.**

You will not be considered eligible for NJ STARS if you choose to be undeclared or pursue a certificate program.

## GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Be in the top 15% of my high school class either junior or senior year.**

RCBC will verify junior year eligibility and/or I will provide a final high school transcript to verify senior year eligibility.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Submit an official final high school transcript to confirm graduation.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Reach a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 prior to the start of my third semester.**

Only grades earned while an active NJ STARS student can be used to calculate the GPA for continued eligibility.

## FINANCIAL AID/BILLING:

\_\_\_\_\_ **File my Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) annually by all state deadlines.**

Visit <https://fafsa.gov>.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Complete the NJ Additional Questions in the NJ FAMS portal annually.**

Visit <https://njfams.hesaa.org>.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Complete any additional documentation requested by the state (NJ FAMS), federal (FAFSA) or RCBC Financial Aid Office.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Register full-time and inform the NJ STARS coordinator before making any credit changes each semester.**

NJ STARS covers tuition between 12-18 credits per fall and spring semester only for up to 5 semesters.

## **FINANCIAL AID/BILLING (continued):**

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Review my account for other federal or state grant funding (e.g. Pell or TAG grants).**  
All other federal and state funding is applied first to the bill. If the tuition is entirely covered by these grant sources, no NJ STARS funds can be applied, and the student is considered a “non-funded NJ STARS student.”
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Make payment for all fees and charges.**  
Failure to make these payments by the appropriate deadlines may result in being dropped from courses and/or losing NJ STARS eligibility.

## **ACADEMIC PLANNING & ADVISING:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Meet with the NJ Stars coordinator prior to the start of each semester to go over my academic plan and progress.**  
Must have an academic plan on file by the end of the first semester.

## **COLLEGE READINESS:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Display college readiness for English, reading and math for my intended major.**  
This must be completed by September 1, one year following high school graduation. College readiness is defined as no longer requiring developmental or clinic courses (MTH 055, MTH 075, MTH 012, MTH 030, ENG 060, ENG 080).
- \_\_\_\_\_ **If my degree requires pre-calculus/calculus, take an additional placement test.**  
The Advanced Algebra and Functions (AAF) Exam determines readiness for advanced level math.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **If enrolled in developmental or clinic courses, I am in a remedial status and not funded.**  
NJ STARS cannot be awarded for any credits until all remedial coursework is complete.

## **LEAVING NJ STARS:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ **If in need of a leave of absence, I must be approved by the NJ STARS coordinator.**  
Approved absences can be granted with proof of medical leave from the college or military leave due to the full or partial activation of students in the U.S. armed forces.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **If leaving the college as a result of disciplinary action or withdraw, I am responsible for my bill in full.**  
All tuition covered by NJ STARS will be owed back from the student to RCBC.

## **NJ STARS II:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Graduate with a minimum cumulative GPA of a 3.25 in order to be eligible for NJ STARS II.**  
I also must remain as an active NJ STARS student and graduate with my associate degree.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Your signature acknowledges your responsibility for all areas listed above. Signature on this document does not confirm that academic and/or financial aid eligibility criteria for NJ STARS has been met.*