## Checklist of Events

### Apply to Ocean County College in a degree seeking program

Applicants with specific questions should contact the Registration and Records Office at 732.255.0304. **Due Date:** Open enrollment

**Checkbox/Notes:**
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### Complete the Federal financial aid paperwork

To apply for Federal Student Aid, visit www.FAFSA.ed.gov and start your application. OCC’s school code is 002624. **Due Date:**

- FALL returning students: May 10
- FALL new students: June 7
- SPRING all students: November 8

**Checkbox/Notes:**
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### Submit your transcripts

All NJ Stars students must submit a copy of their High School and any post-secondary school transcripts to our Registration & Records Office. **Due Date:**

- Should accompany the OCC application when possible

**Checkbox/Notes:**
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### Submit your college placement test scores, AP scores, and any college credits completed

Submit your test scores to the Office of Registration & Records. **Due Date:**

- Should accompany the OCC application when possible

**Checkbox/Notes:**
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### Complete your State financial aid paperwork*

Most apply for NJ STARS/TAG awards, by visiting www.HESAA.org and complete the additional information for the upcoming academic year. **Due Date:**

- Returning students: June 1
- New students: October 1

**Checkbox/Notes:**
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### Register for Selective Service*

All males aged 18-25 are required to register with the Selective Service System. **Due Date:**

- Should accompany FAFSA

**Checkbox/Notes:**
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### Financial verification by Federal and/or State*

If selected for Verification, submit all the requested paperwork (usually this includes worksheets, tax returns, etc) to the Financial Aid Office. **Due Date:**

- FALL returning students: May 10
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### Schedule orientation and register for classes

Contact the Academic Advising Center to schedule orientation. **Due Date:**

- Open enrollment

**Checkbox/Notes:**
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### Create your Ocean Cruiser student password

Ocean Cruiser is the student portal to your OCC email, Web Advisor, courses, grades, and finances. **Due Date:**

- Open enrollment

**Checkbox/Notes:**
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### Pay the Fees portion of your semester bill

Log into your Ocean Cruiser/Web Advisor account and click on “Financial Information.” **Due Date:**

- Once the NJ STARS award is posted on your account, you will be responsible for paying the remainder of the bill within 24 hours

**Checkbox/Notes:**
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### Familiarize yourself with classroom materials

NOTE: Financial Aid students can begin purchasing their books from the OCC Bookstore on the first day of their classes. **Due Date:**

- Log on to www.ocean.edu and search the academic calendar

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*It is of the utmost importance that financial aid and Selective Service documentation be completed by the deadlines outlined above.*

This will ensure continuous enrollment at Ocean County College TAG/NJ STARS Programs, failure to do so may result in the cancellation of aid and/or even possibly losing eligibility to participate in these programs. A Financial Aid Advisor can assist in every possible way with the financial aid portions of the preparation checklist. Please do not hesitate to contact us at financialaid@ocean.edu.

**You have an entire team to support you!**

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