



# PREPARATION CHECKLIST for NJ STARS II Leaving OCC

Checklist	Internet Site/Information	Student Responsibilities:	Checkbox/Notes
<b>Transfer Assistance</b>	Students are encouraged to meet with a transfer advisor in the Advising, Transfer, & Career Services Office. Schedule an appointment at <a href="http://go.ocean.edu/transfer">go.ocean.edu/transfer</a> .	For more information, please visit our webpage on <b>Eligibility and Benefits for NJ STARS II</b> at <a href="http://go.ocean.edu/njstars">go.ocean.edu/njstars</a> .	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Apply for Graduation</b> (Students must adhere to graduation application deadlines.)	Students must apply for graduation from Ocean County College to activate their NJ STARS II funding.  In order to be eligible for NJ STARS II, a student must earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 upon completion of an associate degree.  Participating in the NJ STARS program at a community college does not guarantee acceptance to a four-year institution. Students must meet all other entrance requirements as mandated by the institution in order to be accepted.  Students can apply to graduate in <b>Student Planning</b> by clicking the home symbol and then <b>Graduation Overview</b> .	1. Check OCC email for Potential STARS Graduation information. 2. If you have questions or concerns, make an appointment with: <b>Jennifer Kipp,</b> <b>Coordinator of NJ STARS,</b> <b>732-255-0400 ext. 2933</b> <b><a href="mailto:jkipp@ocean.edu">jkipp@ocean.edu</a></b> 3. Apply to graduate. OCC graduation application deadlines are: <b>November 1 - Fall Graduation</b> <b>March 1 - Spring Graduation</b> <b>July 1 - Summer Graduation</b>  <u>These deadlines will be strictly enforced.</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Complete the Federal Financial Aid Paperwork</b>	To apply for Federal Student Aid, go to <a href="http://FAFSA.gov">FAFSA.gov</a> .  If transferring in the Spring, it is your responsibility to add your transfer school code on the FAFSA. Failure to do so may result in the loss of your eligibility..	Check with your new school for their deadline for FAFSA applications and to verify that your new school has received your FAFSA documentation.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Complete the State Financial Aid Paperwork</b>	To apply for NJ STARS II/TAG awards you must update your NJ FAMS account/submit any additional information requested.  For local assistance, please contact the OCC Financial Aid Office at <a href="mailto:financialaid@ocean.edu">financialaid@ocean.edu</a> or 732-255-0310.	Check with your new school for their deadline for HESAA State Application.  Contact your new school to confirm that they have received your State Application.  Please identify yourself as a NJ STARS student to your new school's Financial Aid Office.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Submit Paperwork if Selected for Verification</b>	Students selected for verification: You must submit all of the requested documents/paperwork to your new school's Financial Aid Office and at <a href="http://njgrants.org">njgrants.org</a> by selecting <b>Electronic Document Collections</b> to upload your forms. Delays in supplying any requested documents could impact the processing of your Financial Aid application/scholarship eligibility.  Please check with your new school for updated information.	Routinely communicate with your new school's Financial Aid Office regarding the status of your Financial Aid package.	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you follow the directions above, it will ensure your continuous enrollment at your new school's TAG/NJ STARS II Programs. Failure to do so may result in the cancellation of your aid and/or even the possibility of losing your eligibility to participate in these programs. The Financial Services Advisor at your new school can and will assist you in every possible way with this portion of your preparation checklist. It is important that you contact your new school's Financial Aid Office for assistance in this process.

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