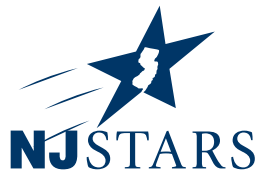


# PREPARATION CHECKLIST FOR NEW & TRANSFER STUDENTS

Admission to OCC with  
acceptance in NJ STARS



2018-2019

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Checklist of Events	Steps/Instructions	Due Date	Check/Notes
★ <b>Apply to Ocean County College in a degree-seeking program</b>	To apply, visit <a href="http://www.ocean.edu">www.ocean.edu</a> . Applicants with questions can contact the Admissions Office at 732-255-0400 ext. 2960. The Admissions Office is located in the Jon & Judith Larson Student Center (building #8), on the second floor. Representatives are available to meet with prospective NJ STARS students and their families.	<b>Open enrollment</b> Complete an OCC application for admission at <a href="http://www.ocean.edu">www.ocean.edu</a> .	<input type="checkbox"/>
1 <b>Complete the Federal financial aid paperwork</b>	To apply for federal student aid, visit <a href="http://www.FAFSA.ed.gov">www.FAFSA.ed.gov</a> . OCC's school code is <b>002624</b> and must be placed as the first choice. To apply for a pin for your application, click on <a href="http://www.pin.ed.gov">www.pin.ed.gov</a> .	<b>Open enrollment</b> – for assistance, register for one of our FAFSA workshops at <a href="http://go.ocean.edu/events">go.ocean.edu/events</a> .	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 <b>Submit your transcripts</b>	All NJ Stars students must submit a copy of their <b>official</b> High School and any post-secondary school transcripts to our Registration & Records Office. For assistance call 732.255.0304. If your high school does not place your ranking on your transcripts, you must request a Certification of Class Ranking Form from our Financial Aid Office in order to become eligible to participate in the program.	<b>Submit transcripts after the online application is complete</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 <b>Submit your OFFICIAL college placement test scores, AP scores, and any completed college credit to the Office of Registration and Records</b>	<b>PRIOR TO spring 2017 high school graduation,</b> required SAT scores: Critical Reading 540; Math 530. <b>Required standardized test scores for students who graduate high school in Spring 2017 and beyond:</b> 1. SAT: Evidenced-Based Reading and Writing 450; MATH 500. 2. PARCC - Grade 11: English Language Arts/Literacy 4+; Algebra II 4+ <b>Any combination of these scores is acceptable.</b> If you do not have these scores, schedule an appointment to take the Accuplacer Test at OCC by visiting <a href="http://go.ocean.edu/test">go.ocean.edu/test</a> .	<b>Request official SAT and AP scores through College Board. Request official PARCC scores through your high school.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 <b>Complete your State financial aid paperwork*</b>	Apply for NJ STARS awards and complete the additional information for the upcoming academic year. It is the responsibility of each student to apply to HESAA for your NJ STARS award and place Ocean County College as your first choice. Students can complete both steps by visiting <a href="http://www.NJgrants.org">www.NJgrants.org</a> and following the link to NJ FAMS or by calling 800-792-8670.	<b>FALL</b> returning students .....Nov 1 <b>FALL</b> new students .....Nov 1 <b>SPRING</b> returning students ... Feb 1 <b>SPRING</b> new students .....March 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 <b>Register for Selective Service*</b>	All males aged 18-25 are required to register with the Selective Service System. Apply by visiting <a href="http://FAFSA.ed.gov">FAFSA.ed.gov</a> or <a href="http://SSS.gov">SSS.gov</a> .	<b>Should accompany FAFSA</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6 <b>Financial verification by State*</b>	If selected for verification, submit all the requested paperwork (usually this includes worksheets, tax returns, etc.) to the Financial Aid Office. Check your Ocean Connect account for updated information.	Adhere to state deadlines found at <a href="http://www.hesaa.org/Pages/StateApplicationDeadlines.aspx">www.hesaa.org/Pages/StateApplicationDeadlines.aspx</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7 <b>Schedule orientation and register for classes</b>	Visit <a href="http://go.ocean.edu/SignUp">http://go.ocean.edu/SignUp</a> and log in to your Ocean Connect account. You are now ready to select and register for your Orientation.	<b>Open enrollment</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8 <b>Check your email</b>	Visit Ocean Connect to access your email. Your OCC email is important. You will receive official college information as well as NJ STARS updates via your OCC email account.	<b>Open enrollment</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9 <b>Pay the fees portion of your semester bill</b>	Visit Ocean Connect to access Student Finance and receive your current bill. If you have questions or concerns regarding your bill, contact the Student Billing Office at 732.255.0324.	Once the NJ STARS award is posted on your account, you will be responsible for paying the remainder of the bill within 24 hours.	<input type="checkbox"/>
10 <b>Familiarize yourself with classroom materials</b>	NOTE: Students receiving financial aid can begin purchasing their books from the OCC Bookstore on the first day of their classes. Books can also be purchased online through the OCC Bookstore website with your financial aid (if your aid exceeds your tuition cost) prior to class and picked up on the first day of class.	Log on to <a href="http://www.ocean.edu">www.ocean.edu</a> and search the academic calendar	<input type="checkbox"/>

**\*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](mailto:financialaid@ocean.edu). **You have an entire team to support you!**

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