# New Jersey Financial Aid Application Graduation Requirement Waiver Form

Under [P.L.2023, c.295](https://pub.njleg.state.nj.us/Bills/2022/PL23/295_.PDF), to receive a high school diploma, a student in the graduating classes of 2025, 2026, or 2027 must:

* Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the New Jersey Alternative Financial Aid Application, or
* Be exempted from the requirement in accordance with procedures outlined in the law.

Additional information on financial aid:

* [FAFSA: usa.gov/fafsa](https://www.usa.gov/fafsa)
* [New Jersey State Financial Aid: hesaa.org/Pages/financialaidhub.aspx](https://www.hesaa.org/Pages/financialaidhub.aspx)

Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, a school district or charter school shall not use or disclose any waiver, or any personal information contained within a waiver, for any purpose without the informed consent of the student or the student’s parent or guardian consistent with applicable federal and State-level protections of student educational records, including, but not limited to, the “Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974,” (20 U.S.C. s.1232g); provided, however nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit, or in any way restrict, any action that is consistent with federal law.

Submitting this form does *not* prohibit a student from submitting a FASFA or New Jersey Alternative Financial Aid Application.

## Instructions

1. Complete this form to request an exemption from the financial aid application requirement under the law.
2. If the student is under 18 years of age, the parent/guardian *must* sign the form.
3. If the student is 18 years of age or older, they may complete the form without a parent/guardian.
4. Submit the completed form to the student's school district.

## Student Information

Full Name of Student: Age (years):

Email address: Phone Number:

## Parent/Guardian Information

(Optional if the student is 18 years or older)

Full Name of Parent/Guardian:

Email address: Phone Number:

## Signatures

I am requesting an exemption from the P.L.2023, c.295 financial aid application requirement.

Student Signature: Date:

Parent/Guardian Signature: Date: