

COLLEGE AND CAREER PLANNING NIGHT

MARCH 14
6-7 PM

JACKSON MEMORIAL HIGH
SCHOOL AUDITORIUM



JACKSON SCHOOL DISTRICT



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**What do I want to be when I
grow up?**



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What do I want to be when I grown up?

**Career Interest
Inventories
Classes you are
interested in
Job Shadowing
Personality Inventories
College Fairs
Career Fairs**

**What do I like to do in
my free time?**

What skills do I have?

**What type of work
environment is for me?**

**Where are there
opportunities?**



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Tonight's Agenda

Post-Secondary Options

**Key Points to Consider for
post-secondary planning**

Financial Aid Overview

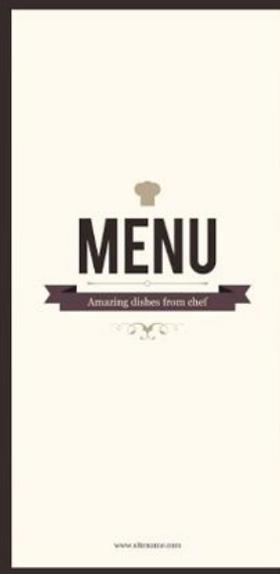
SCOIR

Dual Enrollment



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Post-Secondary Menu



***4 Year College**

***2 Year College**

***Trade,
Vocational, or
Technical School**

***Career Training/
Certificate
program**

***US Military**

***Employment**

**NEVER STOP
LEARNING
BECAUSE LIFE
NEVER STOPS
TEACHING**

LearningMind



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Trade School and Vocational/Technical and Career Training Programs

A post-secondary institution designed to train students for a specific occupation or trade.

Career and Technical Education that does NOT require a 4 year college degree.

These programs provide intensive and immersive educational experiences in high demand careers.

AVERAGE TRADE SCHOOL
GRADUATE SALARY
\$42,000



LOWER DEBT
THAN AVERAGE
4 YEAR COLLEGE DEBT

CONSTANT DEMAND FOR
**SKILLED
WORKERS**

DEMAND
CONTINUES TO GROW



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Trade School and Vocational/Technical, and Career Training Programs



**Automotive
Technician Training
Auto body
Diesel
Welding**

**Medical Billing/Coding
Medical Assistant
Dental Assistant**

**Automotive Technology
Electrical/Electronics
HVAC
Computer Networking
Computer Systems Support
Medical Assistant
Practical Nursing
Patient Care
Massage Therapy
And much more...**



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Trade School and Vocational/Technical and Career Training Programs



Shared Time Programs
Adult Accelerated Program:
Automotive Technology
Certified Medical Assistant
Cosmetology
Culinary Arts
New Home Construction
Practical Nursing
Precision Machine Technology



Career Certificate Programs:

**Google IT Support
Professional**

**Culinary Foundations
Certificate**



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BROOKDALE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Career Certificate Programs:
Commercial Drivers License

**Culinary Foundations
Certificate**

Pastry Arts

Computer Repair Technician

And many more...



JACKSON SCHOOL DISTRICT **TRADE & JOBS FAIR**

Where: Jackson Liberty High School

When: March 21, 2024 @ 6-8 PM

**CAREER PATHWAYS THAT DO NOT
REQUIRE A 4 YEAR COLLEGE DEGREE**

Trade Schools.Unions.

Apprenticeships

US Military. Certificate Training

Programs. Employers

Open to the entire Jackson Community



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Community College: 2 Year



Over 50 Majors Including:

Accounting, American Sign Language,
Biology, Business, Broadcasting, Criminal
Justice, Engineering, Environmental
Science and much much more!

**Associates Degree = Two year college
degree**

**Transfer to a 4 year institution to
complete a bachelor's degree**



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United States Military



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3,700 College & Universities



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NJ State Colleges/ Universities

Private Colleges/ Universities

Liberal Arts Colleges

STEM Colleges

“Ivy League” Colleges

High Acceptance Rates

Low Acceptance Rates



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Decision Factors

Size of school

Location

Distance from

Home

Majors

Cost

Activities

Entrance

Requirements

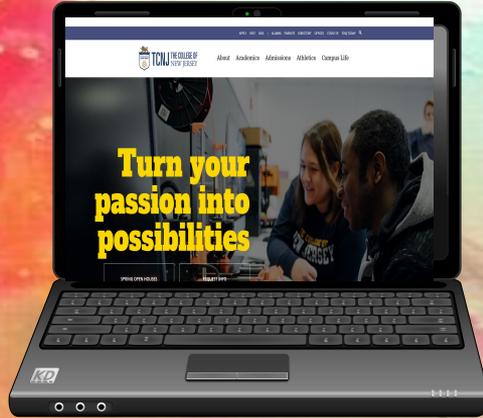
Diversity

Reputation



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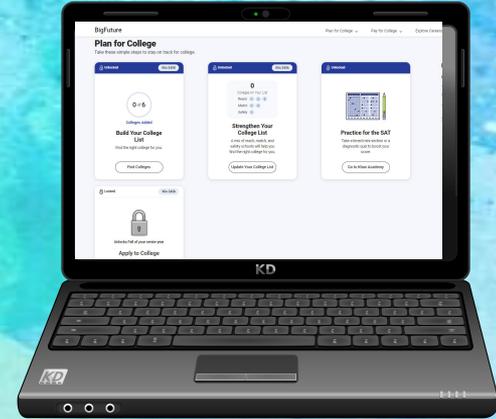
Where do I Begin?



School Specific Websites



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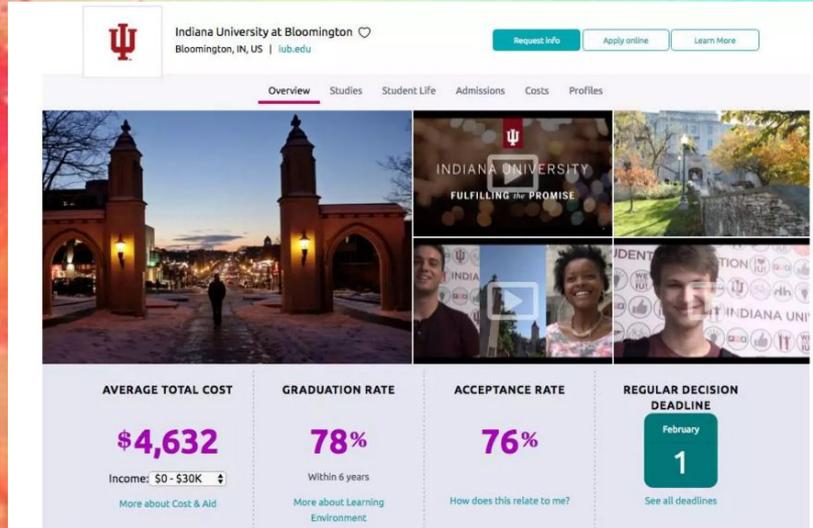


College Board: Big Future



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What am I looking for?



The screenshot shows the Indiana University at Bloomington website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the university logo, name, location, and website URL. Below this is a menu with options like 'Request Info', 'Apply online', and 'Learn More'. The main content area features a grid of images and statistics. The statistics are presented in four columns:

AVERAGE TOTAL COST	GRADUATION RATE	ACCEPTANCE RATE	REGULAR DECISION DEADLINE
\$4,632 Income: \$0 - \$30K More about Cost & Aid	78% Within 6 years More about Learning Environment	76% How does this relate to me?	February 1 See all deadlines

Application Deadline
Acceptance Rate
Graduation Rate
Average total cost
Majors
Activities
Financial Aid Deadlines



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Digging Deeper



**College Fairs
Open Houses
Campus Tours
Overnight Stays
Interviews
Special Events**



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More about SCOIR

The screenshot displays the SCOIR website interface. At the top left is the SCOIR logo and a search bar with the placeholder text "Search for colleges". To the right of the search bar is a navigation menu with icons and labels for "Home", "Discover", "My Colleges", "Inbox" (with a red notification badge showing "11"), "Me" (with a profile icon), and "Apply with Scoir" (with a green plus icon).

Below the navigation is a personalized greeting: "Good Afternoon, Jack!". To the right of the greeting are navigation arrows.

There are two main content cards:

- Discover best fit careers for you:** This card includes the text "Learn more about yourself and careers that could unleash your full potential. Take your assessments to be matched with best fit careers." and a blue button labeled "Your Assessments" with a dropdown arrow.
- See if you qualify to apply for free:** This card includes the text "Answer a few quick questions, and we'll let you know if you're eligible for Coalition fee waivers when you apply with Scoir." and a blue button labeled "Find Out".

Below these cards is a section titled "Apply with Scoir" with a "Learn More" link. It features a card for "Your journey to The College of New Jersey" with the text "Fill out the basics for one college application, and fast-track your others using the same info. Goodbye copy-and-paste!" and buttons for "Open Application" and "Discover Colleges". To the right of this card is a green graphic with white lightning bolts and the TCNJ logo.

On the right side of the interface is a "New Messages" section with two tabs: "My Colleges" (with a count of 5) and "My Matches" (with a count of 1). It lists two messages:

- UMass Amherst:** "University of Massachusetts (Amherst) What's it like to have the best campus..." with a red notification badge showing "3".
- Bucknell University:** "Bucknell Merit Scholarships: What, w..." with a red notification badge showing "2".

In the bottom right corner of the interface is a blue circular badge with the number "24" and the text "Messages".

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More about SCOIR

Character Assessment powered by PrinciplesYou



SCOIR x PRINCIPLES YOU

Better understand yourself

Learn more about your tendencies, talents, and core dimensions of your personality to help find the right career (and college). Start discovering careers that might be a great fit by taking the PrinciplesYou Character Assessment.

[Continue the PrinciplesYou Assessment →](#)

2% complete



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More about SCAIR

Character Assessment powered by PrinciplesYou - 2% Complete

I always follow through on my commitments



Disagree Strongly



Disagree



Disagree Slightly



Neither



Agree Slightly



Agree



Agree Strongly

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More about SCOIR

< Career Interest Assessment



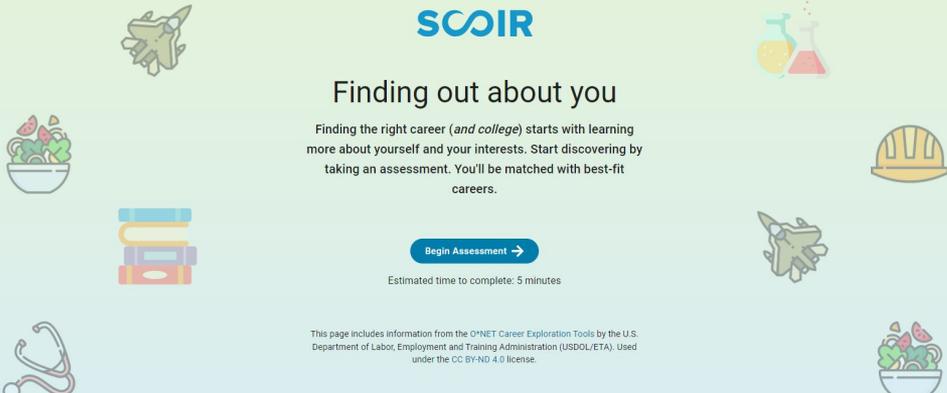
Finding out about you

Finding the right career (*and college*) starts with learning more about yourself and your interests. Start discovering by taking an assessment. You'll be matched with best-fit careers.

[Begin Assessment →](#)

Estimated time to complete: 5 minutes

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More about SCAIR

< Career Interest Assessment (1 of 60)

How would you like to...

Build kitchen cabinets



Strongly Dislike



Dislike



Unsure



Like



Strongly Like

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The screenshot displays the SCOIR website interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "Search all across Scoir" and a search icon. To the right of the search bar are navigation icons for Home, Discover, My Colleges, Inbox, Me, and an application icon. Below the search bar is a horizontal menu with tabs for "For You", "Colleges" (with a count of 3,234), "Posts", "Events", "Programs", and "Careers".

The main content area is titled "Colleges for you" and features a filter bar with options: "My Last Search", "4-Year US Colleges", "2-Year US Colleges", "International", and "Ter". Below the filter bar are three recommendation cards:

- My Matches**: Based on your preferences. The icon shows four interlocking puzzle pieces in red, green, blue, and yellow.
- You May Also Like**: Similar to My Colleges. The icon shows a thumbs-up and a document.
- Free Apps with Scoir**: Your apps to these colleges are free. The icon shows a lightning bolt and a circular arrow.

Below the recommendation cards is a section titled "New Posts in Virtual Tour" with a "See All" link. This section contains three university profile cards:

- Stockton University**: Follow. The card features the university's logo and a photo of a building.
- Susquehanna University**: Follow. The card features the university's logo and a photo of a building.
- Monmouth University**: Follow. The card features the university's logo and a photo of a building.

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More about SCOIR

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Home Discover My Colleges Inbox Me Apply with Scoir

[Add Top Choices](#) Application Documents Sort: Deadline

Suggested (0)

Collapse



Plan with your supporters
Receive college suggestions from your Counselors and Parent/Guardian(s)

[Invite a Parent/Guardian](#)

Not interested [View \(1\)](#)

Following (2)

Add a College



The College of New Jersey
Ewing, NJ

+ Scoir 

[Start App](#)



University of Massachuset...
Amherst, MA

Applying (1)

Add a College



Bucknell University
Lewisburg, PA

Regular Decision Jan 15 Checklist 0/9
Docs Sent 0/4

[Common App](#)

Applied (1)

Add a College



Where are you enrolling?
Move your choice here.



Rutgers University (New B...
Piscataway, NJ

Regular Decision Dec 1 Checklist 0/7
Outcome Pending Docs Sent 0

[Common App](#)

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Register for SCOIR

Step 1: Visit www.scoir.com

Step 2: Click "Log In" in the top right corner of the screen

Step 3: Click "Log in with Clever"

Step 4: Search the name of your high school

Step 5: Click "Log in with Google"

This will get you into SCOIR. You must sign off on a few things as you enter the dashboard.

Step 6 (To invite parents): Go to the "ME" button at the top of the screen--Click "My Profile" then the + invite a parent and add your parents email address.

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Junior Year

1. **During Semester 2, counselors will hold Junior Meetings to discuss scheduling AND the College Application Process**
2. **REGISTER FOR SCOIR**
3. **Start to schedule your college visits during OUR school spring break!**
4. **At the end of Junior Year, add and follow colleges to the “My Colleges” Tab**
5. **Begin speaking to teachers about writing letters of recommendation. Make requests in SCOIR.**



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The Application Timeline

Senior Year

Complete FERPA RELEASE
IN SCOIR

12th Grade

Finalize
College List
in SCOIR

Fall

Submit all required
supplementary
materials: transcripts,
letters or rec, resume,
etc. Move your
colleges to "applied"
in SCOIR

Winter

Maintain excellent
grades & continue
with your activities

Spring

Review your
acceptances and
financial aid
awards

Finish Strong and
Celebrate!

Fall college info
sessions in guidance

Create Common
Application Account
(Opens August 1)

Fill out and submit
your college
applications.
"Waive rights"
under FERPA
question.

Complete your
FAFSA

Send in any
supplementary
materials needed
for your
applications or
FAFSA

Send in deposit
and make your
final commitment
(MAY 1st)



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Summer Summer Summer Time

1. Finalize your college list and add the schools to your “My Colleges” in SCOIR
2. Create your Common App Account at www.commonapp.org .
This opens on August 1
3. Continue to visit college campuses and attend open houses



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Senior Year: Fall

1. Set up an individual meeting with your school counselor
2. Sign into your common app and “waive your rights” on FERPA
3. Make sure you are using a professional email for all college related materials. NOT your school email
4. COMPLETE YOUR FAFSA



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Senior Year: Fall

5. Link your Common App to SCOIR

6. Request Transcript from your counselor once your application is complete

7. Graciously Follow up with the staff members that are writing letters of recommendation



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Some Terminology

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk

Regular Decision- Deadlines in Late fall/winter

Rolling Admission- No official deadline, acceptances based on availability. Can extend into late spring

Early Action- Early deadlines (early Fall) non binding. This option allows you to get a decision notification earlier

Early Decision- Early deadline. This is a binding admissions decision. If you get accepted you MUST attend

Instant Decision Day- On site admission in one day!



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Miscellaneous Things to Know

NCAA Eligibility Center: Athletes

EOF/EOP Program

College Application Fee Waivers



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How are you evaluated?

Grades and Grade Point Average

High School Course Selection (Rigor)

SAT/ACT Test Scores

Letters of Recommendation

Essay

Extracurricular Activities



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College Entrance Exams

As of the Fall of
2024, 2,000
colleges were
“test optional”

Test Prep:
**Khan
Academy**

If you qualify for
Free/Reduced
Lunch you can
get a fee waiver
to take ACT or
SAT.

SAT	ACT
Evidence Based Reading/ Writing	English/Reading
Math (no calculator) and Math (calculator)	Math/Science
Avg score: 1050 Perfect Score: 1600	Avg score: 19.8 Perfect Score: 36
www.collegeboard.org	www.act.org



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A Word About Extracurricular Activities

QUALITY over quantity

Demonstrate Leadership

**Working works! How do you spend your
time?**

Community Service



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Financial Aid 101

What is Financial Aid?

Money that is supplied by some source outside of the family to help pay for the cost of student's education beyond high school

Federal Programs: Grants, Work-Study, Student Loans

**State Programs: NJ STARS, Tuition Aid Grant (Tag),
Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF)**

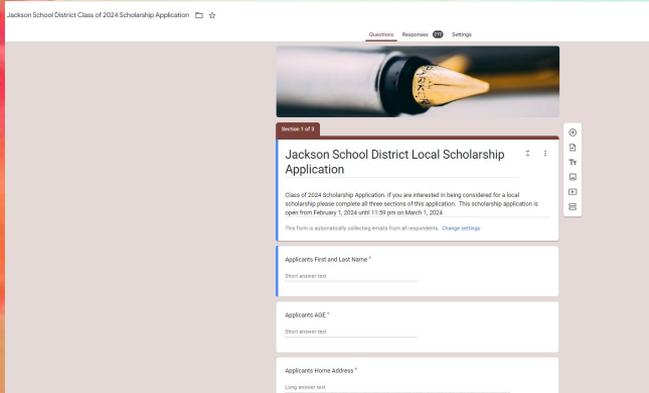


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Financial Aid 101

Local Scholarships



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL "Jackson School District Local Scholarship Application". The page features a header with "Questions", "Responses", and "Settings" tabs. Below the header is a large image of a fountain pen. The main content area is titled "Jackson School District Local Scholarship Application" and includes a "Section 1 of 3" indicator. The text below the title reads: "Class of 2024 Scholarship Application. If you are interested in being considered for a local scholarship, please complete all three sections of this application. This scholarship application is open from February 1, 2024 until 11:59 pm on March 1, 2024. This form is automatically collecting emails from all respondents. Change settings". Below this text are three form fields: "Applicants First and Last Name" (Short answer text), "Applicants AGE" (Short answer text), and "Applicants Home Address" (Long answer text).

**Application completed online from
Late February to Beginning of March**

Must apply to be eligible

**Selected by scholarship committee
or funding organization**



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Regional/National Scholarships

**Open to all students, not just from JSD.
Varied application processes**

Must apply to be eligible

Posted in Naviance, Google Classroom, and can be found on websites like www.fastweb.com. Also check with your employers!



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Financial Aid 101

Applying for Federal and State Aid

Must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Complete State Aid on <https://www.hesaa.org/Pages/Default.aspx>

October 1 of students senior year (USUALLY)

The School Counseling Department will host a more in depth
Financial Aid Workshop in the Fall



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Financial Aid 101

Sample Award Letter

Financial Aid		\$39,945	
GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS			
Faculty Scholarship	Fall	Spring	Total
	\$15,500	\$15,500	\$31,000
Federal Pell Grant	\$1,323	\$1,322	\$2,645
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG)	\$400	\$400	\$800
LOANS			
Federal Direct Subsidized Loan	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$3,500
Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,000

Estimated Cost of Attendance		\$61,826	
DIRECT BILLABLE COSTS			
Tuition	Fall	Spring	Total
	\$23,085	\$23,085	\$46,170
Fees	\$180	\$180	\$360
Room/Housing	\$4,010	\$4,010	\$8,020
Meals/Meal Plan	\$2,688	\$2,688	\$5,376
INDIRECT COSTS			
Book/Supplies	\$550	\$550	\$1,100
Transportation	\$225	\$225	\$450
Other Educational Costs	\$175	\$175	\$350

Total Estimated Balance		\$21,881	
ESTIMATED MONTHLY PAYMENT OPTIONS			
\$2,188	\$1,823	DEPOSIT NOW	
10 payments per year	12 payments per year	METHODS OF PAYMENT	

Resources to Pay Your Balance

ACCEPTING YOUR FINANCIAL AID AWARD

Log into our website and accept, decline or partially accept your financial aid award.

WORK STUDY

	Fall	Spring	Total
Federal Work Study	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$2,500

PAYMENT PLAN

We offer 10 and 12 month payment plans. Payment plans are calculated by semester and subject to change. You need to sign up for a payment plan each semester.

If you have any questions or concerns related to this award letter, please contact the financial aid office.

Financial Aid Awards Letter

**Cost of Attendance -
Financial Aid =
Total Estimated Balance**

**Total Balance must be
satisfied by private loans,
grants, or family contribution**



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Helpful Links

Jackson Liberty Guidance Department

Jackson Memorial Guidance Department

Collegeboard (register for SAT/College Search/Career Inventory)

ACT

FAFSA

Higher Education Student Assistance Authority

Fastweb

SCOIR

NCAA Eligibility Center

Common Application

National Association of College Admissions Counselors

16 Personalities Personality Inventory

Upcoming Events

10th Annual Spring College & Career Expo

March 19, 2024
6:00 Pm- 8:00 Pm

RWJ Barnabas Health Arena
on the campus of
Toms River High School North

This FREE Expo is open to all students and their families.
The fair will host over 100 colleges, universities, technical schools, and the Armed Forces!



A Financial Aid Workshop will be Presented by HESAA at 5:30 Pm in the HS North Auditorium.

NCAA Informational Workshop will be held at 7:00 Pm in the HS North Auditorium.



STRIVE  SCAN



Please register for a barcode at strivescan.com or scan the SnapChat or QR Codes. During the fair, colleges will scan your barcode to send you more information about their colleges. It's free and saves you time!



Hosted by Ocean County School Counselors Association.



For more information, see your School Counselor!



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Good to know...



**O.P.E.N. FAFSA Completion
Workshops**

**Held at Ocean County
Community College monthly**

Good to know...



Vocational Career Fairs



Universal Technical Institute

Good to know...



Fall College and Trade
School Visits

**What do I want to be when I
grow up?**



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