



Voicemail Guide for Legislative Calls: Tuition Equity

Thank you very much for your interest in supporting tuition equity for all New Jersey students! Here below, please find a guide that you can use to help prepare for calling your assemblyperson. Once you have made your call, please pass this paper on to a friend or family member!

The first step is to look up your assemblyperson if you don't already know who it is. This is easy. You can find out on the website: <http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/districts/municipalities.asp>. Or, you can ask your congregation's UULMNJ liaison or Social Action Committee chair to assist you.

Next, you'll want to find out their office phone number. That information is available on the legislator alphabetical roster: <http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/members/abcroster.asp>

Then, think about what you want to say. Why do you support tuition equity? Why should your assemblyperson listen to your message about this issue?

Then, when you are ready, make the phone call. You'll find a sample script below that you can use if you'd like, but please do what's most comfortable for you. In all likelihood, you'll be leaving a voicemail for the assemblyperson. Make sure to include your address, and let the assemblyperson know if you are a registered voter.

Finally, when you are done, would you please also leave a message for Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver? It's very important that she hear from us as well. Her office number is (973) 395-1166.

Thank you so much for your support!

Hello Assemblyman / Assemblywoman _____. My name is _____ and I live at _____. (I am a registered voter.) I am calling in favor of tuition equity for all New Jersey students. I encourage you to support instate tuition for everyone who attends and graduates high school in New Jersey, regardless of documentation status. This is a matter of fairness and inclusion. I further urge you to support access to financial aid. The financial aid provision would enable all students to be full participants in the promise of higher education. These young people are ours, and they deserve a chance. Thank you for your consideration.