



Letter Writing Guide for Legislative Contact: 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 write letters to your representatives in the state assembly.

The first step is to look up your assemblypersons if you don't already know who they are. 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 address. That information is available on the legislator alphabetical roster: <http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/members/abcroster.asp>

Then, think about what you will write. Why do you support tuition equity? Why should your assemblyperson listen to your message about this issue? Some bullet points you may wish to include:

- Tuition equity would impact the many thousands of students who came to this country because their parents brought them when they were young, and count New Jersey as their home.
- People born in other countries represent 21% of New Jersey's population, and attend school, work, and give back to their community just like everyone else.
- Currently, students who don't have documents must pay out-of-state tuition if they wish to attend New Jersey public colleges. This is unfair because these students have no other home.
- Allowing young people access to in-state tuition rates would help them pursue their dreams.
- It is important that the Assembly passes A3509.
- Furthermore, the Assembly should support access to financial aid, so that all students can realize their full potential.
- Thank them for their support!

Make sure to include your address, and if you are a registered voter, tell them.

Thank you so much for helping with this. We really appreciate it!