TAP

Helping New Yorkers Pay for College

The New York State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) helps eligible New York residents attending in-state postsecondary institutions pay for tuition.

Part-time TAP helps eligible New York residents attending in-state, postsecondary institutions on a part-time basis pay for tuition. It is available for students who meet specific part-time eligibility requirements.

Because TAP is a grant, it does not have to be paid back.

Who Is Eligible?

To be eligible for TAP you must:

- Be a New York State resident attending an approved postsecondary institution in New York State.
- Meet income limits:
  - $80,000 for dependent undergraduate students or independent students who are married and have tax dependents, or independent students who are unmarried and have tax dependents,
  - $40,000 for married independent undergraduate students who have no other tax dependents,
  - $10,000 for unmarried independent undergraduate students with no tax dependents.

Income amount is the combined family NYS taxable income plus any Federal, State, or local pension income and/or private pension and annuities excluded from New York State income tax.

What Are the Award Amounts?

Depending on the academic year in which you begin study, an annual TAP award can be up to $5,165.

What Determines the Amount of the Award?

The award amount is determined by:

- Academic year in which first payment of TAP or any state award is received,
- Type of postsecondary institution and the tuition charged,
- Financial status (dependent or independent),
- Other family members enrolled in college.

Go to hesc.ny.gov for more eligibility information and to estimate your TAP award.

How Do You Apply?

- Complete Your Free Application for Federal Student Aid – the FAFSA – at FAFSA.ed.gov. You and your parent need a Federal Student Aid Identification Number (FSA ID) to complete and electronically sign the FAFSA. You may apply for the FSA ID in advance at fsaid.ed.gov.
- If you are a New York State resident applying to a college in New York State, follow the direct link from the FAFSA to the TAP application.
- If you missed the TAP link from the FAFSA, you will receive information from HESC to apply online.

You must complete the FAFSA each year.
File early to meet deadlines!
Apply for TAP when you complete your FAFSA.

Visit hesc.ny.gov/tap to learn more about TAP and hesc.ny.gov for more information about financial aid.

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