



# 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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://hesc.ny.gov/tap) to learn more about TAP and [hesc.ny.gov](https://hesc.ny.gov) for more information about financial aid.**



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