

# New York State Tuition Assistance Program

## FACT SHEET



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The Tuition Assistant Program (TAP), New York's largest grant program, helps eligible New York residents attending in-state postsecondary institutions pay for tuition. TAP grants are based on the applicant's and their family's New York State taxable income. An application must be submitted through the NYS Higher Education Services Corporation's (HESC) website.

### TAP BENEFITS

- o Depending on the academic year in which you study, an annual TAP award can be up to \$5,665. Because TAP is a grant, it does not need to be paid back.

### GRANT COVERAGE

#### Tuition

- o TAP helps pay tuition at the University.

### TAP REQUIREMENTS

- o be a legal resident of NYS and have resided in NYS for 12 continuous months;
- o be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen;
- o study at an approved postsecondary institution in New York State;
- o be matriculated in an approved program of study and be in good academic standing with at least a "C" average as of the 4th semester payment
- o be enrolled as a full-time student taking 12 or more credits applicable toward the degree program, per semester;
- o meet income eligibility limitations;
- o not be in default on any state or federal student loans and not be in default on any repayment of State awards;
- o be in compliance with the terms of any service condition imposed by a NYS award.

\* Credit-bearing courses in the student's minimum full-time course load (12 credits) must consist of courses applicable to the student's program of study as a general education requirement, major requirement, or elective.

### IMPORTANT TO KNOW

- o The processing of a TAP application may take three to five weeks.

### HOW TO APPLY

- o The easiest way to apply for TAP is through the [FAFSA](#).  
Make sure you have completed your FAFSA!
- o NYS HESC website to complete TAP Application - <https://www.tap.hesc.ny.gov/totw/>
- o Filling Out the TAP Application, Step-by-Step - <https://www.ny.gov/services/apply-new-york-state-tap>
- o You must create a HESC-Specific username and personal identification called HescPIN.
- o If you need assistance completing the TAP Application you can [Contact HESC](#).

### Disbursement of TAP:

- o TAP funds won't disburse until after the drop/add period in both the fall and spring semesters.

### Renewal:

- o You had to reapply for your TAP funding each year, just like you reapply for financial aid each academic year. The best option is to complete the TAP application through your FAFSA. If you miss that opportunity, you can complete it by submitting your TAP Application online.

### For additional information, contact:

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