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# EXCELSIOR SCHOLARSHIP

Making public college  
tuition-free



## **The Excelsior Scholarship Makes College Possible**

The Excelsior Scholarship program will provide more than 940,000 eligible families and individuals the opportunity to attend college tuition-free at SUNY and CUNY schools. **Here's how it works:**

For the 2017-18 academic year, students whose federal household adjusted income is less than \$100,000 are eligible. For 2018-19, that amount increases up to \$110,000, and in 2019-20 and beyond a family's adjusted gross income can increase up to \$125,000.



The Excelsior Scholarship supplements all other types of aid received, including but not limited to TAP, Pell, and SUNY/CUNY Tuition Credit programs, until tuition costs are fully covered.

Students who are currently attending college are eligible to receive an award, provided they are currently on track to complete their degree on time.

After completing your degree, you must live in New York State for the number of years equal to the awards you received. For example, if you received four Excelsior Scholarship awards while

getting your bachelor's degree, you must live in New York State for four years after college. In addition, if you are employed during those years, employment must also be in New York State. Failure to meet these requirements will result in the conversion of your award to a loan.

**For more information, visit [www.hesc.ny.gov/excelsior](http://www.hesc.ny.gov/excelsior)**





## New York State Student Financial Aid Programs

<b>Excelsior Scholarship</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Covers full tuition for eligible SUNY and CUNY students by supplementing TAP, Pell or other awards</li> <li>By 2019-20, eligible families include those who earn up to \$125,000 annually</li> <li>Recipients agree to live in NYS for the number of years equal to awards received</li> </ul>
<b>Enhanced Tuition Awards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For NYS students attending private not-for-profit colleges in NYS</li> <li>Up to \$6,000 through a combination of TAP, Enhanced Tuition Award and a match from the private college</li> <li>Recipients agree to live in NYS for the number of years equal to awards received</li> </ul>
<b>Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New York State's \$1 billion grant program</li> <li>Income-based grants can provide up to \$5,165 annually</li> <li>For NYS students attending an approved 2- or 4-year public or private college or university</li> </ul>
<b>New York State Part-Time Scholarship Award Program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For NYS students attending a SUNY or CUNY Community College part-time</li> <li>Up to \$1,500 per semester for up to two years</li> </ul>
<b>NYS Get on Your Feet Loan Forgiveness Program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides up to 24 months of federal student loan debt relief to recent NYS college graduates</li> <li>For NYS high school graduates who attended a public or private college or university in NYS</li> </ul>
<b>NYS STEM Incentive Program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full SUNY/CUNY tuition scholarship available to the top ten percent of graduates from each NYS high school</li> <li>Must be enrolled in a two or four year STEM degree program to be eligible</li> <li>Recipients agree to work in a STEM field in NYS for five years after graduation</li> </ul>
<b>Veterans Tuition Awards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For eligible combat veterans studying full- or part-time at an undergraduate or graduate degree-granting institution or in an approved vocational training program at an institution or approved vocational training program in NYS</li> <li>Up to the full cost of SUNY undergraduate tuition</li> </ul>
<b>And More...</b>	<b>Visit <a href="http://www.hesc.ny.gov/faprograms">www.hesc.ny.gov/faprograms</a> for more information</b>

# The Excelsior Scholarship

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In 2017, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature enacted the nation's first tuition-free degree program, the Excelsior Scholarship. The Scholarship is making college attainable for hundreds of thousands of students across the state without the crushing burden of student debt. A college education is increasingly necessary to secure the jobs of tomorrow in New York's advanced economy, and the Excelsior Scholarship ensures students have access to a valuable education and the skills they need to succeed.

## Eligibility:

In order to apply, students must:

- Be residents of New York State
- Plan to attend a SUNY or CUNY two- or four-year degree program
- Take 30 credits per year and make progress towards graduation
- Maintain good academic standing
- Be on track to graduate on time with an Associate's Degree in two years or a Bachelor's Degree in four years

- The Excelsior Scholarship program will provide more than 940,000 eligible families and individuals the opportunity to attend college tuition-free at SUNY and CUNY schools.

- Tuition-free college will begin immediately for students whose families make up to \$100,000 annually and extend to those making \$125,000 annually by 2019.

