



HELPING NEW YORKERS PAY FOR COLLEGE: TAP AND NYHELPS TAP

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 completed requirements as full-time, first-time freshmen in 2006-07 or thereafter and meet other 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 \$5,000.

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.org for more eligibility information and to estimate your TAP award.

How Do You Apply?

- To apply for TAP, you and your parents must first get your Federal Student Aid Personal Identification Numbers (PINs) and complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Visit HESC.org and follow the shortcut to completing the FAFSA.
- Complete and submit the PIN application. You and your parents will get your secure PINs from the U.S. Department of Education by email (or mail, if you prefer, in about a week). You use the PIN to “sign” your FAFSA electronically.
- Complete and submit the FAFSA.
- If you are a New York State resident applying to college in New York State, you should apply for TAP online using the link on the FAFSA Submission Confirmation page.
- The application deadline for TAP is June 30 of the academic year for which the aid is sought.



Your Student Aid Agency

New York State Higher Education Services Corporation

HESC.org