



## LET NEW YORK'S TAP HELP YOU PAY FOR COLLEGE

**The New York State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) helps eligible New York residents attending in-state postsecondary institutions pay for tuition. Depending on the academic year in which you began study, an annual TAP award can be as high as \$5,000.**

**Part-time TAP helps eligible New York residents attending in-state, post-secondary 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 United States citizen or eligible noncitizen.
- Be a legal resident of New York State.
- Study full time (at least 12 credits per semester) at an approved postsecondary institution in New York State, or, for Part-time TAP, have completed requirements as a full-time, first-time freshman in 2006-07 or thereafter and are taking 6 to 11 credits per semester.
- Have graduated from high school within the U.S., or have a GED, or have passed a federally-approved exam demonstrating the student can benefit from the education offered.
- Be matriculated in an approved program of study and be in good academic standing.
- Have at least a cumulative "C" average after receipt of two annual payments.
- Be charged at least \$200 tuition per year.
- Not be in default on a student loan guaranteed by HESC or on any repayment of state awards.
- Meet income eligibility limitations.

### What Are The Award Amounts?

You can estimate your TAP award at [HESC.org](http://HESC.org).

#### **Dependent Undergraduate Students**

Award Range: \$500 - \$5,000

#### **Independent Undergraduate Students**

Award Range: \$500 - \$3,025

#### **Graduate Students**

Award Range: \$75 - \$550

Undergraduate students enrolled in four-year programs may receive up to four years of assistance for full-time study, and up to five years of assistance in an approved specialized program. Awards cannot exceed the maximum amounts shown or 100 percent of tuition, whichever is less. Eligible students can receive a maximum of eight years of combined undergraduate/graduate assistance.





## What Determines The Amount Of The Award?

- Type of postsecondary institution and the tuition charged.
- NYS net taxable income — up to \$80,000 (combined, family) for dependent undergraduate students or students who are married or have tax dependents; up to \$10,000 for single, financially independent undergraduate students with no dependents.
- Other family members enrolled in college.
- Academic year in which first payment of TAP or any state award is received.

## 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). Go to [HESC.org](http://HESC.org) and click the hot button “Complete 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 e-mail (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.
- If you opt to complete a paper FAFSA, you will be able to apply for TAP online or HESC will send you a pre-printed application.
- The application deadline for TAP is May 1 of the academic year for which the aid is sought.



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