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Scholarships and Financial Aid Information for Early Childhood Education Majors and Related Fields

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Introduction

Financial aid is granted based on merit and/or need. Financial aid includes grants, scholarships, student loans, and work-study programs. It comes from a variety of sources, including the federal, state, and local governments, colleges, employment, religious organizations, community associations, civic organizations, and other groups.

This document provides an overview of scholarships, instructions for scholarship applications, and information from a wide variety of financial aid sources.

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For more information about applying for financial aid, schedule an appointment with a career advisor to review all available options.

Thank you for your interest. We wish you much success.

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What You Need to Know About Financial Aid

There are four categories of federal student aid:

1. **Grant:** Student aid funds that do not have to be repaid.¹ Most federal grants are based on need.²
2. **Scholarship:** Student aid funds that do not have to be repaid. Scholarships are offered by schools, employers, individuals, private and nonprofit companies, religious groups, and professional and social organizations. Scholarships are based on merit³ and/or need.
3. **Work-study:** Money earned through a job on or near campus while attending school
4. **Loan:** Borrowed money that must be repaid with interest

¹ Grants do not have to be repaid unless awarded incorrectly, withdrawn from the course before the planned end of a term, or the terms of service obligations were not met.

² Needs-based eligibility is the student's total cost of attendance that is not covered by the expected family contribution determined by family income and size.

³ Merit-based is earned by meeting or exceeding certain standards set by the funder.

Apply for Federal Student Aid:

The quickest way to apply for federal student aid is by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at fafsa.gov.

Learn more about completing the FAFSA at StudentAid.gov/fafsa.



Federal Financial Aid

Grants

Name: Federal Pell Grant

Sponsoring Organization: Federal Student Aid

Amount: The maximum award is \$7,395.

Awarded: Per academic calendar year.

GPA: Satisfactory academic progress.

Residence: A U.S. citizen or an eligible noncitizen.

Other Requirements:

- Federal Pell Grants are awarded to undergraduate students who display exceptional financial need, have not earned a bachelor's, graduate, or professional degree
- Have a full-time or part-time student status
- Plan to attend school for a full academic year or less
- In some cases, however, a student enrolled in a postbaccalaureate teacher certification program might receive a Federal Pell Grant

Name: Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)

Sponsoring Organization: Federal Student Aid

Amount: Awards may be granted in amounts ranging from \$100 to \$4,000.

Awarded: Per academic calendar year.

GPA: Satisfactory academic progress.

Residence: A U.S. citizen or an eligible noncitizen.

Other Requirements: You must maintain enrollment as an undergraduate student and have not previously earned a bachelor's degree.

Name: Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grants

Sponsoring Organization: Federal Student Aid

Amount: The maximum award is \$7,395.

Awarded: Per academic calendar year.

GPA: Satisfactory academic progress.

Residence: A U.S. citizen or an eligible noncitizen.

Other Requirements:

- You are not eligible for a Federal Pell Grant based on your Expected Family Contribution, but you meet the remaining Federal Pell Grant eligibility requirements

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- Parent or guardian was a member of the U.S. armed forces and died because of military service performed in Iraq or Afghanistan after the events of 9/11
- Under the age of 24 or enrolled in college at least part-time at the time of your parents' or guardians' death

Name: Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant

Sponsoring Organization: Federal Student Aid

Amount: The maximum award is \$3,772.

Awarded: Per academic calendar year.

GPA: 3.25

Residence: A U.S. citizen or an eligible noncitizen.

Contact the school's financial aid office to verify school participation.

Other Requirements:

- Be enrolled as an undergraduate, post-baccalaureate, or graduate student at a school that participates in the TEACH Grant Program
- Be enrolled in a TEACH Grant-eligible program. Receive TEACH Grant counseling that explains the terms and conditions of the TEACH Grant service obligation
- Counseling must be completed each year the TEACH Grant is received. Sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve

What programs are eligible for TEACH Grants:

- Not all college degree or certificate programs (even accredited and respected ones) are eligible for participation in the TEACH Grant Program
- Only programs that lead to a bachelor's or master's degree or are part of a postbaccalaureate program and are designed to prepare individuals to teach as a "highly qualified" teacher in a "high need" field will qualify for TEACH Grant Assistance
- Two-year programs (associate degree) that are acceptable to be applied for full credit toward a bachelor's degree are eligible for participation in the TEACH Grant Program.
- A postbaccalaureate program is not eligible for receiving TEACH Grant Funding if the school also offers a bachelor's degree in education
- Of note, the same program at two different schools may not always be eligible for the TEACH Grant Program, since schools may determine which of their programs will be supported by the TEACH Grant. The fastest, simplest, and easiest way to be certain is to contact the school's financial aid officers and ask if the program qualifies

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Work Study

Name: Federal Work Study Program

Sponsoring Organization: Federal Student Aid

Amount: Minimum Award is the Federal Minimum Wage (\$7.25 per hour).

Awarded: Per academic calendar year.

GPA: N/A

Residence: A U.S. citizen or an eligible noncitizen.

Contact the school's financial aid office to verify the school's participation.

Other Requirements:

- Part-time employment while enrolled in school
- It is available to undergraduate, graduate, and professional students with financial need
- It is available to full-time or part-time students and is administered by schools participating in the Federal Work-Study Program
- Must select the option on the FAFSA Form to be considered

Loans

Name: Subsidized Loans (Stafford Loans)

Sponsoring Organization: Federal Student Aid

Amount: Dependent students (except students whose parents are unable to obtain PLUS Loans) and independent students (and dependent undergraduate students whose parents are unable to obtain PLUS Loans).

- The maximum award is \$3,500 for first-year undergraduates, \$4,500 for second-year undergraduates, and \$5,500 for third year and beyond undergraduates
- The maximum award for graduate or professional independent students is \$20,500

Awarded: Per academic calendar year.

GPA: N/A

Residence: A U.S. citizen or an eligible noncitizen.

Other Requirements:

- Direct Subsidized Loans are available to undergraduate students with financial need
- The U.S. Department of Education pays the interest on a Direct Subsidized Loan while you're in school at least half-time, for the first six months after you leave school (referred to as a grace period), and during a period of deferment (a postponement of loan payments)

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Name: Unsubsidized Loans (Direct Stafford Loans)

Sponsoring Organization: Federal Student Aid

Amount:

- For dependent students, the subsidized and unsubsidized aggregate the maximum award is \$31,000 (no more than \$23,000 of this amount may be in subsidized loans)
- For independent students, the subsidized and unsubsidized aggregate the maximum award is \$57,500 for undergraduates (no more than \$23,000 of this amount may be in subsidized loans); and \$138,500 for graduate or professional students (no more than \$65,500 of this amount may be in subsidized loans. *The graduate aggregate limit includes all federal loans received for undergraduate study*)

Awarded: Per academic calendar year.

GPA: N/A

Residence: A U.S. citizen or an eligible noncitizen.

Other Requirements:

- Direct Unsubsidized Loans are available to undergraduate and graduate students; there is no requirement to demonstrate financial need
- The borrower is responsible for paying interest on a Direct Unsubsidized Loan throughout the loan term
- If interest is not paid while the student is in school, during grace periods, or during deferment or forbearance periods, interest will accrue (accumulate) and be capitalized (added to the principal of the loan)

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NYS Higher Education Opportunity Program Eligibility

The Arthur O. Eve Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP) provides a broad range of services to New York State residents who, because of educational and economic circumstances, would otherwise be unable to attend a post-secondary educational institution. Each HEOP institution must ensure that HEOP students receive sufficient academic support services, tuition assistance, supplemental financial assistance, and full need packaging to enable them to successfully complete the institutional components required for graduation.

HEOP is not a scholarship given to individual students, but a grant awarded to selected independent non-public colleges and universities.

To be eligible for admission to HEOP, you must:

- Be a New York State resident for 12 months before enrollment
- Require special admissions consideration
- Qualify as economically disadvantaged according to the guidelines. In selecting students for the program, priority is given to applicants from historically disadvantaged backgrounds

Income Guidelines:

The table below lists financial eligibility requirements for HEOP admission for students entering the 2026-2027 academic year. To be determined economically disadvantaged, a student's household income must not exceed the amount shown for its size, or the student's circumstances must conform to one of the exceptions indicated.

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**New York State Education Department C/STEP & HEOP
Income Eligibility Criteria 2021-22 through 2025-2026**

Household Size*	2021-2022 income under	2022-2023 income under	2023-2024 income under	2024-2025 income under	2025-2026 income under
1	\$23,606	\$23,828	\$25,142	\$26,973	\$27,861
2	\$31,894	\$32,227	\$33,874	\$36,482	\$37,814
3	\$40,182	\$40,626	\$42,606	\$45,991	\$47,767
4	\$48,470	\$49,025	\$51,338	\$55,500	\$57,720
5	\$56,758	\$57,424	\$60,070	\$65,009	\$67,673
6	\$65,046	\$65,823	\$68,802	\$74,518	\$77,626
7	\$73,334	\$74,222	\$77,534	\$84,027	\$87,579
8	\$81,622	\$82,621	\$86,266	\$93,536	\$97,532

* in 2024

** For 2025-26, add \$9,953 for each additional family member in excess of 8.

Applicants are automatically eligible if one of the guidelines below is met with appropriate documentation:

- The student's family is a recipient of Family Assistance or Safety Net payments through the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, or through a county Department of Social Services, or Family Day Care payments through the New York State Office of Children and Family Assistance
- The student is in foster care as established by the court
- The student is a ward of the state or county

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Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)

The Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) provides a broad range of services to New York State residents who, because of educational and economic circumstances, may not otherwise have access to higher education opportunities within the State University of New York (SUNY) system. EOP offers academic support, counseling, financial assistance, and student development services designed to help students successfully complete their college education and graduate.

Through EOP, students may receive services such as academic advising, tutoring, supplemental financial assistance, and participation in summer bridge or transition programs. The program is intended to support students throughout their academic journey and promote student retention and success.

To be eligible for admission to EOP, applicants must:

- Be a New York State resident for at least 12 months prior to enrollment
- Have earned a high school diploma or its equivalent
- Meet EOP academic eligibility requirements (academic eligibility varies by campus)
- Meet income eligibility guidelines established by the New York State Education Department
- Enroll as a full-time student

Income Guidelines:

The table below outlines the financial eligibility requirements for students applying to the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) for the 2026–2027 and 2027–2028 academic years. To be considered economically eligible for EOP, a student's total household income must not exceed the amount listed for their household size, unless the student meets one of the approved exception criteria established by the program.

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EOP Income Eligibility Guidelines

Academic Year 2026-27

Household Size (including head of household)	Total Annual Income
1	\$28,953
2	\$39,128
3	\$49,303
4	\$59,478
5	\$69,653
6	\$79,828
7	\$90,003
8	\$100,178*
*For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$10,175 for each additional person.	

Academic Year 2027-28

Household Size (including head of household)	Total Annual Income
1	\$29,526
2	\$40,034
3	\$50,542
4	\$61,050
5	\$71,558
6	\$82,066
7	\$92,574
8	\$103,082*
*For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$10,508 for each additional person.	

Sponsoring Organization: [State University of New York](#)

Amount: N/A

Awarded: Based on space availability and income eligibility, based on financial records provide.

GPA: N/A

Residence: Students must have resided in New York State for a minimum of 12 months prior to enrollment.

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: First-generation college students (neither parent earned a bachelor's degree); first-time college students in their first semester of college.

Prerequisites: Have earned a high school diploma or its equivalent.

Funds can be used for: N/A

Enrollment Requirements: Enrolled full-time in a degree program of study, not just certificate programs.

FAFSA application required: Yes

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New York State Financial Aid

Grants

Name: The New York State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)

Sponsoring Organization: Higher Education Services Corporation

Amount: The maximum award is \$5,665.

Awarded: Per academic calendar year.

GPA: A minimum C average.

Residence: A legal resident of NYS and has resided in NYS for 12 continuous months; must be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen.

Other Requirements:

- Have graduated from high school in the United States, earned a high school equivalency diploma by passing a Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC), formally known as a GED, or passed a federally approved "Ability to Benefit" test as defined by the Commissioner of the State Education Department
- Study at an approved postsecondary institution in New York State
- Be enrolled as a full-time student taking 12 or more credits applicable toward the degree program, per semester; be charged at least \$200 tuition per year
- Meet income eligibility limitations; not be in default on any state or federal student loans and not be in default on any repayment of State awards; be in compliance with the terms of any service condition imposed by a NYS award

Name: Part-time TAP

Sponsoring Organization: Higher Education Services Corporation

Amount: N/A

Awarded: Per academic calendar year.

GPA: A minimum C average.

Residence:

- A legal resident of NYS and has resided in NYS for 12 continuous months
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen

Other Requirements:

- Meet all the eligibility requirements for TAP
- Have earned 12 credits or more in each of the two consecutive semesters, for a minimum total of 24 credits earned

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Name: Non-degree Part-Time Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) | HESC (ny.gov)

Sponsoring Organization: HESC

Amount: N/A contingent on income.

Awarded: Per academic calendar.

GPA: Good academic standing.

Residence:

- You are a legal resident of New York State and have resided in New York State for 12 continuous months
- You are a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen

Other Requirements:

- High School, GED, or Ability to Benefit, graduated from high school in the United States, earned a high school equivalency diploma (GED), or passed a federally approved "Ability to Benefit" test
- College & Program: Once in college, you must meet the following requirements: Attend an approved college in New York State. Be in good academic standing. Be a full-time student taking 12 or more credits each semester in your program of study. Be enrolled in a degree-granting program of study and maintain good academic standing. Be charged at least \$200 for tuition per year

Name: NYS Aid for Part-Time Study (APTS)

Sponsoring Organization: Higher Education Services Corporation

Amount: The maximum award is \$2,000.

Awarded: Per academic calendar year.

GPA: A minimum C average.

Residence:

- A legal resident of NYS and has resided in NYS for 12 continuous months
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen

Other Requirements:

- Have graduated from a high school in the United States, earned a high school equivalency diploma by passing a Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC), formally known as a GED, or passed a federally approved "Ability to Benefit" test as defined by the Commissioner of the State Education Department
- Be enrolled as a part-time student
- Be matriculated in an approved program of study in a participating New York State postsecondary institution
- Be charged at least \$100 tuition per year
- Meet income eligibility limitations
- Not have exhausted Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) eligibility

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- Not be in default on a student loan made under any NYS or federal education loan program or repayment of any NYS award and, be in compliance with the terms of any service condition imposed by a NYS award.

Scholarships

Name: Excelsior Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: Higher Education Services Corporation

Amount: The maximum award is \$5,500.

Awarded: Per academic calendar year.

GPA: A minimum C average.

Residence:

- A resident of NYS and has resided in NYS for 12 continuous months prior to the beginning of the term
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen

Other Requirements:

- Have either graduated from high school in the United States, earned a high school equivalency diploma, or passed a federally approved "Ability to Benefit" test, as defined by the Commissioner of the State Education Department
- Have a combined federal adjusted gross income of \$125,000 or less
- Be pursuing an undergraduate degree at a SUNY or CUNY college, including community colleges and the statutory colleges at Cornell University and Alfred University
- Be enrolled in at least 12 credits per term and complete at least 30 credits each year (successively), applicable toward his or her degree program through continuous study with no break in enrollment except for certain reasons that can be documented
- If attended college prior to the 2019-20 academic year, have earned at least 30 credits each year (successively), applicable toward his or her degree program prior to applying for an Excelsior Scholarship
- Be in a non-default status on a student loan made under any NYS or federal education loan program or on the repayment of any NYS award
- Be in compliance with the terms of the service condition(s) imposed by any NYS award that you have previously received
- Execute a Contract agreeing to reside in NYS for the length of time the award was received, and, if employed during such time, be employed in NYS

Name: Enhanced Tuition Awards (ETA)

Sponsoring Organization: Higher Education Services Corporation

Amount: The maximum award is \$6,000.

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Award is through a combination of TAP, ETA, and match from private college.

The number of awards to be made under this Program is subject to available funding.

Awarded: Per academic calendar year.

GPA: N/A

Residence:

- A U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Be a resident of NYS and have resided in NYS for 12 continuous months prior to the beginning of the term

Other Requirements:

- Have either graduated from high school in the United States, earned a high school equivalency diploma, or passed a federally approved “Ability to Benefit” test, as defined by the Commissioner of the State Education Department
- Have a combined federal adjusted gross income of \$125,000 or less
- Be pursuing an undergraduate degree at a participating private college or university located in New York State
- Be enrolled in at least 12 credits per term and complete at least 30 credits each year applicable toward his or her degree program, through continuous study with no break in enrollment except for certain reasons that can be documented; if attended college prior to the 2019-20 academic year, have earned at least 30 credits each year (successively), applicable toward his or her degree program prior to applying for an Enhanced Tuition Award
- Be in a non-default status on a student loan made under any NYS or federal education loan program or on the repayment of any NYS award
- Be in compliance with the terms of the service condition(s) imposed by any NYS award(s) that you have previously received; and execute a contract agreeing to reside in NYS for the length of time the award was received, and, if employed during such time, be employed in NYS

Participating Colleges: Adelphi University, Alfred University, American Academy of Dramatic Arts, Berkeley College, Boricua College, **Bryant & Stratton College**, Canisius College, **College of Mount Saint Vincent**, College of Westchester, Concordia College-New York, Cornell University, Davis College, DeVry College of New York, Dominican College, Elim Bible Institute and College, Five Towns College, Hilbert College, Iona College, Kings College, Laboratory Institute of Merchandising, Long Island University, Manhattan College, **Manhattanville College**, **Mercy College**, Metropolitan College of New York, **Monroe College**, Mount Saint Mary College, Nyack College, Pace University, St. John’s University, St. Thomas Aquinas College, Swedish Institute, **Touro College**, Utica College, Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology, Villa Maria College of Buffalo, and Yeshiva University.

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Name: New York State Child Care Educational Incentive Program (EIP)

Sponsoring Organization: Professional Development Program; Rockefeller College

Amount: The maximum award is \$2,500.

Awarded: Per calendar year.

GPA: Satisfactory academic progress.

Residence: Must be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or resident alien authorized to work in the U.S.

Other Requirements:

- You must be a paid employee, or the direct supervisor of a paid employee, in one of the following NYS OCFS or NYC DOHMH registered or licensed childcare programs: A registered family childcare program, a licensed group family childcare program, a registered school-age program, or a licensed childcare center or Head Start
- You must be caring for children, or the direct supervisor of employees who care for children, as part of the adult/child ratio requirement

Name: NYS Scholarships for Academic Excellence

Sponsoring Organization: Higher Education Services Corporation

Amount: The maximum award is \$1,500.

Awarded: Per academic calendar year.

GPA: Satisfactory academic progress.

Residence:

- A U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Be a resident of NYS

Other Requirements:

- Have graduated from a New York State high school
- Study full-time and be matriculated in an approved undergraduate program of study in a New York State post-secondary institution
- Not be in default on any State or federal student loan or on any repayment of state awards

Name: NYS Masters-in-Education Teacher Incentive Scholarship Program

Sponsoring Organization: Higher Education Services Corporation

Amount: Award equal to the annual full-time tuition charged to NYS resident students attending a graduate program at SUNY or CUNY.

Awarded: Per academic calendar year.

GPA: A minimum of "B+" average.

Residence:

- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Be a resident of NYS and have resided in NYS for 12 continuous months prior to the beginning of the term

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Other Requirements:

- Have received an undergraduate degree from a college/university located in NYS and have been a NYS resident while earning this degree
- Have earned a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher upon completion of his or her undergraduate study
- Be matriculated in an approved master's degree in education program at a SUNY or CUNY college or university which leads to a certification as a public elementary or secondary education teacher
- Be enrolled in such program on a full-time basis; be in a non-default status on a student loan made under any NYS or federal education loan program or repayment of any NYS award
- Be in compliance with the terms of any service condition imposed by a NYS award; and execute a service contract agreeing to teach for five years in a classroom at a public elementary or secondary school, including charter schools, located in NYS

Name: NYS Child Welfare Worker Incentive Scholarship Program

Sponsoring Organization: Higher Education Services Corporation

Amount: Full-time undergraduate students attending a public or private college will receive awards equal to the average cost of attendance charged to NYS resident undergraduate students at SUNY or actual cost of attendance, whichever is less.

Awarded: Per academic calendar year.

GPA: N/A

Residence:

- A legal resident of NYS and have resided in NYS for 12 continuous months
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen

Other Requirements:

- Currently employed at a voluntary not-for-profit child welfare agency in NYS licensed by the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) with at least two years of full-time or part-time experience providing either direct-care services to children and families or non-direct care services
- Be enrolled full-time or part-time in an eligible undergraduate or graduate degree programs at a college or university located in NYS
- Be in a non-default status on a student loan made under any NYS or federal education loan program or on the repayment of any NYS award
- Be in compliance with the terms of the service condition(s) imposed by any previously received NYS award
- Execute a service contract agreeing to work full-time as a child welfare worker providing direct care services in a NYS OCFS-licensed voluntary not-for-profit child welfare agency, and reside in NYS, for five years

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Eligible Degree Programs: Criminal Justice, Human Services, Mental Health Counseling, Psychology, Public Health, Social Services, Social Work, Sociology

Name: NYS Aid to Native Americans

Sponsoring Organization: Higher Education Services Corporation

Amount: The maximum award is \$2,000.

Awarded: Per academic calendar year.

GPA: N/A

Other Requirements: Enrolled members of a New York State tribe or their children who are attending, or planning to attend, a college in New York State and are New York State residents are eligible to receive financial aid from the state.

Name: New York State Part-time Scholarship (PTS) Award Program

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Sponsoring Organization: Higher Education Services Corporation

Amount: The exact amount you receive is prorated based on the number of credits you're taking and your TAP eligibility calculation.

Awarded: Per academic calendar year.

GPA: A minimum C average.

Residence:

- A U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Be a resident of NYS and have resided in NYS for 12 continuous months prior to the beginning of the term

Other Requirements:

- Have graduated from high school in the United States, earned a high school equivalency diploma, or passed a federally approved "Ability to Benefit" test as defined by the Commissioner of the State Education Department
- Be enrolled in at least six but less than 12 credits per term; be in a non-default status on a student loan made under any NYS or federal education loan program or repayment of any NYS award
- Be in compliance with the terms of any service condition imposed by a NYS award

Name: Senator José Peralta New York State DREAM Act

Sponsoring Organization: Higher Education Services Corporation

Amount: N/A

Awarded: Per academic calendar year

GPA: N/A

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Residence:

1. A permanent home is in NYS and are or have ONE of the following: U-Visa; T-Visa; Temporary protected status, pursuant to the Federal Immigration Act of 1990; Without lawful immigration status (including those with DACA status); AND meet ONE of the following criteria: attended a NYS high school for two or more years, graduated from a NYS high school, and are applying for an award for undergraduate study at a NYS college within five years of receiving your NYS high school diploma OR attended a NYS high school for two or more years, graduated from a NYS high school, and are applying for an award for graduate study at a NYS college within ten years of receiving your NYS high school diploma OR received a NYS high school equivalency diploma, and are applying for an award for undergraduate study at a NYS college within five years of receiving your NYS high school equivalency diploma OR received a NYS high school equivalency diploma, and are applying for an award for graduate study at a NYS college within ten years of receiving your NYS high school equivalency diploma OR are or will be charged the NYS resident in-state tuition rate at a SUNY or CUNY college for a reason other than residency.
2. A permanent home is outside of NYS and are or have ONE of the following: U.S. citizen; permanent lawful resident; of a class of refugees paroled by the attorney general under his or her parole authority pertaining to the admission of aliens to the U.S.; U-Visa; T-Visa; Temporary protected status, pursuant to the Federal Immigration Act of 1990; Without lawful immigration status (including those with DACA status); AND you meet ONE of the following criteria: attended a NYS high school for two or more years, graduated from a NYS high school, and are applying for an award for undergraduate study at a NYS college within five years of receiving your NYS high school diploma OR attended a NYS high school for two or more years, graduated from a NYS high school, and are applying for an award for graduate study at a NYS college within ten years of receiving your NYS high school diploma OR received a NYS high school equivalency diploma, and are applying for an award for undergraduate study at a NYS college within five years of receiving your NYS high school equivalency diploma OR received a NYS high school equivalency diploma, and are applying for an award for graduate study at a NYS college within 10 years of receiving your NYS high school equivalency diploma OR are or will be charged the NYS resident in-state tuition rate at a SUNY or CUNY college for a reason other than residency.

Other Requirements:

- Once you have submitted an application, it is your responsibility to monitor the status of your application and to make sure your application is complete
- You will be able to monitor the status of your application online after submitting your application and uploading any required documentation

Name: QUALITYstarsNY Academic Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: QUALITYstarsNY and the Early Childhood Career Development Center

Amount: Funds tuition for one course per semester (up to two courses per year).

Awarded: Awarded by semester.

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GPA: recipients must report grades to the Career Development Center and remain in satisfactory academic standing.

Residence: Work at a participating QUALITYstarsNY program.

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply:

- Individuals who work at least 20 hours per week in a participating QSNY program
- Serve in a teaching or leadership role
- Have an active Aspire Registry profile and ID
- Enrolled full-time or part-time in eligible early childhood coursework at a SUNY or CUNY institution

Other Requirements:

- Applicants must be employed continuously for at least 12 months at a participating QUALITYstarsNY program
- Use Educational Incentive Program (EIP) funding if eligible

Funds can be used for: Tuition, traditional campus fees.

Enrollment Requirements: Enrolled full-time or part-time at a CUNY or SUNY institution.

FAFSA application required: N/A

Name: NYC Public Schools Family Child Care Network CDA project

Sponsoring Organization: New York Early Childhood Professional Development Institute (PDI) in partnership with NYC Public Schools (NYCPS) and CUNY School of Professional Studies (CUNY SPS)

Amount: N/A

Awarded: N/A

GPA: N/A

Residence: N/A

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: Individuals affiliated with a NYC Public Schools contracted Family Child Care Network who need or want early childhood education credits and/or a CDA credential.

Other Requirements:

- Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED
- Be currently affiliated with a NYCPS contracted Family Child Care Network, commit to creating a Credly account and making their CDA credential publicly visible

Funds can be used for: The program provides participants with 12 college credits leading to a Child Development Associate (CDA) credential, books and program materials, CPR and first Aid certification, CDA exam vouchers, exam completion support, coursework that can be articulated to participating SUNY and CUNY colleges, coursework that may be used toward CTLE requirements.

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Enrollment Requirements: Must enroll in and complete the required CDA coursework. Students may take up to two courses per semester.

FAFSA application required: N/A

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Military and Memorial Scholarships

New York State veterans, active-duty service members or members of their immediate families have higher education benefits that can help pay for college. Military and veterans' education benefits may not cover all college expenses. Apply for all eligible federal and state student aid by completing the FAFSA.

Name: Veterans Tuition Awards

Sponsoring Organization: Higher Education Services Corporation

Amount: For full-time study, a recipient receives an award of up to undergraduate tuition for NYS residents at the State University of New York (SUNY), or actual tuition charged, whichever is less. Full-time study is defined as 12 or more credits per semester (or the equivalent) in an approved program at a degree-granting institution, or 24 or more hours per week in a vocational training program.

Awarded: Per academic calendar year.

GPA: Satisfactory academic progress.

Residence:

- A legal resident of NYS and has resided in NYS for 12 continuous months prior to the beginning of the term
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen

Other Requirements:

- Have graduated from high school in the United States, earned a high school equivalency diploma by passing a Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC) formally known as a GED, or passed a federally approved "Ability to Benefit" test as defined by the Commissioner of the State Education Department
- Be matriculated full or part-time at an undergraduate or graduate degree-granting institution in New York State or in an approved vocational training program in New York State
- Be charged at least \$200 tuition per year
- Has applied for the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) for all undergraduate or graduate study; be in a non-default status on a student loan made under any NYS or federal education loan program or repayment of any state award
- Be in compliance with the terms of any service condition imposed by a state award.
- Be discharged under honorable conditions from the U.S. Armed Forces and: a Vietnam veteran who served in Indochina between February 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975; or a Persian Gulf veteran who served in the Persian Gulf on or after August 2, 1990; or an Afghanistan veteran who served in Afghanistan during hostilities on or after September 11, 2001, or a veteran of the United States Armed Forces who served in hostilities that occurred after

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February 28, 1961, as evidenced by receipt of an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Navy Expeditionary Medal or a Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal.

Name: Military Enhanced Recognition Incentive and Tribute - MERIT Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: Higher Education Services Corporation

Amount: Covers the cost of attendance, up to the average cost of attendance charged to New York State resident students attending a state-operated SUNY institution.

Awarded: Available year-round to eligible applicants. Awards may be received for:

- Up to two years for an associate degree
- Up to four years for a bachelor's degree
- Up to five years for approved five-year programs

GPA: Satisfactory academic progress

Who Can Apply: Children of eligible service members, spouses of eligible service members, financial dependents of eligible service members, veterans who themselves became severely and permanently disabled as a result of military service.

Other Requirements:

- Study at an approved postsecondary institution in New York State; have graduated from high school in the United States or have a high school equivalency diploma earned GED, or passed a federally approved "Ability to Benefit" test as defined by the Commissioner of the State Education Department
- Be enrolled as a full-time student taking 12 or more credits per semester; be matriculated in an approved program of study
- Not be in default on any state or federal student loan or on any repayment of state awards

Name: NYS Memorial Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: Higher Education Services Corporation

Amount: Provides an award equal to the student's cost of attendance, up to the average cost of attendance at a state-operated SUNY institution.

Awarded: Available year-round to eligible applicants. Awards may be received for:

- Up to two years for an associate degree
- Up to four years for a bachelor's degree
- Up to five years for approved five-year programs

GPA: Satisfactory academic progress.

Residence: A U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.

Other Requirements:

- Be a child, spouse or financial dependent of a deceased firefighter, volunteer firefighter, police officer (including NYS Correction Officers), or emergency medical service worker who have died as the result of injuries sustained in the line of duty in service to the State of New York

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- Has graduated from high school in the United States, earned a high school equivalency diploma earned, or passed a federally approved "Ability to Benefit" test as defined by the Commissioner of the State Education Department
- Study at an approved postsecondary institution in New York State; be matriculated in an approved undergraduate program of study; be enrolled as a full-time student taking 12 or more credits per semester applicable toward the degree program
- Be in a non-default status on a student loan made under any NYS or federal education loan program or repayment of any NYS award
- Be in compliance with the terms of any service condition imposed by a NYS award

Name: Flight 3407 Memorial Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: Higher Education Services Corporation

Amount: Covers average cost of attendance at a state-operated SUNY or the actual cost of attendance, whichever is less.

Awarded: Per academic calendar year.

GPA: Satisfactory academic progress.

Other Requirements:

- Study at an approved postsecondary institution in New York State
- Has graduated from high school in the United States, earned a high school equivalency diploma by GED, or passed a federally approved "Ability to Benefit" test as defined by the Commissioner of the State Education Department
- Be enrolled as a full-time student taking twelve or more credits applicable toward the degree program, per semester
- Be matriculated in an approved program of study
- Be in a non-default status on any student loan made under any NYS or federal education loan program or repayment of any NYS awards
- Be in compliance with the terms of any service condition imposed by a NYS award

Name: Flight 587 Memorial Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: Higher Education Services Corporation

Amount: An amount equal to your actual tuition or the State University of New York's (SUNY) in-state tuition, whichever is less.

Awarded: Per academic calendar year.

GPA: Satisfactory academic progress.

Other Requirements:

- Be either a child, spouse or financial dependent of an individual who died as a direct result of the American Airlines Flight 587 crash on November 12, 2001, in Belle Harbor, Queens, New York

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- Has graduated from high school in the United States, earned a high school equivalency diploma, or passed a federally approved "Ability to Benefit" test as defined by the Commissioner of the State Education Department
- Study at an approved postsecondary institution in New York State; be matriculated in an approved program of study
- Be enrolled as a full-time student taking 12 or more credits per semester applicable toward the degree program
- Be in a non-default status on a student loan made under any NYS or federal education loan program or repayment of any NYS award
- Be in compliance with the terms of any service condition imposed by a NYS award

Name: NYS Regents Awards for Children of Deceased and Disabled Veterans

Sponsoring Organization: Higher Education Services Corporation

Amount: Maximum award is \$450.

Awarded: Per academic calendar year.

GPA: N/A

Other Requirements:

- Students whose parent(s) served in the U.S. Armed Forces during specified periods of war or national emergency and, as a result of service, died, suffered a 40% or more disability, was classified as missing in action, or was a prisoner of war are eligible to apply.
- The veteran must currently be a New York State resident or have been a New York State resident at the time of death.
- The applicant must be pursuing an approved undergraduate degree at a college or university located in NYS

Name: World Trade Center Memorial Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: Higher Education Services Corporation

Amount: Covers cost of attendance at a state-operated SUNY or the actual cost of attendance, whichever is less.

Awarded: Per academic calendar year.

GPA: Satisfactory academic progress.

Other Requirements:

- Be either a survivor who is severely and permanently disabled as a result of injuries sustained in the attacks or subsequent rescue and recovery operations, or a child, spouse or financial dependent of a deceased or severely and permanently disabled victim
- Has graduated from high school in the United States, earned a high school equivalency diploma, or passed a federally approved "Ability to Benefit" test as defined by the Commissioner of the State Education Department
- Study at an approved postsecondary institution in New York State

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- Be matriculated in an approved program of study
- Be enrolled as a full-time student taking 12 or more credits per semester applicable toward the degree program; be in a non-default status on a student loan made under any NYS or federal education loan program or repayment of any NYS award
- Be in compliance with the terms of any service condition imposed by a NYS award

Name: NYS World Trade Center Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: Higher Education Services Corporation

Amount: Covers the cost of attendance at a state-operated SUNY or the actual cost of attendance, whichever is less.

Awarded: Per academic calendar year.

GPA: Satisfactory academic progress.

Residence: U.S. Citizen or eligible noncitizen.

Other Requirements:

- Be either a survivor, who is severely and permanently disabled as a result of injuries sustained in the attacks or subsequent rescue and recovery operations, or a child, spouse or financial dependent of a deceased or severely and permanently disabled victim
- Graduated from high school in the United States, earned a high school equivalency diploma (GED), or passed a federally approved "[Ability to Benefit](#)" test
- Enrolled Full-time and taking 12 or more credits per semester in your program of study.
- Matriculated in an approved program of study
- Be in good academic standing
- Study at an approved post-secondary institution in New York State
- Be in good standing (a non-default status) on a student loan made under any NYS or federal education loan program or on the repayment of any NYS award
- Be in compliance with the terms of the service condition(s) imposed by any NYS award that you have previously received

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Organization Assistance

Name: The Harry S. Truman Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: The Truman Scholarship Foundation

Amount: \$30,000

Awarded: Per academic calendar year.

GPA: Satisfactory academic progress.

Prerequisites: Be nominated through their institution's Truman Scholarship advisor/process.

Other Requirements:

- U.S. citizens, U.S. National residents of American Samoa, or expecting their citizenship by the date of the award
- Currently enrolled at a U.S.-based accredited institution
- In penultimate year of school, or final year
- Nominated by either their current institution of study or their former institution of study for transfer or community college applicants
- Planning to attend graduate school in pursuit of a career in public service

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses.

Enrollment Requirements: Be enrolled at an accredited U.S. college/university during application. Pursue graduate education after undergraduate study.

FAFSA application required: N/A

Name: Roothbert Fund Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: The Roothbert Fund

Amount: Awards may be granted in amounts ranging from \$5,000 to \$7,000.

Awarded: Per academic calendar year.

GPA: Satisfactory academic progress.

Residence: N/A

Other Requirements:

- Must be a high school senior, undergraduate student, or graduate student
- Preference given to graduate and undergraduate students who have completed at least one year of study
- Applications from candidates who reside in or attend schools in the following states are preferred: Connecticut, District of Columbia, Delaware, Maryland, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia.

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Name: Teacher Opportunity Corps (TOC)/My Brother's Keeper Teacher Opportunity Corps II

Sponsoring Organization: Teacher Opportunity Corps

Amount: Coverage varies by degree level. To check the exact coverage amount, consult your specific institution's financial aid or education department.

Awarded: Per academic calendar year.

GPA: Satisfactory academic progress.

Residence: N/A

Other Requirements:

- Full-time undergraduate/graduate students
- Part-time graduate students, completing the requirements for provisional/initial or permanent/professional certification

Name: Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: Jack Kent Cooke Foundation

Amount: The maximum award is \$55,000.

Awarded: Per academic calendar year.

GPA: Satisfactory academic progress.

Other Requirements:

- Be a current student at an accredited U.S. community college or two-year institution with sophomore status by January 1, 2023, or a recent graduate (since spring 2017)
- Plan to enroll full-time in a baccalaureate program at an accredited college or university in fall 2023
- Have a cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 3.50 or better on a 4.0 scale
- Demonstrate unmet financial needs
- No previous enrollment or attendance at a four-year institution – Students who have attended a four-year institution in the past are not eligible for this scholarship.
- *If you started at a four-year institution, but did not complete a semester of full-time study, then you may be eligible*

Name: The National Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: The Dream.US

Amount: For an associate degree; up to \$33,000 for a bachelor's degree.

Awarded: Per academic calendar year.

GPA: A minimum of "B-" average.

Other Requirements: National Scholarship is the "Pell Grant" for highly motivated undocumented students with significant, unmet financial need. While GPA and test scores are considered, great emphasis is placed on demonstrated commitment to community service and ability to overcome the barriers and challenges that undocumented students face each day.

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- Have DACA; TPS; or came to the country before November 1, 2016, and otherwise meet the DACA criteria; came to the United States before the age of 16
- Has significant unmet financial need
- Has graduated or will graduate from a United States high school (or have earned or will earn a high school equivalency diploma)
- Graduated or will graduate with a GPA of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale; have not earned more than 21 credits in a community college or a four-year college or university (not counting credits earned in a pre-college or dual enrollment program in high school)
- Intend to enroll full-time in an associate or bachelor's degree program at a partner college; are eligible for in-state tuition at the partner college you want to attend (not applicable if it is a private partner college)

Partner Colleges: Baruch College; **Borough of Manhattan Community College;** **Bronx Community College;** **Brooklyn College;** College of Staten Island; Farmingdale State University; **Hostos Community College;** **Hunter College;** John Jay College of Criminal Justice; Kingsborough Community College; LaGuardia Community College; **Lehman College;** **Medgar Evers College;** New York City College of Technology; Queens College; Queensborough Community College; Stella and Charles Guttman Community College; **The City College of New York;** York College. Most National Scholarship recipients can receive an additional **up to \$6,000 total** for books, supplies, and transportation while pursuing their degree. Students who receive the National Scholarship and meet ongoing eligibility requirements are generally considered for the stipend automatically through their partner's college.

Women Small Business and Entrepreneur

Name: Women Founders Grant (GRANT)

Sponsoring Organization: Women Founders Grant

Amount: \$5,000

Residence: U.S.-based business or business idea.

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: Women

Prerequisites: Application and \$25 fee.

Other Requirements: Women founders and business owners building businesses.

Funds can be used for: Business needs.

Enrollment Requirements: N/A

FAFSA application required: N/A

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Name: I Fund Women Grants Portal (GRANT)

Sponsoring Organization: I Fund Women

Amount: Based on the grant awarded.

Residence: Based on individual grant criteria.

Citizenship: Based on individual grant criteria.

Who Can Apply: Being at least 18 years old, women entrepreneurs, and women-owned small businesses.

Prerequisites: Submit application to portal.

Other Requirements: Based on individual grant criteria.

Enrollment Requirements: N/A

FAFSA application required: N/A

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SUNY

Name: Carey Gabay Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: State University of New York State (SUNY)

Amount: Full tuition; *fees not included*

Awarded: Per academic calendar year

GPA: Satisfactory academic progress

Residence: A legal resident of NYS

Other Requirements:

- Incoming, full-time, matriculated freshman at a SUNY school
- Demonstrate significant financial need as determined by the completion of the FAFSA application
- High school record demonstrating high academic achievement, including a minimum cumulative grade point average of 90
- Submit an essay regarding challenges overcome during the course of the student's academic career, as well as a personal commitment to mentoring, leadership, and social justice
- Submit two letters of recommendation from teachers or community members

Name: NYS Opportunity Promise Scholarship free tuition scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: City University of New York in partnership with the State of New York through the NYS Opportunity Promise Scholarship program.

Amount: Covers remaining costs for eligible students pursuing approved associate degree programs in high-demand fields.

GPA: Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

Residence: New York State resident or qualify for in-state tuition

Citizenship:

- U.S. citizens are eligible
- Eligible non-citizens are eligible

Who Can Apply: Applicants between 25 and 55 years old as of the first day of classes.

Other Requirements:

- Have no prior degree
- Enroll in an approved associate degree program in a high-demand field

Funds can be used for: N/A

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**Enrollment Requirements:**

- Take at least six (6) credits per semester at a CUNY community college.
- Earn twelve (12) credits per academic year.
- Complete your degree within ten (10) semesters.

FAFSA application required: Yes

Name: CUNY Reconnect

Sponsoring Organization: City University of New York in partnership with the State of New York through the NYS Opportunity Promise Scholarship program.

Amount: N/A

Awarded: N/A

GPA: Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

Residence: New York City resident

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: Applicants 24 years of age or older

Other Requirements:

- Have previously attended college but not completed a degree (stopped-out students)
- Be a newly enrolling adult learner

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

Enrollment Requirements:

- Enroll in a degree program at a CUNY senior college.
- All majors and degree programs are eligible.
- There is no minimum credit requirement per semester.

FAFSA application required: Yes

Name: Provost Scholarship (scholarship)

Sponsoring Organization: State University of New York State (SUNY BUFFALO)

Amount: Up to \$3000/year- \$12,000 total

Awarded: Renewable for up to four years for domestic students

GPA: Satisfactory academic progress

Residence: First-year domestic student (UG)

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: Anyone

Prerequisites: Minimum high school GPA of 91+ to be considered.

Other Requirements:

- Be admitted as an undergraduate student, enroll full-time (minimum 12 credits per semester)
- Maintain at least a 3.0 UB GPA to renew the scholarship

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- Complete at least 24 credits per academic year
- Maintain continuous eligibility standards

Funds can be used for: Student's direct cost of attendance.

Enrollment Requirements: Full-time per semester

FAFSA application required: Yes

Name: Presidential Scholarship (scholarship)

Sponsoring Organization: State University of New York State (SUNY BUFFALO)

Amount: Up to \$4,000/yr - \$16,000 total

Awarded: Maximum eligibility of eight (8) semesters

GPA: 3.2

Residence: First-year domestic student (UG)

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: Incoming first-year undergraduate student scholarship

Prerequisites:

- Minimum high school GPA of 96+ to be considered.
- Be an incoming first-year undergraduate student
- Apply and be admitted to UB
- Submit a separate Presidential Scholarship application
- Participate in the University Honors College if selected

Other Requirements:

- Remain enrolled in the Honors College
- Maintain at least a 3.30 UB GPA after the first year, and at least a 3.50 UB GPA in later years

Funds can be used for: Student's direct cost of attendance.

Enrollment Requirements: Full-time per semester

FAFSA application required: Yes

Name: Pride of New York Scholarship (scholarship)

Sponsoring Organization: State University of New York State (SUNY BUFFALO)

Amount: Award amounts are based on academic merit

Awarded: Renewable for either two or four years for domestic students who meet continuing eligibility requirements.

GPA: 3.0

Residence: NYS- Domestic Student (UG)

Who Can Apply: High-achieving first-year domestic students

Prerequisites: N/A

Other Requirements: N/A

Funds can be used for: Funds are exclusively for non-tuition costs such as fees.

Enrollment Requirements: N/A

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FAFSA application required: N/A

Name: Dean Scholar's Award (scholarship)

Sponsoring Organization: State University of New York State (SUNY Buffalo)

Amount: Up to \$2000/yr- \$8,000 total

Awarded: Renewable for either two or four years for domestic students who meet [continuing eligibility requirements](#).

GPA: 2.75

Residence: NYS- Domestic Student (UG)

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: First-year students

Prerequisites: Minimum high school GPA of 87+ to be considered.

Other Requirements: Renewable for four years

- The student remains continuously enrolled full-time (12+ credit hours) in the fall and spring semesters
- Maintains a 2.75 cumulative GPA.

Funds can be used for: N/A

Enrollment Requirements: Full-time in fall/spring semester

FAFSA application required: Yes

Name: Orange & Black Award (scholarship)

Sponsoring Organization: State University of New York State (SUNY Buffalo)

Amount: Up to \$1,000/year - \$4,000 total

Awarded: For up to four years

- The student remains continuously enrolled full-time (12+ credit hours) in the fall and spring semesters
- Maintains a 2.5 cumulative GPA.

GPA: 2.5

Residence: NYS- Domestic Student (UG)

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: Based on a holistic review of the student's academic record.

Prerequisites: N/A

Funds can be used for: N/A

Enrollment Requirements: Full-time in fall/spring semester

Other Requirements: N/A

FAFSA application required: Yes



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Name: Destination Buffalo State Grant

Sponsoring Organization: State University of New York State (SUNY Buffalo)

Amount: Up to \$9,500 year (up to \$4,750 per semester)

Awarded: For up to four years

- The student remains continuously enrolled full-time (12+ credit hours) in the fall and spring semesters
- Maintains a 2.5 cumulative GPA.

GPA: 2.25

Residence: NYS- Domestic Student (UG), out-of-state, and international students

Who Can Apply: Matriculated undergraduate students

Funds can be used for: Targeted to support "non-tuition" billed expenses, such as fees, housing, meals, and books.

Enrollment Requirements:

- Four continuous years (fall and spring semesters) of full-time enrollment or until a bachelor's degree is earned, whichever happens first.
- The recipient must continue to be billed for out-of-state tuition, live on campus, and maintain a 2.25 overall grade point average.
- GPAs are reviewed after each spring semester.

Other Requirements: N/A

FAFSA application required: Yes

Name: Bengal Promise Grant

Sponsoring Organization: State University of New York State (SUNY Buffalo)

Amount: Up to \$2,000 year (up to \$1,000 per semester)

Awarded: For up to four years

- The student remains continuously enrolled full-time (12+ credit hours) in the fall and spring semesters
- Maintains a 2.5 cumulative GPA.

GPA: 2.25

Residence: NYS- Domestic Student (UG)

Who Can Apply: Matriculated undergraduate students

Prerequisites: Live on campus each semester

Funds can be used for: Support "non-tuition" expenses, specifically billed on-campus housing and meal charges for in-state for students who begin in the fall.

Enrollment Requirements:

- Four continuous years (fall and spring semesters) of full-time enrollment or until a bachelor's degree is earned, whichever happens first.
- The recipient must maintain a 2.25 cumulative GPA and continue to live on campus each semester. GPAs are reviewed after the spring semester.

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- The student must live on campus during the freshman year to qualify.

FAFSA application required: Yes

Name: Say Yes Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: State University of New York State (SUNY Erie)

Amount: The amount of the tuition-only scholarship is dependent on the number of consecutive years a student attended a Buffalo public or charter school through grade 12 (Kindergarten / 100%, 1st, 2nd or 3rd grade / 95%, 4th, 5th or 6th grade / 80%, 7th, 8th or 9th grade / 65%)

GPA: 2.0

Residence: Resides in the city of Buffalo

Who Can Apply: Individuals graduated from a public or charter school in Buffalo beginning in June 2013.

Other Requirements:

- Resides in the city of Buffalo
- At minimum, completed grades 9-12, in consecutive years at a public or charter school in the city of Buffalo (or is legally designated as having McKinney-Vento status, having refugee status on an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) or is an otherwise eligible noncitizen)
- Graduated from a public or charter school in Buffalo beginning in June 2013; enrolled full-time at a Say Yes Buffalo partner college within one year of high school graduation
- Applied for and was deemed eligible for federal and state financial aid (FAFSA and TAP), including Selective Service, as required by law, every academic year.
- Say Yes tuition scholarships are for eligible students during the fall and spring semesters. Say Yes does not assist with winter or summer tuition.

Funds can be used for: tuition charges (not fees or books)

Enrollment Requirements: Enrolled full-time at a Say Yes Buffalo partner college within one year of high school graduation.

FAFSA application required: Yes

Name: NCCC Foundation Scholarships

Sponsoring Organization: State University of New York State (SUNY Niagara)

Amount: Determined by scholarship awarded

GPA: Determined by scholarship awarded

Residence: Determined by scholarship applied

Who Can Apply: Enrolled students

Funds can be used for: Determined by scholarship award

Enrollment Requirements: Determined by scholarship award

Other Requirements: Complete general application to be considered for scholarships

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FAFSA application required: Yes

Name: Distinguished Student Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: State University of New York State (SUNY Niagara)

Amount: Scholarship award is determined after financial aid is applied

Awarded: Two years "tuition-free" education.

GPA: 3.0

Residence: Niagara County

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: Applicant must be graduating from a Niagara County high school (includes homeschool) with a Regents diploma in June with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or a B (83-85) weighted average.

Other Requirements:

- Applicant must be planning to enroll as a full-time matriculated student at SUNY Niagara for the fall semester of the year the award is issued.
- Applicant must have previous volunteer community service and demonstrated involvement in high school activities (Include in essay).
- Applicant must provide assurance that he or she plans to remain in or return to Niagara County after completion of his/her education and future volunteer commitments (include in essay).

Funds can be used for: Tuition

Enrollment Requirements: Full-time study (minimum of 12 credit hours) each semester.

FAFSA application required: Yes

Name: President's Award of Excellence

Sponsoring Organization: State University of New York State (SUNY Fredonia)

Amount: \$5,000/year

Awarded: Renewable (max 4 years)

GPA: 3.0 (for renewal)

Residence: Campus residency required

Who Can Apply: Entering first-year students

Prerequisites: 95+ cumulative weighted high school average.

Funds can be used for: Scholarship is targeted to support "non-tuition" related expenses of the recipient including fees, room and board, books, personal, travel, along with other expenses related to special experiences like study abroad, etc.

Enrollment Requirements: Full-time

Other Requirements:

- The minimum academic requirement for consideration is a 95 cumulative weighted high school average, at the time of acceptance.

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- Once enrolled, the student must maintain full-time status, must annually complete the FAFSA (and TAP for NYS residents)
- Achieve a minimum 3.0 GPA.
- To receive this scholarship, students must submit a deposit by May 1 for fall, December 1 for spring.

FAFSA application required: Yes

Name: Fredonia Scholar Award

Sponsoring Organization: State University of New York State (SUNY Fredonia)

Amount: \$4,000/year

Awarded: Renewable (max four years)

GPA: 2.8 (for renewal)

Residence: Campus residency required

Who Can Apply: Entering first-year students

Prerequisites: 90-94 cumulative weighted high school average.

Funds can be used for: Support "non-tuition" related expenses of the recipient including fees, room and board, books, personal, travel, along with other expenses related to special experiences like study abroad, etc.

Enrollment Requirements: Full-time

Other Requirements: In order to receive this scholarship, students must submit a deposit by May 1 for fall, December 1 for spring.

FAFSA application required: Yes

Name: True Blue Scholar Award

Sponsoring Organization: State University of New York State (SUNY Fredonia)

Amount: \$2,000/year

Awarded: Renewable (max 4 years)

GPA: 2.8 (for renewal)

Residence: Campus residency required

Who Can Apply: Entering first-year students

Prerequisites: 80-89 cumulative weighted high school average.

Funds can be used for: Support "non-tuition" related expenses of the recipient including fees, room and board, books, personal, travel, along with other expenses related to special experiences like study abroad, etc.

Enrollment Requirements: Full-time

Other Requirements: In order to receive this scholarship, students must submit a deposit by May 1 for fall, December 1 for spring.

FAFSA application required: Yes

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Name: Honors Program Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: State University of New York State (SUNY Fredonia)

Amount: \$1,500 one time (\$375/semester)

Awarded: Renewable (max 4 semesters)

GPA: 3.3 and 15 transferable credits

Who Can Apply: First-year full-time students who are invited to join the honors program in the fall of their first year.

Prerequisites: 92 or better HS average are invited to apply.

Funds can be used for: Targeted to support "non-tuition" related expenses of the recipient including fees, room and board, books, personal, travel, along with other expenses related to special experiences like study abroad, etc.

Enrollment Requirements: Full-time

Other Requirements: Students are encouraged to contact the Honors Program Director for specific renewal criteria.

FAFSA application required: Yes

Name: Dennis and Jan Hefner Presidential Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: State University of New York State (SUNY Fredonia)

Amount: \$5,000

Awarded: renewable (up to three additional years) meeting criteria

GPA: 3.0

Who Can Apply: Offered to students entering as a first-year student in the fall.

Prerequisites: Academically high achieving with high financial need (Pell eligible)

Funds can be used for: N/A

Enrollment Requirements: Full-time

Other Requirements: The Admissions Office will award this scholarship on a rolling basis until all funds are awarded. Students do not directly apply for this scholarship.

FAFSA application required: Yes

Name: FSA President's Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: State University of New York State (SUNY Fredonia)

Amount: \$5,000

Awarded: Renewable meeting criteria

GPA: 2.8

Residence: N/A

Who Can Apply: Offered to students entering as a first-year student in the fall.

Prerequisites: Academically high achieving.

Funds can be used for: N/A

Enrollment Requirements: Full-time

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Other Requirements: The Admissions Office will award this scholarship on a rolling basis until all funds are awarded. Students do not directly apply for this scholarship.

FAFSA application required: Yes

Name: Fredonia FSA President's Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: State University of New York State (SUNY Fredonia)

Amount: \$2,000

Awarded: Renewable (up to three additional years) meeting criteria.

GPA: 2.8

Residence: Living in a university residence hall/townhouse who also maintains a full board meal plan.

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: Transfer students

Funds can be used for: N/A

Enrollment Requirements: Full-time

Other Requirements: Students do not directly apply for this scholarship.

FAFSA application required: Yes

Name: Fredonia Transfer School Scholar Award

Sponsoring Organization: State University of New York State (SUNY Fredonia)

Amount: \$2,000

Awarded: Renewable (max three years)

GPA: 3.0 GPA, with at least 12 credits from an accredited college.

Residence: Living in a university residence hall/townhouse.

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: Transfer students who have received at least 12 credits from an accredited two-year college or another four-year institution and have a 3.0 cumulative average or above at time of acceptance.

Funds can be used for: Scholarship is specifically designated for fees, room, food, books, personal & travel cost of attendance components.

Enrollment Requirements: Full-time

Other Requirements: In order to receive this tuition reduction, students must submit a deposit by June 1 for fall, December 1 for spring.

FAFSA application required: Yes

Name: College Connections Residence Hall Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: State University of New York State (SUNY Jamestown)

Amount: Spring semester room costs fully covered.

Awarded: To remain eligible, you must meet minimum Satisfactory Academic Progress

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(SAP) requirements.

GPA: N/A

Residence: Reside in Hillside Suites during the fall semester.

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: First-time, full-time freshmen.

Prerequisites: Have taken college-level courses at JCC during the 2025–2026 academic year; be admitted into and enrolled in a degree program.

Funds can be used for: Room cost

Enrollment Requirements: Full-time

Other Requirements: The Admissions Office will award this scholarship on a rolling basis until all funds are awarded. Students do not directly apply for this scholarship.

FAFSA application required: Yes

Name: Good Neighbors PA Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: State University of New York State (SUNY Jamestown)

Amount: One-half of the current academic year out-of-state tuition amount. Up to four semesters.

Awarded: You must meet minimum college satisfactory academic progress requirements to maintain your eligibility to receive this award.

GPA: N/A

Residence: Demonstrate residency in McKean, Warren, Potter, and Erie counties in Pennsylvania.

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: New, first-time freshman, matriculated (degree-seeking) students.

Prerequisites: N/A

Funds can be used for: N/A

Enrollment Requirements: Part-time and full-time

Other Requirements: N/A

FAFSA application required: Yes

Name: Live Where You Learn Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: State University of New York State (SUNY Jamestown)

Amount: \$500 (max four semesters)

Awarded: N/A

GPA: 2.5

Residence: Jamestown Campus in JCC Hillside suites

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: NYS resident students attending the Jamestown Campus and living in JCC's Hillside Suites residence halls.

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Prerequisites: Graduated from high school with an average of 80% or higher.

Funds can be used for: N/A

Enrollment Requirements: Full-time/12 credits each semester.

Other Requirements: N/A

FAFSA application required: Yes

Name: USA Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: State University of New York State (SUNY Jamestown)

Amount: NYS Tuition

Awarded: Up to four semesters (not covered by Pell, TAP, or JCC tuition waivers)

GPA: 3.0

Residence: Local NY and PA high schools.

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: First-time, full-time freshmen applicants ranked in the top 20% of their graduating class.

Prerequisites: Regents diplomas from accredited high schools in NY counties of Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, or Allegany, or Academic diplomas from high schools in PA counties of Warren, Forest, Potter, McKean, Elk, or Cameron; or PA cities of Corry or Northeast.

Funds can be used for: Tuition

Enrollment Requirements: Full-time/12 credits each semester

Other Requirements: N/A

FAFSA application required: Yes

Cortlandt

Name: Louise Margaret Abernethy Scholarship in Education

Sponsoring Organization: SUNY Cortlandt

Amount: \$1,200

Awarded: N/A

GPA: N/A

Residence: N/A

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: Students enrolled in an education-related degree program at SUNY Cortlandt.

Prerequisites: Must be pursuing a degree in education or a related teacher preparation program.

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Other Requirements: Additional selection criteria are determined through the university's scholarship review process.

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

Enrollment Requirements: Must be enrolled at SUNY Cortland.

FAFSA application required: Yes

Name: Angela Pace Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: SUNY Cortlandt

Amount: \$1,350

Awarded: N/A

GPA: Renewable with a minimum 2.5 GPA

Residence: Resident of Cortland County (secondary consideration given to residents of New York State)

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: Students majoring in Early Childhood Education or Childhood Education

Prerequisites: Demonstrated financial need per FAFSA

Other Requirements: Must attend SUNY Cortland and meet scholarship criteria.

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

Enrollment Requirements: Must attend SUNY Cortland and meet scholarship criteria.

FAFSA application required: Yes

Name: Betty Blase Goodstein '48 Scholarship in Education and Physical Education Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: SUNY Cortlandt

Amount: \$1,600

Awarded: This scholarship is a one-time award and is non-renewable

GPA: Minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average

Residence: N/A

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: Matriculated senior level student in good academic standing at SUNY Cortland.

Prerequisites: Student must have at least one full academic year remaining at the start of the fall semester of award year.

Other Requirements: Majoring in Early Childhood Education, Childhood Education, Inclusive Childhood Education.

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

Enrollment Requirements: Enrolled Full-time (at least 12 credit hours each fall and spring semester)

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FAFSA application required: N/A

Name: Rosemary Walters '56 Scholarship for Elementary Education

Sponsoring Organization: SUNY Cortlandt

Amount: \$2,000–\$3,000

Awarded: May be renewable, renewals are dependent on available funding as provided by the Cortland College Foundation.

GPA: No minimum GPA is specified for initial eligibility. For renewal, recipients must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7.

Residence: Long Island

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: Entering freshman-level students. Matriculated SUNY Cortland students. Students from Long Island.

Prerequisites: N/A

Other Requirements: For renewal, continued funding is based on student maintaining a minimum 2.7 cumulative grade point average remaining a childhood/early childhood education major, matriculated at SUNY Cortland, enrolled full-time (at least 12 credit hours each fall and spring semester), maintain satisfactory academic progress per SUNY Cortland's published Federal Good Academic Standing guidelines.

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

Enrollment Requirements: Enrolled full-time (at least 12 credit hours each fall and spring semester). Accepted to major in childhood/early childhood education.

FAFSA application required: Yes

Name: Rosemary Walters '58 Scholarship for Education Majors (Birth-6th Grade)

Sponsoring Organization: SUNY Cortlandt

Amount: \$1,500-\$3,000

Awarded: This scholarship is a one-time award and is non-renewable. Students are eligible to apply each year.

GPA: Satisfactory academic achievement

Residence: N/A

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: Awarded to a matriculated sophomore, junior or senior level student in good academic standing at SUNY Cortland.

Prerequisites: Majoring in Early Childhood Education Major or Childhood Education Major (Birth-6th grade)

Other Requirements: Has demonstrated financial need per FAFSA

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

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Enrollment Requirements: Enrolled full-time (at least 12 credit hours each fall and spring semester)

FAFSA application required: N/A

Name: Brian M. '69, M '82, C.A.S. '82 and Lynn Roberts Scholarship for Future Educators

Sponsoring Organization: SUNY Cortlandt

Amount: \$1,000

Awarded: This scholarship is non-renewable. Students must apply each year.

GPA: Satisfactory academic achievement

Residence: N/A

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: Students enrolled in an education-related major leading to a teaching career in Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Adolescent Education at SUNY Cortland.

Prerequisites: Must be a continuing student at SUNY Cortland. Must be in good academic standing. Must demonstrate financial need.

Other Requirements: Must have at least one full academic year remaining at the start of the fall semester in which the award is received. Must maintain full-time enrollment.

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

Enrollment Requirements: Enrolled full-time (at least 12 credit hours each fall and spring semester).

FAFSA application required: Yes

New Paltz

Name: Betty Lyons Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: SUNY New Paltz

Amount: \$2,000

Awarded: N/A

GPA: N/A

Residence: N/A

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: Undergraduate students, full-time students, fully matriculated SUNY New Paltz students.

Prerequisites: Must be a declared Elementary Education major.

Other Requirements: Preference is given to students from economically disadvantaged families. Financial need is determined through FAFSA information or the scholarship application's financial statement.

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

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Enrollment Requirements: Enrolled Full-time.

FAFSA application required: Yes

Name: Susan Raymond Basch '76, '80g and Eli Burt Basch Endowed Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: SUNY New Paltz

Amount: Up to \$3,000

Awarded: Renewable scholarship. Must remain in good standing.

GPA: N/A

Residence: Recipients must reside in on-campus housing and/or participate in a campus dining plan.

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: Undergraduate student, sophomore year or later.

Prerequisites: Must be a matriculated undergraduate student. Must be in sophomore standing or higher. Must reside on campus and/or participate in a campus meal plan. Must remain in good academic standing.

Other Requirements: N/A

Funds can be used for: Room and board expenses

Enrollment Requirements: N/A

FAFSA application required: Yes

Name: Clionian Alumnae Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: SUNY New Paltz and Clio Sorority

Amount: up to 2500

Awarded: N/A

GPA: Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA

Residence: N/A

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: Undergraduate SUNY New Paltz students. Students majoring in Education. Students pursuing teacher certification. Students with demonstrated financial need.

Prerequisites: Declared Education major, seeking teacher certification, and minimum GPA requirement.

Other Requirements: Applicants must demonstrate at least one of the following: service to the college and/or local community, particularly involving children, service and contribution to campus life or active participation in the local community. First preference is given to applicants with a **Clio family legacy** (mother, grandmother, or aunt who was affiliated with Clio Sorority).

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

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Enrollment Requirements: Must be an undergraduate student at SUNY New Paltz. Must be enrolled in an education program leading to teacher certification.

FAFSA application required: Yes

Name: School of Education Scholar Award

Sponsoring Organization: SUNY New Paltz

Amount: \$500

Awarded: N/A

GPA: Undergraduate students: Minimum 3.0 GPA, Graduate students: Minimum 3.2 GPA

Residence: N/A

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: Full-time undergraduate students accepted into the School of Education
Part-time graduate students enrolled in at least six credits per semester and accepted into the School of Education. Students pursuing education-related programs at SUNY New Paltz

Prerequisites: Acceptance into the School of Education. Required minimum GPA.
Undergraduate students must have completed **60 or more credits**.

Other Requirements: Preference is given to students who demonstrate financial need.
Undergraduate applicants in their junior or senior year receive preference.

Funds can be used for: Textbooks

Enrollment Requirements: Undergraduate students must be enrolled full-time.
Graduate students must be enrolled at least part-time (minimum six credits per semester).
Must be accepted into the School of Education.

FAFSA application required: Yes

Albany

Name: School of Education Scholarships

Sponsoring Organization: SUNY Albany

Amount: Determined by scholarship awarded

Awarded: N/A

GPA: satisfactory academic achievement

Residence: N/A

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: Students enrolled in School of Education programs, including Early Childhood Education, Childhood Education, Adolescent Education, School Counseling, Educational Leadership, Literacy, Special Education or Related education fields.

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Prerequisites: Must be enrolled in an eligible School of Education program. Additional criteria vary by award.

Other Requirements: Scholarship criteria vary per scholarship.

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

Enrollment Requirements: Must be enrolled in a qualifying School of Education program.

FAFSA application required: N/A

Name: Great Dane Teacher Competitive Award

Sponsoring Organization: SUNY Albany

Amount: \$2,000

Awarded: Renewable for up to three consecutive academic years, contingent upon successful completion of the first year.

GPA: Satisfactory academic achievement

Residence: N/A

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: Incoming first-year students pursuing Adolescent Education, Childhood & Special Education, Early Childhood/Childhood Education, Human Development.

Prerequisites: Admission to UAlbany and an eligible teacher pathway program.

Other Requirements: Application through the UAlbany Applicant Portal.

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

Enrollment Requirements: Must remain enrolled and successfully complete each academic year to renew.

FAFSA application required: N/A

Name: Albany Merit Scholarships

Sponsoring Organization: SUNY Albany

Amount: approximately \$3,000–\$7,000

Awarded: Automatically considered upon admission. No separate scholarship application is required for most merit awards.

GPA: Awards are based on strong academic performance and admissions credentials.

Residence: Some awards are specifically for New York State residents; others are available to out-of-state students

Citizenship: Varies by scholarship.

Who Can Apply: Incoming first-year students and transfer students with strong academic records.

Prerequisites: Admission to Albany.

Other Requirements: N/A

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

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Enrollment Requirements: Full-time enrollment

FAFSA application required: N/A

Cobleskill

Name: Effie Bennett-Powe Scholarship Endowment

Sponsoring Organization: SUNY Cobleskill

Amount: Award amount varies based on available endowment funding.

Awarded: N/A

GPA: Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA required.

Residence: N/A

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: Continuing SUNY Cobleskill students. Early Childhood Education majors. Students who have completed between 30 and 50 college credits. Students with financial need. Students intending to pursue a bachelor's degree in early childhood education

Prerequisites:

- Must be an Early Childhood student.
- Must have completed the course "Anti-Bias Strategies: A Human Relations Approach."

Other Requirements:

- Applicants must intend to pursue a bachelor's degree in early childhood education.
- Show evidence of participation in an anti-bias project, such as workshops, presentations, letter-writing campaigns, and volunteer activities.
- Submit a one-page statement requesting the scholarship. Submit two letters of recommendation.

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

Enrollment Requirements:

- Must be a continuing SUNY Cobleskill student.
- Must be enrolled in the Early Childhood program.
- Must be planning to continue toward a bachelor's degree in early childhood education.
- Must have completed 30–50 credits.

FAFSA application required: N/A

Name: Dr. Thomas J. Haas and Mrs. Marcia J. Haas Scholarship Endowment

Sponsoring Organization: SUNY Cobleskill

Amount: Award amount varies based on available endowment funding.

Awarded: N/A

GPA: Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA required.

Residence: N/A

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Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: Continuing SUNY Cobleskill students. Students majoring in Early Childhood Education (Bachelor of Science). Students who demonstrate financial need and academic promise.

Prerequisites: N/A

Other Requirements: Selection is based on financial need, academic promise, continued enrollment in the Early Childhood bachelor's degree program.

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

Enrollment Requirements: Must be enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education. Must be a continuing student.

FAFSA application required: N/A

Name: Mark and Ilene Princer Laufman Scholarship Endowment

Sponsoring Organization: SUNY Cobleskill

Amount: Award amount varies based on available endowment funding.

Awarded: N/A

GPA: Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA required.

Residence: N/A

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: Continuing SUNY Cobleskill students. Students majoring in Early Childhood Education. Students maintaining a minimum 3.0 GPA.

Prerequisites: Must be a continuing student at SUNY Cobleskill. Must be an Early Childhood Education major. Must demonstrate financial need.

Other Requirements: N/A

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

Enrollment Requirements: Continuing student enrolled in an Early Childhood Education program.

FAFSA application required: N/A

Geneseo

Name: June Blair Metro '48 Award for Excellence in Elementary Education

Sponsoring Organization: SUNY Geneseo School of Education

Amount: \$1,000

Awarded: N/A

GPA: Recipients must demonstrate academic excellence.

Residence: N/A

Citizenship: N/A

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Who Can Apply: Students at SUNY Geneseo who are Childhood Education majors, Early Childhood/Childhood Education majors, Childhood with Special Education majors; sophomores or juniors who are outstanding and deserving students.

Prerequisites: Enrollment in an eligible education major.

Other Requirements: Applicants must demonstrate leadership ability, contributions to the School of Education or department, strong academic performance.

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

Enrollment Requirements: Must be enrolled at SUNY Geneseo. Must be a sophomore or junior during the award year.

FAFSA application required: N/A

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Addendum B

CUNY Scholarships

Name: Macaulay Honors College

Sponsoring Organization: The City University of New York (CUNY)

Amount: Full tuition; *fees not included.*

Awarded: Per academic calendar year

GPA: Satisfactory academic progress

Residence: Meet CUNY's New York State residency requirements for in-state tuition.

Other Requirements: Enroll in a full-time baccalaureate program at a CUNY school and complete the financial aid applications, including the FAFSA and TAP application. *Although Macaulay is an undergraduate institution, students take graduate-level CUNY courses and are responsible for tuition charges exceeding the per-credit cost for in-state undergraduate tuition.*

Name: CUNY Thomas Tam Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: The City University of New York (CUNY)

Amount: \$1,000

Awarded: Per academic calendar year

GPA: Satisfactory academic progress

Residence: Be an authorized NYCHA resident or NYCHA Section 8 tenant.

Other Requirements: Enroll in a baccalaureate program at a CUNY school, Asian or non-Asian, who has demonstrated creativity in the communication of the concerns of the Asian American community in areas such as health, education, culture, media or advocacy/activism.

Name: NYCHA-CUNY Resident Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: The New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) and The City University of New York (CUNY)

Amount: \$1,000

Awarded: Per academic calendar year

GPA: 3.0

Residence: Be an authorized NYCHA resident or NYCHA Section 8 tenant.

Other Requirements:

- Be a CUNY student
- Has a minimum of 24 credits in an associate or baccalaureate degree program

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Name: Career Success Scholarship – Helena Rubinstein

Sponsoring Organization: The Helena Rubinstein Foundation

Amount: Covers up to 90% of certificate program tuition.

Awarded: Per academic calendar year

GPA: 3.0

Other Requirements:

- Applicant must be a full-time student
- Has completed at least 15 credits
- Current FAFSA must be filed, personal statement, and two letters of recommendation must be submitted
- For students that are unemployed, seeking a career change, or looking to advance their career through education; is awarded for programs that prepare individuals for jobs where there are currently open positions
- To be in compliance with the terms of any service condition imposed by the award. *The scholarship does not support degree program studies.*

Name: Guttman Transfer Scholarships

Sponsoring Organization: The Stella and Charles Guttman Foundation

Amount: \$4,000 paid over two years.

Awarded: Semester to semester

GPA: 3.5

Other Requirements:

- Earn an associate degree from any of CUNY's community colleges
- Apply for financial aid by filing a FAFSA. Priority is given to those who are eligible for financial aid.

CUNY School of Professional Studies

Name: Bob Martin Memorial Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: CUNY School of Professional Studies

Amount: \$1,500

Awarded: N/A

GPA: Minimum 2.5 GPA or higher

Who Can Apply: Students enrolled in a CUNY SPS online bachelor's or master's degree program who meet the scholarship criteria.

Prerequisites: Completed at least six credits towards your current degree at the CUNY School of Professional Studies (CUNY SPS).

Other Requirements: Undergraduate students must be within 30 credits of graduation,

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and graduate students must be within 12 credits of graduation.

Funds can be used for: Tuition

Enrollment Requirements: Enrolled either part-time or Full-time.

FAFSA application required: Selection is based on financial need and academic merit.

Name: Brian McDonald Memorial Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: CUNY School of Professional Studies

Amount: Up to \$1500

Who Can Apply: Incoming undergraduate students, incoming graduate students, currently matriculated undergraduate students, and currently matriculated graduate students at CUNY SPS.

Prerequisites: N/A

Other Requirements: N/A

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

Enrollment Requirements: Must be admitted to or currently enrolled at CUNY SPS. Must enroll in at least three credits during the semester in which the scholarship is awarded.

FAFSA application required: N/A

Name: Eugene Walters Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: CUNY School of Professional Studies

Amount: Varied, based on financial need and academic merit.

Who Can Apply: Students enrolled in a CUNY SPS online degree program who meet the scholarship requirements.

Prerequisites: Completed at least six credits at the CUNY School of Professional Studies (CUNY SPS)

Other Requirements: N/A

Funds can be used for: Tuition

Enrollment Requirements: Enrolled in a CUNY SPS online degree program on a part-time or full-time basis.

FAFSA application required: N/A

Name: Patti Lieberman Scholarship for Early Childhood Education

Sponsoring Organization: CUNY School of Professional Studies

Amount: Varies

Who Can Apply: Newly admitted or a prospective student to the CUNY SPS Child Development Associate Certificate or currently enrolled in the Children's Program Administrator Credential (CPAC) program at CUNY SPS.

Prerequisites: N/A

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Other Requirements: N/A

Funds can be used for: Tuition

Enrollment Requirements: Currently enrolled in the CUNY SPS [Advanced Certificate in Early Childhood Policy](#), [Advanced Certificate in Children's Program Administrator Credential](#), or [Master of Arts in Early Childhood Policy and Leadership](#).

Name: [First Generation Student Success Scholarship](#)

Sponsoring Organization: CUNY School of Professional Studies

Amount: \$500

Awarded: N/A

GPA: Minimum 2.0 GPA for matriculated (currently enrolled) students.

Who Can Apply: Incoming undergraduate students, incoming graduate students, continuing undergraduate students, and continuing graduate students.

Prerequisites: Must be a first-generation college student, undergraduate or graduate student.

Other Requirements: Submit an essay explaining how being a first-generation college student has impacted your educational journey. Submit a financial need statement. Awards are subject to fund availability.

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

Enrollment Requirements: Must be enrolled in at least **six credits** during the semester for which the scholarship is awarded.

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Addendum C

TEACH Scholarships

[TEACH New York](#) (TeachNY) is giving away over \$18,000 in scholarships to aspiring educators across the state. To be eligible, aspiring educators must first sign up for a [free TeachNY account](#).

If you have any questions, please reach out to: TeachNY@nysed.gov.



Scholarship name	Amount	Number of Awards	Who's it for?
TeachNY Classic Scholarship	\$1,000	1	Any future educator applying to a teaching program
Future AAPI Educator Scholarship	\$1,000	1	Any future AAPI teacher earning an initial teaching certificate in New York
Future Alternative Certification Educator Scholarship	\$1,000	1	Anyone earning an initial teaching certificate through an alternative certification program
Future Black Educator Scholarship	\$1,000	1	Any future Black teacher earning an initial teaching certificate in New York
Future Buffalo Educator Scholarship	\$1,000	1	Anyone applying to a teaching program in Buffalo, New York
Future Early Childhood Educator Scholarship	\$1,000	1	Anyone seeking early childhood qualification or certification in New York
Future Indigenous Educator Scholarship	\$1,000	1	Any future Indigenous educator earning an initial teaching certificate in New York

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Future Latinx Educator Scholarship	\$1,000	1	Any future Latinx teacher earning an initial teaching certificate in New York
Future NYC Educator Scholarship	\$1,000	1	Anyone applying to a teaching program in NYC
Future NYC Men Teach Educator Scholarship	\$1,000	1	Any future male teacher in NYC who identifies as Black, Latino or Asian
Future Rochester Educator Scholarship	\$1,000	1	Anyone applying to a teaching program in Rochester, New York
Future Rural Educator Scholarship	\$1,000	2	Any rural educator pursuing initial teacher certification
Future Special Education Educator Scholarship	\$1,000	1	Any future special education teacher pursuing certification
Future STEAM Educator Scholarship	\$1,000	2	Any future STEAM teacher earning an initial teaching certificate in New York
Future Syracuse Educator Scholarship	\$1,000	1	Anyone applying to a teaching program in Syracuse, New York
Future Yonkers Educator Scholarship	\$1,000	1	Anyone applying to a teaching program in Yonkers, New York
Paraprofessional to Educator Scholarship	\$1,000	1	Paraprofessionals pursuing initial teacher certification

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Private Colleges

Name: SJU Legends Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: St. John's University.

Amount: Provides one or more partial scholarships.

Awarded: N/A

Residence: Resident of one of the five boroughs of New York City and/or Nassau or Suffolk County.

GPA: Minimum 2.8 GPA

Who Can Apply: Undergraduate students enrolled in St. John's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, The School of Education, The Lesley H. and William L. Collins College of Professional Studies, The Peter J. Tobin College of Business.

Prerequisites: Must be an undergraduate student.

Other Requirements: N/A

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

Enrollment Requirements:

- Must be enrolled as an undergraduate student at St. John's University.
- Must be enrolled in one of the eligible colleges, including the School of Education.

FAFSA Required: N/A

Name: Barbara Miskowitz Watson '69SOE Scholarship Fund

Sponsoring Organization: St. John's University School of Education

Amount: Provides one or more partial scholarships annually.

Awarded: N/A

GPA: N/A

Who Can Apply: Students enrolled in the School of Education at St. John's University.

Prerequisites:

- Must be enrolled in the School of Education.
- Must meet the university's criteria for being academically qualified and/or deserving.

Other Requirements: No specific major is listed beyond enrollment in the School of Education. Early Childhood Education, Childhood Education, School Counseling, Special Education, TESOL, and other School of Education students may be eligible.



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Funds can be used for: N/A

Enrollment Requirements: Must be enrolled as a student in the School of Education at St. John's University.

FAFSA Required: N/A

Name: Gloria Gregory McMillan Scholarship Fund

Sponsoring Organization: St. John's University School of Education

Amount: Provides partial scholarship support.

Awarded: N/A

GPA: N/A

Who Can Apply: Students in the School of Education at St. John's University.

Prerequisites:

- Must be enrolled in the School of Education.
- Must be majoring in Early Childhood Education or Elementary Education.

Other Requirements: N/A

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

Enrollment Requirements: Must be pursuing a major in Early Childhood Education or Elementary Education.

FAFSA Required: N/A

Name: SJU Legends Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: St. John's University

Amount: Provides one or more partial scholarships.

Awarded: N/A

Residence: Resident of one of the five boroughs of New York City and/or Nassau or Suffolk County.

GPA: Minimum 2.8 GPA

Who Can Apply: Undergraduate students enrolled in St. John's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, The School of Education, The Lesley H. and William L. Collins College of Professional Studies, The Peter J. Tobin College of Business.

Prerequisites: Must be an undergraduate student.

Other Requirements: N/A

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

Enrollment Requirements:

- Must be enrolled as an undergraduate student at St. John's University.
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FAFSA Required: N/A

Name: Molloy Award

Sponsoring Organization: Molloy University

Amount: \$8,000-\$10,000

Awarded: Partial tuition scholarships. Renewable annually for up to eight consecutive semesters (four years), provided renewal requirements are met.

GPA: Maintain at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA.

Who Can Apply: First-semester, full-time, first-year undergraduate students at Molloy University.

Prerequisites: N/A

Other Requirements: Scholarship is based on academic achievement.

Funds can be used for: N/A

Enrollment Requirements: Must enroll as a full-time undergraduate student (minimum 12 credits per semester). First-semester, first-year student status.

FAFSA Required: Yes

Name: High School Scholar's Grant

Sponsoring Organization: Molloy University

Amount: \$1,000

Awarded: Renewable for up to four years of full-time undergraduate study.

GPA: Must maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA for renewal.

Who Can Apply: Students who completed a Molloy University course while in high school through the High School Scholars Program. Enroll at Molloy University as a first-semester, full-time, first-year undergraduate student.

Prerequisites: Admission to Molloy University.

Other Requirements:

- Must maintain full-time enrollment.
- Must file the FAFSA annually.
- Must maintain satisfactory academic progress, including the required GPA.

Funds can be used for: N/A

Enrollment Requirements: First-semester, first-year student. Full-time undergraduate enrollment.

FAFSA Required: N/A

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Name: Graduate Assistantship Program

Sponsoring Organization: Molloy University Office of Research, Scholarship, and Graduate Studies

Amount: Three-credit tuition voucher per semester, \$500 stipend per semester.

Awarded: N/A

GPA: N/A

Who Can Apply: Graduate students, doctoral students, and students enrolled in eligible Molloy graduate programs. Positions may include Graduate Assistant, Research Assistant, or Teaching Assistant roles.

Prerequisites: N/A

Other Requirements:

- Must work approximately 10 hours per week (150 hours per semester).
 - Must fulfill assigned duties in the department where the assistantship is awarded.
- Assistantships are limited and competitive.

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses.

Enrollment Requirements: Must be enrolled in a graduate or doctoral program at Molloy University. Must be enrolled in at least six graduate credits per semester.

FAFSA Required: N/A

Name: Touro Merit Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: Touro University (New York School of Career and Applied Studies)

Amount: \$500–\$2,500 per academic year

Awarded: N/A

GPA: Minimum 3.4 GPA

Who Can Apply: Students attending Touro University who meet the academic and financial need requirements.

Prerequisites: Must be enrolled at Touro University.

Other Requirements: Must demonstrate financial need.

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

Enrollment Requirements: N/A

FAFSA Required: N/A

Name: Touro Grant

Sponsoring Organization: Touro University (New York School of Career and Applied Studies)

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Amount: Amount varies based on financial need and available funding

Awarded: N/A

GPA: Maintain good academic standing.

Who Can Apply: Matriculated undergraduate students. Full-time or part-time students. Students whose tuition costs are not fully covered by other aid sources.

Prerequisites: N/A

Other Requirements:

- Grant eligibility is based on financial need.
- Students enrolled for more than 18 credits per semester cannot receive additional Touro Grant funds to cover excess tuition charges.

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

Enrollment Requirements:

- Must be a matriculated undergraduate student.
- Must be enrolled either full-time or part-time.

Faith-Based Colleges and Scholarships

Name: Catholic School Teacher Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: St. John's College

Amount: N/A

Awarded: N/A

GPA: 3.0

Residence: N/A

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: Graduate students

Prerequisites:

- Must be accepted into a master's or advanced certificate program in the School of Education at St. John's.
- Must currently work full-time as a teacher or administrator in a Catholic school within the Archdiocese of New York, Diocese of Brooklyn, or Diocese of Rockville Centre.

Other Requirements: Must remain employed full-time in a Catholic school while completing the program.

Funds can be used for: Scholarship covers 30% of tuition for up to 36 credits over six semesters.

Enrollment Requirements: Program of study for a graduate degree or advanced certificate program in the School of Education at St. John's University.

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FAFSA application required: N/A

Name: UJA Federation of NY Rose Biller Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: Hebrew Free Loan Society

Amount: \$5,000

Awarded: Demonstrate significant financial need.

GPA: N/A

Residence: Must live in: New York City's five boroughs, Nassau County, Suffolk County, or Westchester County.

Citizenship: U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident.

Who Can Apply: High school senior or older.

Prerequisites: Must be Jewish.

Other Requirements: Maintain residency eligibility within NYC, Long Island, or Westchester.

Funds can be used for: N/A

Enrollment Requirements: Remain enrolled in an eligible undergraduate, graduate, or professional program.

FAFSA application required: Yes

Name: The Jean and Albert Nerken Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: UJA Federation of New York, Hebrew Free Loan Society

Amount: \$5,000

Awarded: Up to four years

Residence: International students must use their home-country address as their permanent address.

Citizenship: Must be an international student

Who Can Apply: International Students of Jewish descent

Other Requirements:

- Study must be at an accredited educational institution of higher learning approved by the UJA-Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York.
- Undergraduate first-year students are not eligible for the Jean and Albert Nerken Scholarship.

Enrollment Requirements: Enrolled at an accredited educational institution of higher learning approved by the UJA-Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York

FAFSA application required: N/A

Name: Future Catholic School Teacher Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: St. John's University School of Education in partnership with the

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Diocese of Brooklyn through the Institute for Catholic Schools.

Amount: \$10,000

Awarded: \$2,500 per year for four years of undergraduate study

GPA: N/A

Who Can Apply: Undergraduate students enrolled in a teacher preparation program at St. John's University. Students planning to pursue a teaching career in Catholic schools within the Diocese of Brooklyn.

Prerequisites: Acceptance and enrollment in a teacher preparation program within the School of Education at St. John's University.

Other Requirements:

- Intention to become a Catholic school teacher in the Diocese of Brooklyn.
- Recipients must sign an agreement committing to teach in a Catholic school in the Diocese of Brooklyn for at least four years immediately after graduation

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

Enrollment Requirements:

- Must be enrolled as an undergraduate student at St. John's University.
- Must be enrolled in a teacher preparation program within the School of Education.

FAFSA Required: N/A

Name: Catholic School Teacher Scholarship (CSTS)

Sponsoring Organization: St. John's University Institute for Catholic Schools (ICS) in partnership with the School of Education.

Amount: Covers 30% of tuition for an eligible graduate degree or advanced certificate program (up to 36 credits over six semesters)

Awarded: N/A

GPA: A minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA must be maintained each semester to retain the scholarship.

Who Can Apply: Full-time Catholic school teachers. Full-time Catholic school administrators. Employees of Catholic schools within the Archdiocese of New York, Diocese of Brooklyn, Diocese of Rockville Centre. Enrolled in a graduate degree or advanced certificate program in St. John's School of Education.

Prerequisites: Acceptance into a graduate degree or advanced certificate program in the School of Education at St. John's University.

Other Requirements:

- Must remain employed Full-time in an eligible Catholic school throughout the program.
- Must matriculate into the graduate program after taking no more than two courses.
- Must submit annual paperwork to Student Financial Services and the Institute for Catholic Schools.
- Must meet with the ICS Director each semester.

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- Must comply with all university policies and maintain satisfactory academic progress.

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

Enrollment Requirements: Must be enrolled as a matriculated graduate student in a School of Education master's or advanced certificate program. The program may include up to 36 credits over six semesters.

FAFSA Required: N/A

Name: Anita Zucker Early Childhood Jewish Education Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: Yeshiva University – Stern College for Women

Amount: \$20,000

Awarded: Renewable for up to three years of full-time undergraduate study

GPA: N/A

Who Can Apply: Applicants to Stern College for Women at Yeshiva University. Students pursuing either Early Childhood Education (Birth–Grade 2), or Childhood Education (Grades 1–6). Students are committed to a career in Jewish early childhood education.

Prerequisites:

- Apply and be admitted to Stern College for Women.
- Apply to the Childhood Education or Early Childhood Education program.

Indicate interest in Early Childhood Jewish Education.

Other Requirements:

- Complete a supplemental essay.
- Virtual interview with the program director.
- Demonstrated commitment to educating young children.
- Participation in clinical fieldwork and student teaching as part of the NYS-approved educator preparation program.

Funds can be used for: Undergraduate educational expenses while enrolled in the Childhood Education or Early Childhood Education program.

Enrollment Requirements: Full-time undergraduate enrollment at Stern College for Women. Enrollment in either Childhood Education or Early Childhood Education major. Must maintain scholarship renewal requirements established by the university.

BIPOC Scholarships

Name: Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: Jackie Robinson Foundation

Amount: Up to \$35,000

Awarded: N/A

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GPA: N/A

Residence: Must plan to attend an accredited four-year college or university in the United States or affiliated with a U.S.-based institution.

Citizenship: Must be a U.S. citizen.

Who Can Apply: Graduating minority high school seniors who demonstrate: financial need, academic achievement, leadership potential, commitment to community service.

Prerequisites: Applicants must:

- Be graduating high school seniors
- Plan to enroll full-time at a four-year accredited college
- Demonstrate financial need,
- Has not earned more than 25% of college credits toward a degree before applying.

Other Requirements:

- One recommendation letter
- Transcript
- Four essays
- Household financial information
- CSS Profile Activities/distinctions list.
- *Optional: SAT/ACT/AP/IB/PSAT scores.*

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

Enrollment Requirements: Must enroll full-time at an accredited and JRF-approved four-year college or university in the United States.

FAFSA application required: N/A

Name: Descendants Truth & Reconciliation Foundation Educational Advancement Program

Sponsoring Organization: Thurgood Marshall College Fund

Amount: Up to \$10,000 annually based on demonstrated financial need.

Awarded: N/A

GPA: Minimum cumulative 2.75 GPA

Residence: N/A

Citizenship: Must be a U.S. citizen, or a legal permanent resident with valid documentation (Permanent Resident Card or I-551 stamp).

Who Can Apply: Open to undergraduate, graduate, part-time, and full-time students. Certified descendants of Jesuit and Catholic slaveholding in the United States, and in some cases spouses/children of certified descendants.

Prerequisites: Demonstrate financial need. Obtain certification/verification as a descendant through DTRF.

Other Requirements: Must receive a certification number after descendant verification approval.

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Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

Enrollment Requirements: Be enrolled full-time or part-time at an accredited two-year or four-year institution or continuing education program.

FAFSA application required: Yes

Name: CBC Spouses Education Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: Congressional Black Caucus Foundation

Amount: N/A

Awarded: N/A

GPA: Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale

Residence: Reside or attend an academic institution in a CBC member's district.

Citizenship: Be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident.

Who Can Apply: Full-time Black or African American students pursuing: undergraduate degrees, graduate degrees, doctoral degrees. Current high school seniors are also eligible to apply.

Prerequisites: Exhibit leadership and be active in community.

Other Requirements:

- Demonstrate leadership.
- Be active in community service.
- Two-part online application
- video personal statement (up to three minutes)
- Two recommendation letters
- Transcript(s)
- Resume
- Professional photograph/headshot.

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

Enrollment Requirements: Be enrolled or planning to enroll full-time at an accredited college/university.

FAFSA application required: No

Name: Melody Scott- Decuir College Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: Staten Island Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc

Amount: \$1,000

Awarded: Renewable for up to four years.

GPA: Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0

Residence: Must be a resident of Staten Island, New York.

Citizenship: N/A

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Who Can Apply: High school seniors or GED graduates of African, Latino, or Caribbean American descent from Staten Island.

Prerequisites:

- Applicants must be graduating in June or August of the application year.
- Demonstrate academic improvement over their high school career.
- Show commitment to community service and the principles of the sorority.

Other Requirements:

- Applicants must be of good character.
- Participate in community service.
- Not be related to a current Staten Island Alumnae Chapter member.

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

Enrollment Requirements: N/A

FAFSA application required: N/A

Name: Teresa A. Gallishaw Memorial Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: Staten Island Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc

Amount: \$1,000

Awarded: N/A

GPA: Cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or better.

Residence: Must be a resident of Staten Island, New York.

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: Rising sophomore, junior, or senior who is a resident of Staten Island or a college student on Staten Island; of African, Latino, or Caribbean American descent.

Prerequisites: N/A

Other Requirements:

- Applicants must be of good character.
- Participate in community service.
- Committed to the thrusts and principles of the sorority.
- Not be related to a current Staten Island Alumnae Chapter member.

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

Enrollment Requirements: N/A

FAFSA application required: N/A

Name: The Boule Foundation Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: The Boule Foundation, UNCF

Amount: \$7,000

Awarded: N/A

GPA: Minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

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Residence: Eligible U.S. states include New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland, Virginia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Ohio, and others.

Citizenship: Must be: A U.S. citizen or permanent resident, OR A resident of London, England, OR A citizen of the Bahamas.

Who Can Apply: Black/African American graduating high school seniors entering college.

Prerequisites: N/A

Other Requirements:

- Essays
- Transcript
- Recommendation letters/references
- Information on extracurricular activities, leadership, honors, and community service.

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

Enrollment Requirements: Must enroll full-time at an accredited four-year nonprofit college or university.

FAFSA application required: Yes

Name: El Café del Futuro Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, Café Bustelo, The J.M. Smucker Company

Amount: \$5,000

Awarded: N/A

GPA: Minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Residence: Must be a legal resident of one of the 50 U.S. states, Washington, D.C. or Puerto Rico.

Citizenship: Must be a U.S. citizen, or permanent resident.

Who Can Apply: Hispanic/Latino undergraduate and graduate students.

Prerequisites:

- Be at least 18 years old.
- Be considered a **first-generation college student** (parent(s)/guardian(s) did not earn a four-year bachelor's degree in the U.S.)

Other Requirements:

- Submit essays about Latin culture, education, leadership, and community impact. Demonstrate leadership, community engagement, and career goals.
- If selected as a finalist, provide official transcript, enrollment verification, recommendation letter, documentation showing receipt of financial aid.

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

Enrollment Requirements: Enrolled full-time at a four-year HACU-member institution in the U.S or Puerto Rico.

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FAFSA application required: Yes

Name: Hispanic Scholarship Fund Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: Hispanic Scholarship Fund

Amount: \$500-\$5,000

Awarded: N/A

GPA: High School Students: Minimum 3.0 GPA, College & Graduate Students: Minimum 2.5 GPA

Residence: N/A

Citizenship: Must be one of the following: U.S. Citizen, Permanent Legal Resident, or a DACA Recipient.

Who Can Apply: Open to students of all races who identify as being of Hispanic heritage.

Prerequisites: N/A

Other Requirements:

- Demonstrated academic achievement.
- Leadership and community involvement are considered
- Financial need may be considered for scholarship awards.
- Applicants submit transcripts and supporting documentation during the selection process.

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

Enrollment Requirements: Enroll full-time in an accredited four-year institution or graduate program.

FAFSA application required: Yes

Name: Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF) General Scholarship Program

Sponsoring Organization: Asian Pacific Islander American Scholars

Amount: \$2,500-\$20,000

Awarded: N/A

GPA: Minimum cumulative 2.7 GPA on a 4.0 scale (unweighted), or GED equivalent.

Residence: Must attend or plan to attend an accredited college or university in the United States. Students from all 50 states, Washington D.C., U.S. territories, and certain Pacific Island nations are eligible.

Citizenship: Must be one of the following: U.S. citizen, U.S. national, Legal permanent resident, Citizen of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia or Citizen of the Republic of Palau.

Who Can Apply: Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander undergraduate and high school senior students.

Prerequisites: N/A

Other Requirements:

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- Priority is given to students with significant financial need.
- Priority is given to first-generation college students.
- Students living at or below the poverty line receive special consideration.

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

Enrollment Requirements:

- Must be enrolled or planning to enroll as a degree-seeking undergraduate student (full-time or part-time) at an accredited U.S. college or university.
- Students pursuing associate or bachelor's degrees are eligible.
- Students who already hold a bachelor's degree are not eligible.

FAFSA application required: N/A

Name: Korean American Northeastern Regional Chapter Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: Korean American Scholarship Foundation

Amount: \$500-\$5,000

Awarded: Based on the education level at the time of applying.

GPA: 3.0

Residence: Must reside in the U.S. during the scholarship year.

Citizenship: U.S. Citizens, permanent residents, international students, and Korean nationals studying in the U.S.

Who Can Apply: High school students (sophomores, juniors, seniors), first-year college students, sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Graduate students. Currently, non-students are eligible if they can provide documentation (acceptance letters, signed commitment letters, or other documents showing commitment to attend).

Prerequisites: Must be of Korean heritage (i.e., have a Korean parent, grandparent, or great-grandparent, or be adopted from Korea).

Other Requirements: N/A

Funds can be used for: N/A

Enrollment Requirements:

- Will be a full-time student at a school in one of the designated Northeastern region states (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont) during the full 2026-2027 school year.
- Can demonstrate financial needs.

FAFSA application required: N/A

Name: Upakar Indian American Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: Upakar Foundation

Amount: \$7,000-\$10,000

Awarded: Renewable each year if recipients continue to meet eligibility requirements.

GPA: Minimum cumulative 3.6 unweighted GPA on a 4.0 scale.

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Residence: Must be a graduating high school senior living in the United States. Must be graduating from a U.S.-based high school.

Citizenship: A U.S. citizen, or A U.S. permanent resident (Green Card holder).

Who Can Apply: Graduating high school seniors who were born in India or have at least one parent born in the Republic of India.

Prerequisites: N/A

Other Requirements:

- Scholarship application
- Essays
- High school transcript
- Proof of citizenship/permanent residency
- Proof of Indian heritage,
- SAT/ACT scores (if applicable),
- Letter of recommendation
- Financial documentation, including tax returns and FAFSA
- Submission Summary.

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

Enrollment Requirements: Enroll full-time, attend an accredited, not-for-profit two-year community college or four-year college/university in the United States, begin enrollment in the fall immediately following high school graduation.

FAFSA application required: Yes

ECE Bilingual or language teachers

Name: Jose P. Graduate Scholarship Program

Sponsoring Organization: New York City Public Schools (NYCPS), Office of Scholarships, Incentives, and Pupil Personnel Services.

Amount: Full or partial graduate school scholarships toward a master's degree in designated shortage areas. The exact dollar amount varies based on the program and institution.

Awarded: N/A

GPA: Minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0 in the applicable shortage area. Maintain eligibility and satisfactory academic progress throughout the program

Residence: No specific New York residency requirement is listed. However, recipients must commit to working in designated New York City Public Schools districts after graduation.

Citizenship: Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

Who Can Apply: Individuals seeking a master's degree and New York State certification in

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one of the following shortage areas: Monolingual or Bilingual Speech-Language Pathology, Blind and Visually Impaired Education, Bilingual School Psychology, Bilingual Special Education.

Prerequisites: Hold a bachelor's degree by June 30 of the application year.

Other Requirements:

- Be accepted or conditionally accepted into an approved participating graduate program.
- Demonstrate proficiency in English and another language if applying for a bilingual program.

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

Enrollment Requirements: Be accepted as a fully matriculated graduate student in an approved participating master's program. Take at least 18 graduate credits per year.

FAFSA application required: N/A

Name: NABE Bilingual Teacher Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: The National Association for Bilingual Education

Amount: \$2,000

Awarded: N/A

GPA: Minimum 3.0 GPA at the time of application

Residence: N/A

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: Students enrolled in a college or university postsecondary program leading to a teaching credential in bilingual education who are committed to pursuing a career serving bilingual, dual-language, and multilingual learners.

Prerequisites:

- Applicants must be a current NABE member (or submit a membership application and fee before applying).
- Have full proficiency in English and at least one other language used as a medium of instruction or commonly spoken by students.

Other Requirements:

- Applicants must submit proof of enrollment in a bilingual teacher education program
- Most recent transcripts
- At least two letters of recommendation (one from a current professional reference such as a professor, teacher, program coordinator, or principal)
- A 250–500-word essay describing: commitment to becoming a bilingual teacher, financial need, career goals, importance of bilingual/multilingual education
- A professional photograph
- A signed consent agreement.
- Applicants must be members of NABE or apply for membership before submitting the scholarship application.

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Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

Enrollment Requirements: Must be enrolled in a postsecondary program leading to a teaching credential in bilingual education at a college or university.

FAFSA application required: N/A

School Building Leadership

Name: Educational Leadership Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: Mercy University

Amount: \$1,500

Awarded: Awarded each academic term

GPA: Minimum 3.0 GPA for initial eligibility; 3.5 GPA required to maintain the scholarship.

Residence: N/A

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: Students admitted to the School Building Leadership (SBL), Educational Administration, and Educational Supervision programs.

Prerequisites: Admission to an eligible Educational Leadership program.

Other Requirements: N/A

Funds can be used for: Tuition expenses

Enrollment Requirements: Graduate enrollment in an eligible leadership program. Must enroll in at least six credits per term.

FAFSA application required: N/A

Name: New Leaders National Aspiring Principals Fellowship

Sponsoring Organization: New Leaders in partnership with Bank Street College of Education

Amount: Participants may receive substantial tuition support depending on cohort and funding availability.

Awarded: N/A

GPA: N/A

Residence: New York educators

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: Current educators seeking New York SBL certification.

Prerequisites: Teaching experience, school leadership potential, school-based mentor support.

Other Requirements: Cohort-based leadership training and coaching.

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

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Enrollment Requirements: Participation in the fellowship and associated certification program.

FAFSA application required: N/A

Name: Leon Bradley Scholarship Program

Sponsoring Organization: American Association of School Personnel Administrators (AASPA)

Amount: \$3,500

Awarded: N/A

GPA: N/A

Who Can Apply: Individuals from underrepresented groups or people of color pursuing a career in teaching. Candidates seeking their initial teaching certification or endorsement. Students entering the final year of their teacher preparation program.

Prerequisites:

- Must be in the final year of completing certification/endorsement requirements.
- Student teaching must be included if required by the program.

Other Requirements:

- Scholarship application
- Unofficial transcript
- Letter from the Dean of the College of Education (or designated representative)
- Character reference letter
- Resume/CV.
- *Please note this program does not lead to School Building Leader certification but the program aims to encourage individuals from under-represented groups to enter the field of teaching and school leadership.*

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses associated with completing a teacher preparation program.

Enrollment Requirements:

- Must be enrolled in a teacher preparation or certification program.
- Must be entering the final year of certification requirements.
- Must be pursuing initial teacher certification or endorsement.

FAFSA Required: N/A

First Generation Scholarships

Name: Coca-Cola First Generation Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, The Coca-Cola Foundation

Amount: \$5,000

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Awarded: N/A

GPA: Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale

Residence: Students must attend or plan to attend a HACU-member institution in the United States or Puerto Rico.

Citizenship: U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Who Can Apply:

- First-generation college students
- Graduating high school seniors
- Current college students who have completed at least one year of college and will continue their studies during the award year.

Prerequisites: Be a first-generation college student.

Other Requirements:

- Must submit a scholarship application and essay.
- Leadership, academic achievement, and educational goals may be considered in the selection process.
- Attend or plan to attend a HACU-member institution.

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

Enrollment Requirements: Must be enrolled or planning to enroll at a HACU-member institution.

FAFSA application required: Yes

Name: Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowship (GRADUATE)

Sponsoring Organization: Paul & Daisy SOROS Fellowships for New Americans

Amount: N/A

Awarded: N/A

GPA: N/A

Residence: N/A

Citizenship: Naturalized US citizen, a green card holder, an asylee or refugee.

Who Can Apply: Immigrant or the child of immigrants.

Prerequisites: You must be 30 or younger as of the application deadline.

Other Requirements: If they do not meet have naturalization status, green card holder or refugee, can be someone who graduated from both high school and college in the United States.

Funds can be used for: Graduate or professional degree

Enrollment Requirements: Full-time

FAFSA application required: N/A

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Single Parent Scholarships

Name: Live Your Dream: Education & Training Awards for Women

Sponsoring Organization: Soroptimist International of the Americas

Awarded: \$1,000-\$16,000

GPA: N/A

Residence: Applicants must reside in one of Soroptimist International of the Americas' member countries or territories, including United States, Puerto Rico, Canada, Mexico, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Philippines, Several countries in Central and South America.

Citizenship: U.S. citizenship is not required. Women living, working, and studying in an eligible country may apply if they meet all other requirements.

Prerequisites: Women who provide the primary financial support for themselves and their dependents, demonstrate financial need, are motivated to achieve educational and career goals.

Other Requirements:

- Must not already hold a graduate degree.
- Must not be enrolled in a master's or doctoral program.
- Must not have previously received a Soroptimist Women's Opportunity Award or Live Your Dream Award.
- Must not be a Soroptimist member, employee, or immediate family member either. One reference is required (a second is optional).
- Must submit a personal statement (up to 750 words) describing challenges faced and educational goals.
- Graduate students are not eligible.

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

Enrollment Requirements:

- Enrolled in or accepted to a vocational/skills training program, high school equivalency program, or undergraduate degree program.
- Students pursuing a second bachelor's degree or professional certification (such as teacher certification) may still be eligible.

FAFSA application required: N/A

Name: Patsy Takemoto Mink Education Support Award

Sponsoring Organization: Patsy Takemoto Mink Education Foundation

Amount: Up to \$5,000

Awarded: N/A

GPA: N/A

Residence: Applicants may reside anywhere in the United States.

Citizenship: N/A

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Who Can Apply:

- Women age 17 or older.
- Mothers with minor children.
- Low-income students.
- Students enrolled in vocational, associate, bachelor's, master's, doctoral, or other postsecondary programs that advance their educational level.

Prerequisites:

- Meet the foundation's low-income guidelines.
- Be pursuing a degree or credential that is higher than any degree previously earned.

Other Requirements:

- Must attend a nonprofit, accredited U.S. institution or program.
- The institution must not discriminate based on sex, gender identity, LGBTQ+ status, race, ethnicity, religion, disability, or immigration status.
- The application includes personal and financial information
- References,
- Short-answer responses
- Essay

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

Enrollment Requirements: Must be enrolled in a qualifying postsecondary program.
Enrolled in a qualifying program at a nonprofit accredited U.S. institution.

FAFSA application required: N/A

Name: Josefina Aguado Scholarship for Single Parents

Sponsoring Organization: Comite Noviembre

Amount: \$1,000

Awarded: One-time award

GPA: Minimum 3.0 GPA

Residence: N/A

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: Single parents

Prerequisites:

- Applicants must be a single parent with children no older than 21 years of age
- Be of Puerto Rican descent.

Other Requirements:

- Applicants must submit scholarship application
- 500-word essay
- 500-word biographical sketch
- Academic transcripts
- Letters of recommendation (some versions of the scholarship indicate two letters)

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- Professional headshot/photo
- Interview with the selection committee (virtual or in-person, depending on the award cycle).

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

Enrollment Requirements: Must be enrolled (or planning to enroll in the award year) at an accredited college or university and pursuing either undergraduate or graduate studies.

FAFSA application required: No

Name: Mom's House® Inc, of Johnstown (**scholarship**)

Sponsoring Organization: Mom's House® Inc, of Johnstown- PENNSLYVANIA

Amount: Up to one-third of annual tuition at a post-secondary institution.

Awarded: N/A

GPA: N/A

Residence: No specific residence requirement. However, program is based in PA

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: Single parents

Prerequisites: N/A

Other Requirements:

- Child(ren) must be between six weeks and five years old.
- High dedication to completing education and maintaining passing grades.
- Participation: Typically involves on-site service hours and parenting classes.

Funds can be used for: Post-secondary education (college, trade-school, HS equivalency programs).

Enrollment Requirements: Enrolled in high school, GED, trade school, or college.

FAFSA application required: N/A

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Name: DC 37 Education Committee Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: DC 37 (District Council 37) Education Fund / Scholarship Committee

Amount: \$1,000

Awarded: N/A

GPA: Academic achievement is considered as part of the evaluation process

Who Can Apply:

- Dependent children or grandchildren of eligible DC 37 members or retirees.
- Students currently enrolled in their first or second year of undergraduate study

Prerequisites: Applicant, parent, grandparent, or legal guardian must be affiliated with DC 37 as an eligible member or retiree.

Other Requirements:

- The institution must be located in the United States.
- Proof of enrollment is required.
- High school seniors are not eligible for this scholarship.

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses associated with attendance at an accredited college, university, technical school, or trade school.

Enrollment Requirements: Applicant must be enrolled in the first or second year of a two-year or four-year accredited college, university, technical school, or trade school in the United States.

FAFSA Required: N/A

Name: Overcoming Obstacles Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: O'Connor Family Law, DC 37 (District Council 37) Education Fund / Scholarship Committee

Amount: \$1,000

Awarded: N/A

GPA: Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 and good academic standing.

Who Can Apply: Current high school seniors, current undergraduate students, graduate students, students enrolled in an accredited community college, college, or graduate program in the United States.



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Prerequisites: N/A

Other Requirements:

- Submit a 1,000–2,000-word essay describing a significant obstacle or challenge, how it was overcome, its impact, and how the experience will be used to help others.
- Submit a professional résumé.
- Submit a transcript.
- High school seniors must provide proof of college acceptance.

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

Enrollment Requirements: Must be a current high school senior, undergraduate student, or graduate student enrolled in (or accepted to) an accredited community college, undergraduate, or graduate program in the United States.

FAFSA Required: N/A

Name: Evelyn Gaskin Memorial Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: DC 37 (District Council 37) Education Fund / Scholarship Committee

Amount: \$1,000

Awarded: N/A

GPA: N/A

Who Can Apply: Children, grandchildren, or legal dependents of eligible DC 37 members or DC 37 retirees. Students pursuing a degree in education. Students enrolled in a two-year or four-year accredited college or university in the United States.

Prerequisites: N/A

Other Requirements:

- Two typed essays (maximum 250 words each).
- Proof of parent/grandparent/legal guardian's union membership or retiree status.
- Copy of birth certificate.
- Official transcript or report card.
- Proof of current enrollment in an education degree program.
- *Applicants are evaluated on academic achievement (20%), extracurricular activities and leadership (15%), academic and professional goals (15%), and essays (50%).*

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

Enrollment Requirements: Must be enrolled in an education degree program.

FAFSA Required: N/A

Name: Lillian Roberts Scholarship for Continuing Education

Sponsoring Organization: DC 37 (District Council 37) Education Fund / Scholarship Committee

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Amount: \$2,000

Awarded: N/A

GPA: N/A

Who Can Apply: Active DC 37 members only. Members pursuing an undergraduate degree.

Prerequisites: Must be an active DC 37 member.

Other Requirements:

- Must be pursuing an undergraduate degree
- Completed scholarship application
- Two typed essays (maximum 250 words each)
- Proof of current DC 37 membership (such as a job ID, paycheck, or prescription drug card)
- Official transcript from an accredited institution
- Proof of current enrollment for the upcoming academic term

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

Enrollment Requirements: Must be enrolled in an accredited two-year or four-year college or university located in the United States

FAFSA Required: N/A

Name: Dwayne Dugger Memorial Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: DC 37 (District Council 37) Education Fund / Scholarship Committee

Amount: \$2,000

Awarded: N/A

GPA: N/A

Who Can Apply: Active DC 37 members only. Members pursuing a graduate degree

Prerequisites: Must be an active DC 37 member

Other Requirements:

- Completed scholarship application
- Two typed essays (maximum 250 words each)
- Official transcript
- Proof of current enrollment
- Proof of active DC 37 membership.

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

Enrollment Requirements:

- Must be enrolled in a graduate degree program.
- Must be in the first or second year of graduate study.
- Must be attending an accredited two-year or four-year college or university in the United States.
- Proof of enrollment is required.

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FAFSA Required: N/A

Name: AFSCME Family Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)

Amount: \$2,000

Awarded: Renewable for up to four years.

GPA: N/A

Who Can Apply:

- Graduating high school seniors.
- Students whose parent, legal guardian, or financially responsible grandparent is a full dues-paying AFSCME member.

Prerequisites:

- Must be a graduating high school senior at the time of application.
- Must have a parent, legal guardian, or financially responsible grandparent who is a full dues-paying AFSCME member.

Other Requirements:

- Completed application
- Essay
- Official high school transcript
- Proof of AFSCME membership of the parent/guardian/grandparent
- Letters of recommendation (typically required or strongly encouraged)

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

Enrollment Requirements: Must enroll in a full-time degree program at an accredited four-year college or university, or a two-year institution whose credits transfer to a four-year institution.

FAFSA Required: N/A

Name: The DC 37 Education Fund Tuition Reimbursement Program

Sponsoring Organization: DC 37 Education Fund (District Council 37, AFSCME)

Amount: Up to \$1,500

Awarded: Per calendar year

GPA: Applicants must earn A grade of C or better for college-credit courses, or A P (Pass) or S (Satisfactory) grade.

Who Can Apply:

- Eligible DC 37 members, including full-time, per annum employees in covered titles
- Certain part-time employees in covered Department of Education titles
- College assistants working at least 17.5 hours per week or 70 hours per month

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Prerequisites:

- Must be eligible for DC 37 Education Fund benefits when the course term begins
- Must take coursework through an accredited institution recognized by the U.S. Department of Education
- Must successfully complete the course

Other Requirements:

- Submit a Tuition Reimbursement application
- Submit proof of tuition payment
- Submit grade reports or proof of successful completion
- Submit a Financial Aid Statement
- Submit proof of enrollment and course information when required

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses. The program reimburses only out-of-pocket tuition expenses after other aid sources have been applied.

Enrollment Requirements:

- Must be enrolled in courses offered by an accredited institution
- Courses must be eligible under Education Fund guidelines
- Degree-credit courses must apply toward a degree program

FAFSA Required: N/A

Name: CSEA/VOICE Tuition Reimbursement Program

Sponsoring Organization: VOICE-CSEA for Child Care Providers in partnership with the CSEA WORK Institute and the NYS & CSEA Partnership for Education and Training

Amount: Up to \$305 per credit hour. Covers one credit-bearing course of up to four credits per reimbursement.

Awarded: Members may receive up to four tuition reimbursements and/or vouchers per program year.

GPA: N/A

Who Can Apply:

- New York State registered family childcare providers
- New York State licensed group family childcare providers
- Must be located outside of New York City

Prerequisites: Must be enrolled in eligible credit-bearing coursework. Coursework must lead toward: A Child Development Associate (CDA) credential, an associate degree in early care education, or a bachelor's degree in early care education.

Other Requirements: After course completion, participants must submit: reimbursement approval form, itemized tuition receipt, proof of tuition payment, documentation of payment sources, transcript or grade report showing successful completion.

Funds can be used for: Tuition.

Enrollment Requirements:

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- Must be enrolled in an eligible credit-bearing course
- School must be an accredited educational institution or proprietary school
- The institution does not need to be a participating voucher school if reimbursement is requested

FAFSA Required: N/A

Name: CSEA/VOICE Tuition Voucher Program

Sponsoring Organization: VOICE-CSEA for Child Care Providers, administered through the CSEA WORK Institute and the NYS & CSEA Partnership for Education and Training.

Amount: Up to \$305 per credit hour. Covers one credit-bearing course of up to four credits per reimbursement.

Awarded: Members may receive up to four tuition reimbursements and/or vouchers per program year.

GPA: N/A

Who Can Apply:

- New York State registered family childcare providers
- New York State licensed group family childcare providers
- Must be located outside of New York City

Prerequisites: The course must be part of a program leading to a Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential, an associate degree in early care education, or a bachelor's degree in early care education.

Other Requirements:

- Complete a Tuition Voucher Application
- Select a school that participates in the voucher program
- Include the school's voucher code on the application
- Follow the school's registration process after approval
- Submit the original voucher to the school at registration or payment

Funds can be used for: Tuition for eligible credit-bearing coursework only.

Enrollment Requirements:

- Must enroll in an eligible credit-bearing course at a participating voucher school
- Must attend an accredited educational institution
- Must register according to the school's procedures

FAFSA Required: N/A

Name: NYSUT Student Loan Counseling Program

Sponsoring Organization: New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) in partnership with Cambridge Credit Counseling

Amount: This is a free counseling and loan assistance program rather than a scholarship or reimbursement program.

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Awarded: Available year-round to eligible NYSUT members.

Who Can Apply: NYSUT members, active (in-service) members, retired members. In some cases, family members may benefit from counseling services through the member.

Prerequisites:

- Must be a NYSUT member eligible for Member Benefits services.
- Must have student loan debt or seek information regarding repayment options, forgiveness programs, or consolidation strategies.

Other Requirements: N/A

Funds can be used for: Provides counseling and assistance related to student loan repayment strategies, Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF), Income-Driven Repayment (IDR) plans, loan consolidation, Parent PLUS loan options, and general student debt management.

Name: Albert Shanker Grant Program

Sponsoring Organization: New York State Education Department (NYSED) through its Office of Postsecondary Access, Support & Success, United Federation of Teachers

Amount: Up to approximately \$2,500

Awarded: Funding is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis and is subject to available funds.

GPA: N/A

Who Can Apply: New York State public school teachers who are employed full-time in a NYS public school, hold a valid NYS teaching certificate, have tenure in their current position.

Prerequisites:

- Applicants must apply for National Board Certification through NBPTS
- Register with NBPTS and pay the annual registration fee
- Apply separately for the Albert Shanker Grant
- Authorize release of information to NYSED as a Third-Party Payer (TPP)

Other Requirements: N/A

Funds can be used for: Grant is specifically designed to cover costs associated with Initial National Board Certification (all four components), One-component retake, Maintenance of Certification (MOC).

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Computers and Technology

Name: Computer with a Cause

Sponsoring Organization: Computers with Causes

Amount: Based on Needs Assessment

Awarded: Based on Inventory

GPA: N/A

Residence: A U.S. citizen or an eligible noncitizen.

Who Can Apply: Individuals (students, job seekers, seniors — everyone deserves access to technology), organizations (Schools, nonprofits, community centers)

Prerequisites: Complete needs assessment, background and reference check.

Other Requirements: N/A

Download the Application: Individuals or Organizations

Fill It Out: Provide essential details about yourself or your organization.

Print and Mail: Print the form, sign it, and mail it to the address provided.

Funds/award can be used for: N/A

Enrollment Requirements: Enrolled in four-year college.

FAFSA application required: N/A

Name: Dell Scholars Program (program)

Sponsoring Organization: Michael & Susan Dell Foundation

Amount: \$20,000

Awarded: Over course of four years, once enrolled in undergraduate BA program.

GPA: Minimum 2.4

Residence: A U.S. citizen planning to attend college full-time or high school

Citizenship: Permanent Resident (MUST be eligible for PELL Grant)

Who Can Apply: Graduating high school seniors.

Prerequisites: participating in an approved college readiness program

Other Requirements:

- Plan to enroll Full-time at an accredited four-year college or university right after high school
- Able to demonstrate financial need

Funds can be used for: N/A

Enrollment Requirements: Enrolled in four-year college

FAFSA application required: Yes

Name: PCs for People (program)

Sponsoring Organization: PCs for People

Amount: N/A

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Awarded: Based on [eligibility](#)

GPA: N/A

Residence: N/A

Citizenship: DOES NOT require proof of Citizenship

Who Can Apply: Individuals who receive government assistance or meet household income requirement

Prerequisites: Photo ID and receiving government assistance

Other Requirements: N/A

Funds can be used for: N/A

Enrollment Requirements: Enrollment in an income-based government assistance program (proof required) OR documentation of current household income (60% of area median income)

FAFSA application required: No

Name: [Laptop Loan Program](#) (program)

Sponsoring Organization: SUNY EMPIRE

Amount: N/A

Awarded: [Application required](#)

GPA: N/A

Residence: Degree-seeking student enrolled at SUNY Empire

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: All degree-seeking students enrolled before Spring 2025 term are eligible.

Prerequisites: Enrolled at Empire prior to spring 2025

Other Requirements: Priority is given to a student who:

- Has a low expected family contribution (EFC) or low adjusted gross income (AGI) as established by the FAFSA process,
- Receives a PELL or TAP grant
- Is a member of an opportunity program at SUNY Empire

Funds can be used for: N/A

Enrollment Requirements: Enrolled before spring 2025

FAFSA application required: Yes

Name: [Rent-to-Own Computers: Laptops, Desktops, and Tablets at Rent-A-Center](#)

Sponsoring Organization: Rent-A-Center

Amount: N/A

Awarded: Based on personal, income, and residence info

GPA: N/A

Residence: No specific state or territory residence stated

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Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: Adults age 18+

Prerequisites: N/A

Other Requirements:

- Personal Info: Name, date of birth and contact info
- Income Info: Verifiable source of income
- Residence Info: Contact info for your landlord/mortgage company
- 2-4 References: At least two references should be relatives with separate addresses.

Funds can be used for: N/A

Enrollment Requirements: N/A

FAFSA application required: N/A

Name: Lease-to-own program (program)

Sponsoring Organization: Best Buy

Amount: N/A

Awarded: Based on leasing plan

GPA: N/A

Residence: No specific state or territory residence stated

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: Adults age 18+

Prerequisites: N/A

Other Requirements:

- Personal Info: Name, date of birth and contact info
- Income Info: Verifiable source of income
- Residence Info: Contact info for your landlord/mortgage company
- 2-4 References: At least two references should be relatives with separate addresses.

Funds can be used for: N/A

Enrollment Requirements: N/A

FAFSA application required: N/A

Name: Computers 4 People (program)

Sponsoring Organization: Computers 4 People

Amount: N/A

Awarded: Based on Inventory

GPA: N/A

Residence: Must reside in New Jersey, New York City, or Massachusetts.

Citizenship: Not listed on website. Must be located in NYC, NJ, MA,

Who Can Apply: Residents of NYC, NJ, MA

Prerequisites: N/A

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Other Requirements:

- Income: Must be below 200% on the [federal poverty index](#).
- Location: Must reside in New Jersey, New York City, or Massachusetts.
- Recommendation: Must have a recommender, official staff member, from a C4P approved partner: non-profit, school, or place of worship.

Funds can be used for: N/A

Enrollment Requirements: N/A

FAFSA application required: N/A

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Emergency Funding

(housing, credit card bills, emergency fund), transportation, food)

CUNY Graduate Center

Name: Helping Hands- Student Emergency Grants (GRANT)

Sponsoring Organization: CUNY Graduate Center (CUNY)

Amount: Up to \$3000

Awarded: Based on Student Needs experience short-term unforeseen emergency

GPA: N/A

Residence: N/A

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: Students currently enrolled/matriculated Graduate Center Student

Prerequisites: Students who are facing short-term unexpected financial emergencies.

Funds can be used for: N/A

Other Requirements:

- Medical and dental bills for uninsured non-elective procedures
- Assistance in paying for food, transportation, and basic necessities due to recent financial difficulty
- Emergency childcare for legal dependents
- Travel home for illness or death in the immediate family
- Overdue utility bills and shut-off notices, due to recent financial difficulty
- Rent in arrears, at risk for eviction that is due to recent financial difficulty
- Housing assistance for homelessness that is due to recent financial difficulty
- Destruction of living quarters due to fire or other natural disaster
- Legal representation (landlord disputes)

Enrollment Requirements: Currently enrolled/matriculated Graduate Center Student

FAFSA application required: N/A

Name: Student Emergency Grant (GRANT)

Sponsoring Organization: Brooklyn College (CUNY)

Amount: Up to \$1,500

Awarded:

GPA: 2.0 (Undergrad)/ 3.0 (Grad)

Residence: N/A

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: Enrolled Students

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Prerequisites: N/A

- Has a good record of conduct,
- Has paid tuition to Brooklyn College
- Currently enrolled with a minimum GPA of 2.00 for undergraduates or 3.00 for graduate students

Other Requirements: N/A

Funds can be used for:

- Travel home for serious illness or death in the immediate family (e.g., parents and siblings)
- Homelessness due to loss of housing
- Imminent documented eviction
- Documented theft of books and other essential academic belongings
- Required uninsured medical treatment and/or follow-up
- Unanticipated loss resulting in a lack of funds to get to and from school
- Sudden loss of childcare to cover academic schedule
- Prescription eyeglasses or essential dental work

Enrollment Requirements: Enrolled and have a good record of conduct

FAFSA application required: N/A

Name: Basic Needs Support Grants (GRANT)

Sponsoring Organization: Lehman College (CUNY)

Amount: Up to \$950

Awarded: per semester

GPA: Minimum 2.0

Residence: N/A

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: matriculated Lehman College student in good academic standing
(Visiting student and E-permit students no permitted)

Prerequisites:

- Be a matriculated Lehman College student in good academic standing (E-Permit and Visiting Students are not eligible)
- Have a minimum GPA of 2.0
- Upload documentation to support their emergency and/or demonstrate need
- Itemize each cost and provide a total of requested amount
- Provide an invoice, lease or other bill that includes your name and address
- Provide a W-9 and Direct Deposit form from the vendor to be paid (except if it's a utility company such as ConEdison, Verizon etc.)
- Provide the name, address and contact information of the vendor/payee
- Provide a written statement detailing:

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- How your academic program is helping to achieve your personal and career goals
- Your current unexpected, unforeseen, or unavoidable emergency
- How you will benefit from the grant

Other Requirements: Students are not eligible if they receive a SEEK, ACE or Pell book advance/voucher.

Funds can be used for: Housing/rent related expenses, Utility bills, loss of income, loss of property, Medical or family emergencies, Victim of accident or crime, Childcare related emergencies, Transportation assistance, healthcare

Enrollment Requirements: N/A

FAFSA application required: N/A

Name: Carrol and Milton Petrie Emergency Fund

Sponsoring Organization: Medgar Evers College (CUNY)

Amount: Maximum \$3,000

Awarded: One time throughout duration of enrollment

GPA: Minimum 2.0

Residence: N/A

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: Enrolled students full-time or part-time (first semester students ineligible)

Prerequisites: All applicants must demonstrate that they have exhausted all other options.

Other Requirements: Grant cannot be used to pay tuition, resolve previous debts to the college, obtain legal representation, or seek legal representation in a criminal matter.

Funds can be used for: full-time or part-time

Enrollment Requirements: Enrolled full-time or part-time

FAFSA application required: N/A

Name: The Carroll & Milton Petrie Student Emergency Grant (GRANT)

Sponsoring Organization: Queens College (CUNY)

Amount: Maximum \$3,000

Awarded: One time throughout academic career

Residence: N/A

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: Matriculated students in good academic standing

Prerequisites: submit documentation to support their emergency request along with other supplemental documents.

Other Requirements: Students are required to pursue all available financial aid resources prior to applying. Some of these resources and opportunities can include, but are not limited to, grants, scholarships, loans, and work-study.

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Funds can be used for: Overdue utilities bills/service shut-off notices, Rent in arrears, overdue rent, threat of eviction, housing assistance for homelessness, Medical/dental bills for uninsured medically necessary procedures, destruction of living quarters due to fire, flood, or other natural disaster, Documented theft of computer, books, clothing or other essential belongings, Assistance due to recent unemployment or recent loss of income source, Transportation or childcare expenses (one-time or short-term), Travel home for illness or death of immediate family, Victims of domestic violence

Enrollment Requirements: Matriculated student in good academic standing

FAFSA application required: Yes

Name: Student Emergency Grant (GRANT)

Sponsoring Organization: CUNY School of Professional Studies (CUNY)

Amount: Maximum \$3,000

Awarded: grant awards are limited and subject to fund availability.

GPA: N/A

Residence: students residing in the United States

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: N/A

Prerequisites: N/A

Other Requirements:

- Students must have a record of good conduct
- Students must have a current financial emergency need
- Students must demonstrate an ability and intention to complete their course of study
- Students must be willing to participate in post-award questionnaires and interviews

Funds can be used for: Homelessness due to loss of housing or threat of eviction.

Domestic violence. Destruction of living quarters due to fire or natural disaster (primary residence). Recent overdue bills (medical, rent, utility turn-off notice). We may request an updated bill if date on bill is not within two months of application submission. Recent job or income loss. Unexpected expenses due to illness or death in the immediate family. Other (you will be asked to provide a detailed explanation of your emergency)

Enrollment Requirements: Registered at SPS matriculated in a BA or MA degree program

FAFSA application required: N/A

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Other funding (HRA funding/SNAP/One-shot deal*)

Name: One Shot Deal/Emergency Assistance

Sponsoring Organization: Human Resources Administration NYC (HRA)

Amount: Determined on a case-by-case basis

Awarded: Determined on a case-by-case basis

GPA: N/A

Residence: NYC

Citizenship: Immigration status factors in the award

Who Can Apply: Individuals and families experiencing a financial emergency

Prerequisites: <https://access.nyc.gov/programs/one-shot-deal/>

Other Requirements:

- Income (earned and unearned)
- Household size
- The reason for the need, such as losing a job
- Available savings and resources
- Affordability of housing
- Disability
- A future plan to pay the expenses moving forward
- Citizenship or immigration status

Funds can be used for: Individuals or families experiencing homelessness/facing eviction. Gas or electricity has been shut off or notified. Loss of clothes, personal items, or furniture because of the Full-time, fire, or natural disaster. Domestic violence victims. Other issues that affect the health and safety of an individual or a family.

Enrollment Requirements: N/A

FAFSA application required: N/A

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General Scholarships and Aid

Non-traditional Scholarships

Name: Tuition Assistance Program (including Diversity Scholarship Fund)

Sponsoring Organization: Center for Anthroposophy

Amount: \$500-\$3,000

Awarded: N/A

GPA: N/A

Who Can Apply:

- Candidates accepted into the Center for Anthroposophy Waldorf teacher training program. Candidates enrolled in Waldorf teacher training through the Center for Anthroposophy or its university partners
- Applicants who demonstrate financial need
- For the Diversity Scholarship Fund, candidates who help promote racial and ethnic diversity among teachers in North American Waldorf schools

Prerequisites: Must be accepted into an eligible Waldorf teacher education program before financial aid is awarded.

Other Requirements:

- Submission of a financial aid application
- Financial need documentation may be required
- Students requesting aid beyond the first year must submit a new application each year. Awards are subject to available funding

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses related to Waldorf teacher education.

Enrollment Requirements: Must be accepted into and enrolled in a Center for Anthroposophy teacher education program. Continued enrollment is required for renewal consideration in subsequent years.

FAFSA Required: N/A

Name: Sunbridge Scholarship Grant

Sponsoring Organization: Sunbridge Institute

Amount: Financial aid packages can reduce tuition costs by up to one-third, and in some cases up to 40% or more, depending on financial need, work status, and available funding.

Awarded: N/A

GPA: N/A

Who Can Apply: Any student admitted to and enrolled in a Sunbridge Institute teacher

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education diploma or certificate program, including Early Childhood Teacher Education, Elementary Teacher Education, High School Teacher Education, Elementary Music Certificate Program, World Languages & Cultures Certificate Program.

Prerequisites:

- Must be admitted to and enrolled in a Sunbridge teacher education program.
- Must complete the Sunbridge financial aid application.

Other Requirements:

- Provide detailed financial information, including Income, Household expenses, Personal expenses, Student loan obligations, Parent PLUS loan obligations, and other financial circumstances
- Returning students must be in good financial and academic standing
- Scholarship recipients must keep Sunbridge informed of their employment status during their studies and upon graduation

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

Enrollment Requirements:

- Must be enrolled in a Sunbridge teacher education diploma or certificate program.
- Continuing, students must reapply for scholarship assistance each year.

FAFSA Required: N/A

Name: Sunbridge Diversity Fund Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: Sunbridge Institute

Amount: Scholarship amounts vary based on available funding

Awarded: N/A

GPA: N/A

Who Can Apply:

- Individuals who Self-identify as Black, Indigenous, or a Person of Color (BIPOC)
- Are accepted into or currently enrolled in a Sunbridge teacher education diploma program
- Are currently working in, or intend to work in, an AWSNA- or WECAN-affiliated Waldorf school in North America

Prerequisites: Be accepted into or enrolled in one of the following Sunbridge diploma programs: Early Childhood Teacher Education, Elementary Teacher Education, High School Teacher Education

Other Requirements:

- Complete the Diversity Fund Scholarship application
- Submit an application essay
- Meet admission requirements for the applicable Sunbridge diploma program
- Financial need may be considered when determining awards

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

Enrollment Requirements: Must be accepted into or currently enrolled in a Sunbridge

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Early Childhood Teacher Education Diploma Program, Sunbridge Elementary Teacher Education Diploma Program, Sunbridge High School Teacher Education Diploma Program
FAFSA Required: N/A

Montessori

Name: Montessori Credential Grant Program

Sponsoring Organization: Black Wildflowers Fund

Amount: based on the actual tuition cost of the Montessori credential program attending

Awarded: N/A

Residence: United States or Puerto Rico

Who Can Apply: Black Educators

Other Requirements:

- Attending or planning to attend a MACTE-accredited Montessori training program
- Demonstrating a commitment to serving students and communities furthest from opportunity

Funds can be used for: Tuition for MACTE-accredited program

Enrollment Requirements: N/A

FAFSA application required: N/A

Name: American Montessori Society (AMS) Teacher Education Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: **American Montessori Society (AMS)**

Amount: \$3,000.

Awarded: Varies from year to year based on funding availability

GPA: N/A

Who Can Apply: Individuals who: Have been accepted into an AMS-affiliated Montessori teacher education program, are currently enrolled in an AMS-affiliated Montessori teacher education program, or May already be completing practicum requirements but still owe program fees.

Prerequisites: Acceptance into an AMS-affiliated Teacher Education Program (TEP). The program must lead to an AMS Montessori credential at one of the following levels: Infant & Toddler, Early Childhood, Elementary I, Elementary II, Elementary I-II, Secondary I, Secondary I-II.

Other Requirements:

- Scholarship application
- Personal statement
- Verification of acceptance into an AMS-affiliated teacher education program

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- Financial information demonstrating need
- Two original letters of recommendation
- Supporting documentation requested by AMS

Funds can be used for: The scholarship is intended to help pay Montessori teacher education program tuition, remaining program fees, and costs associated with earning an AMS Montessori teaching credential.

Enrollment Requirements: Applicants must be enrolled in or accepted into an AMS-affiliated Montessori Teacher Education Program.

Other General Funding

Name: Applegate-Jackson-Parks Future Teacher Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: National Institute for Labor Relations Research (NILRR)

Amount: \$1,000

Who Can Apply: Undergraduate students majoring in Education, Graduate students majoring in Education, Current teachers pursuing an advanced education degree
Students attending a U.S. institution of higher education with a declared major in Education.

Prerequisites:

- Must be enrolled in or accepted to a U.S. college or university
- Must have a declared major in Education
- Must demonstrate the potential to successfully complete an education program

Other Requirements: N/A

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses associated with attending a college or university and pursuing a degree in Education.

Enrollment Requirements:

- Must be enrolled in or accepted to a U.S. institution of higher education
- Must be pursuing an education major
- Must submit proof of enrollment or acceptance

FAFSA Required: N/A

Name: Elite Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: Elite Scholarship Foundation

Amount: N/A

Awarded: Merit-based

GPA: 3.0

Residence: N/A

Citizenship: N/A

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Who Can Apply: Students enrolled in or planning to attend college, trade school, or another postsecondary program

Prerequisites: N/A

Other Requirements: Exhibit leadership potential, community involvement, or academic excellence.

Funds can be used for: Educational journey

Enrollment Requirements: N/A

FAFSA application required: N/A

Name: Beauty For Ashes Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: Elite Scholarship Foundation

Amount: N/A

Awarded: Financial needs-based

GPA: 2.5

Residence: N/A

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: Students enrolled in or planning to attend college, trade school, or another postsecondary program

Prerequisites: Be a current high school senior or enrolled in an accredited college/university.

Other Requirements: Exhibit leadership potential, community involvement, or academic excellence.

Funds can be used for: educational journey

Enrollment Requirements: N/A

FAFSA application required: N/A

Name: Legacy Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: Elite Scholarship Foundation

Amount: N/A

Awarded: Financial needs-based

GPA: 2.5

Residence: N/A

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: First-generation college student

Prerequisites: Be a current high school senior or enrolled in an accredited college/university as a student.

Other Requirements:

- Awarded to students who demonstrate financial need.
- Exhibit leadership potential, community involvement, or academic excellence

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Funds can be used for: Educational journey

Enrollment Requirements: N/A

FAFSA application required: N/A

Name: Phoenix Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: Elite Scholarship Foundation

Amount: N/A

Awarded: Financial needs-based

GPA: 2.5

Residence: N/A

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: HS Seniors

Prerequisites: Be a current high school senior or enrolled in an accredited college/university as a student.

Other Requirements:

- Awarded to a student who, like the phoenix, has risen from challenges and setbacks to soar toward new beginnings
- This scholarship recognizes one who once struggled academically at the start of their high school journey, but demonstrates resilience, perseverance, and determination to graduate and pursue higher education

Funds can be used for: Educational journey

Enrollment Requirements: N/A

FAFSA application required: N/A

Name: Dr. Pepper Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: Dr. Pepper

Amount: N/A

Awarded: Financial needs-based

GPA: 2.5

Residence: N/A

Citizenship: Legal U.S. resident

Who Can Apply: Applicants 18-24 years of age

Prerequisites: Be enrolled in or planning to enroll in an accredited college/university, trade school, or vocational program.

Other Requirements: Submit a video explaining educational/career goals, why tuition is needed, and how the award impacts the applicant's future.

Funds can be used for: Tuition

Enrollment Requirements: N/A

FAFSA application required: N/A

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Name: Live Mas Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: Taco Bell Foundation

Amount: N/A

Awarded: N/A

GPA: N/A

Residence: Legal resident of the 50 United States and the District of Columbia (“D.C.”) located within the United States or D.C., or the dependent child of an active-duty member of the U.S. military

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: Applicants 16-26 years of age

Prerequisites: On track to apply for (pending receipt of a high school diploma or G.E.D. equivalent) or currently enrolled in an accredited post-high school/post-secondary program (two-year, four-year, vocational-technical, or trade)

Other Requirements: Submit one (1) original response in ONE of the following formats:

- Video (30 seconds–2 minutes)
- Essay (250–500 words)
- You may include one photo that represents your passion.

Funds can be used for: Post-secondary education

Enrollment Requirements: N/A

FAFSA application required: N/A

Name: Rebecca Kirtman Memorial Scholarships

Sponsoring Organization: Becca’s Closet

Amount: \$2,000

Awarded: N/A

GPA: 2.0

Residence: N/A

Citizenship: Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident

Who Can Apply: Graduating High School Seniors

Prerequisites: N/A

Other Requirements: Must demonstrate outstanding community service and volunteer involvement

Funds can be used for: Tuition, Fees, Books and course materials, Housing and living expenses related to school, Other educational costs

Enrollment Requirements: Must plan to enroll full-time at an accredited college, university, or vocational/technical school in the United States.

FAFSA application required: Yes

Name: The Horatio Alger New York Scholarship Program

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Sponsoring Organization: Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans

Amount: Up to \$25,000

Awarded: N/A

GPA: 2.0

Residence: New York State

Citizenship: U.S. Citizens. Permanent residents/green card holders are not eligible for most Horatio Alger undergraduate scholarships.

Who Can Apply: Must be a high school student in the United States

Prerequisites: Must participate in extracurricular activities and/or community service.

Other Requirements: Must plan to pursue a bachelor's degree at an accredited U.S. college or university

Funds can be used for: Tuition, Fees, Books and course materials, Housing and living expenses related to school, and Other educational costs.

Enrollment Requirements: N/A

FAFSA application required: N/A

Name: Jack Kent Cooke Foundation College Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: Jack Kent Cooke Foundation

Amount: Up to \$55,000

Awarded: N/A

GPA: Minimum 3.75

Residence: Must reside in the United States or a U.S. territory

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: High-achieving high school seniors with financial need who plan to attend a four-year college or university.

Other Requirements: Senior in high school. Planning to graduate in the spring of the application year. Intend to enroll full-time at an accredited four-year college in the fall. Demonstrate unmet financial need

Funds can be used for: Educational Expenses

Enrollment Requirements: Must enroll full-time in an accredited four-year bachelor's degree program

FAFSA application required: Yes

Name: Shawn Carter Foundation Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: Shawn Carter Foundation

Amount: \$1,500-\$15,000

Awarded: N/A

GPA: Minimum 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale

Residence: Must reside in the United States.

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Citizenship: U.S. citizen, or Permanent resident.

Who Can Apply: Eligible applicants include High school seniors, GED recipients, Undergraduate students at 2-year or 4-year colleges, Vocational/trade school students who are pursuing their first undergraduate degree.

Prerequisites:

- Applicants must: Be 25 years old or younger
- Have at least a 2.0 GPA. Demonstrate financial needs
- Pursuing a first undergraduate degree. Attend or plan to attend an accredited institution

Other Requirements:

- Household income is generally expected to be \$75,000 or less
- Scholars are expected to give back through: Community service, Mentoring younger scholars. Leadership, resilience, essay quality, and overcoming hardships are considered in selection

Funds can be used for: Educational Expenses

Enrollment Requirements: Attend an accredited degree-granting institution, vocational school, or trade school. Show proof of enrollment or planned enrollment if not currently enrolled.

FAFSA application required: Yes

Name: Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program

Sponsoring Organization: The U.S. Department of State Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs

Amount: Up to \$5,000

Awarded: N/A

GPA: N/A

Residence: Students from all U.S. states and territories are eligible

Citizenship: Must be a U.S. citizen or U.S. national.

Who Can Apply: Undergraduate students with financial need who plan to study or intern abroad in a credit-bearing program. Students from all majors may apply

Prerequisites:

- Applicants must be an undergraduate student in good standing
- Receive a Federal Pell Grant at the time of application or during the study abroad term
- Apply to or be accepted into a credit-bearing study abroad or internship program

Other Requirements: Must attend an accredited U.S. college or university.

Funds can be used for: Educational Expenses

Enrollment Requirements:

- Must be enrolled at an accredited U.S. institution
- Participate in a credit-bearing study abroad or internship program
- Remain an undergraduate student during the abroad experience

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FAFSA application required: N/A

Name: Denny's Hungry for Education Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities

Amount: \$2,000

Awarded: N/A

GPA: Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale

Residence: Must attend a HACU-member institution in the United States or Puerto Rico.

Citizenship: Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident

Who Can Apply: Undergraduate students, Graduate students, Students of all majors attending eligible HACU-member institutions

Prerequisites: N/A

Other Requirements:

- Submit a 500-word essay explaining how Denny's can help bring communities together
- If selected, recipients may be required to submit a headshot for publicity purposes
- Students may apply for only one Hungry for Education scholarship per year

Funds can be used for: Educational Expenses

Enrollment Requirements: enrolled at a 2-year or 4-year HACU-member institution

FAFSA application required: No

Name: Denny's Hungry for Education Scholarship -USHLI

Sponsoring Organization: Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, United States Hispanic Leadership Institute, Denny's

Amount: \$1,000

Awarded: Non-renewable

GPA: Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5.

Residence: Must be enrolled in an accredited educational institution in the United States or Puerto Rico.

Citizenship: Must be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident.

Who Can Apply: High school students (K-12 program), College students

Prerequisites: N/A

Other Requirements:

- A 300-word essay (high school students) or a 500-word essay (college students) on "How Denny's can help bring communities together"
- A recent headshot photo
- Most recent transcript (unofficially accepted)
- One-page resume

Funds can be used for: Educational Expenses

Enrollment Requirements: Must be enrolled in an accredited K-12 school, college,

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university, vocational school, or technical school in the United States or Puerto Rico at the time of application.

FAFSA application required: No

Name: 2026 Teachers Federal Credit Union Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: Teachers Federal Credit Union

Amount: N/A

Awarded: N/A

GPA: 3.0 High School Average

Residence: N/A

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: Members

Prerequisites:

- Graduate from high school in the Spring of 2026
- Attending an accredited college, university, or trade school in the Fall of 2026, in the U.S.
- Be a Teachers Federal Credit Union member in good standing with both savings and a checking account as the primary member

Funds can be used for: N/A

Enrollment Requirements: N/A

FAFSA application required: N/A

Name: 2026 Robert G. Allen Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: Teachers Federal Credit Union

Amount: N/A

Awarded: N/A

GPA: 3.0 High School Average

Residence: N/A

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: Members

Prerequisites:

- Graduate from high school in the Spring of 2026
- Attending an accredited college, university, or trade school in the Fall of 2026, in the U.S.
- Be a Teachers Federal Credit Union member in good standing with both savings and a checking account as the primary member

Other Requirements: attending an accredited college, university, or trade school as a full-time student in Nassau or Suffolk County, New York.

Funds can be used for: N/A

Enrollment Requirements: N/A

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FAFSA application required: N/A

Name: 2026 NYCUA Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: Teachers Federal Credit Union, New York Credit Union Association

Amount: N/A

Awarded: N/A

GPA: N/A

Who Can Apply: Member in good standing of a participating New York credit union

Prerequisites: Current High School Senior

Other Requirements: You must be attending an accredited two- or four-year college, trade school, or vocational school for the first time in Fall 2026.

Funds can be used for: Financial assistance that can be applied toward tuition, room and board, books, and other educational expenses

Enrollment Requirements: Full-time

FAFSA application required: N/A

Name: U.S Bank Student Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: U.S. Bank

Amount: \$2,500- \$10,000

Awarded: Based on modules completed

GPA: N/A

Residence: Legal resident of the 50 U.S. states or Washington, D.C

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: Applicants at least 17 years of age or older

Prerequisites: N/A

Other Requirements: Are accepted or enrolled as an undergraduate student as of September 1, 2027, at an eligible, accredited two- or four-year U.S. brick-and-mortar or online college or university (undergraduate students must be enrolled for at least 6 credit hours per semester) or trade or vocational school ("Institution"). *Download the Zogo financial app.*

Funds can be used for: N/A

Enrollment Requirements: Enrolled at least 6 credit hours per semester

FAFSA application required: N/A

Name: Roothbert Fund Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: Roothbert Fund

Amount: \$5,000-\$7,000

Awarded: N/A

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GPA: N/A

Residence: If the applicant is in the United States when applying, students are eligible regardless of citizenship. Furthermore, immigrant status is not taken into consideration.

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: N/A

Prerequisites: N/A

Funds can be used for: N/A

Enrollment Requirements: Applicant must be pursuing graduate or undergraduate study at an accredited U.S.-based college or university. *Preference is shown to those who have completed at least one year of undergraduate study or beyond.*

FAFSA application required: N/A

Name: The Gates Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: Gates Foundation

Amount: The scholarship is a last-dollar scholarship that covers the full cost of attendance, not already covered by other financial aid and expected family contribution.

Awarded: N/A

GPA: Minimum cumulative weighted GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale

Residence: N/A

Citizenship: Must be a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or Permanent resident.

Who Can Apply: High school seniors from low-income households who demonstrate strong academic achievement, leadership, and personal success skills.

Prerequisites:

- A high school senior
- Pell Grant eligible
- Have at least a 3.3 GPA
- Plan to enroll Full-time in a four-year bachelor's degree program

Other Requirements:

- Strong applicants generally demonstrate: Leadership ability and Community service/extracurricular involvement
- Exceptional personal skills such as perseverance and motivation
- Academic performance of full-time enrollment within the top 10% of their graduating class

Funds can be used for: Educational Expenses

Enrollment Requirements: Must enroll Full-time, in a four-year degree program, at a U.S.-accredited, not-for-profit public or private college/university.

FAFSA application required: Yes

Name: Coca-Cola Scholars Program

Sponsoring Organization: Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation

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Amount: N/A

Awarded:

GPA: minimum overall B/3.0 GPA in high school coursework

Residence:

Citizenship: U.S. Citizens, U.S. Nationals, U.S. Permanent Residents, Refugees, Asylees, Cuban-Haitian Entrants, or Humanitarian Parolees - based on the guidelines utilized by the U.S. Department of Education for Federal Financial Aid eligibility

Who Can Apply: Currently enrolled high school/home-schooled students attending school in one of the 50 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, or select DoD schools

Prerequisites:

- Planning to pursue a degree at an accredited U.S. post-secondary institution
- Applicants must: Be graduating during the current academic year
- Demonstrate leadership, service, and community involvement

Other Requirements: Children/grandchildren of Coca-Cola employees, officers, or owners are generally ineligible.

Funds can be used for: Educational Expenses

Enrollment Requirements: Must plan to enroll in an accredited U.S. two-year or four-year college, university, or eligible postsecondary institution.

FAFSA application required: No

Name: All About Education Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: Unigo

Amount: \$3,000

Awarded: N/A

GPA: N/A

Residence: Must be a legal resident of the 50 United States or the District of Columbia

Citizenship: Must be a legal U.S. resident.

Who Can Apply: Must be 14 years of age or older at the time of application.

Prerequisites: N/A

Other Requirements: Who are currently enrolled (or enroll no later than the fall of 2031) in an accredited post-secondary institution of higher learning (college, university, or trade school).

Funds can be used for: N/A

Enrollment Requirements: Enrolled no later than 2031 in an accredited post-secondary institution

FAFSA application required: N/A

Name: Posse Foundation Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: Unigo

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Amount: \$3,000

Awarded: N/A

GPA: N/A

Residence: N/A

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: High school senior

Prerequisites:

- Must be **nominated** by a high school or a community-based organization
- Be in the first term of their senior year in high school

Other Requirements:

- Must demonstrate leadership ability, academic potential, teamwork and communication skills, motivation, and community involvement
- Must participate in Posse's multi-round interview and selection process called the Dynamic Assessment Process (DAP)

Funds can be used for: Full Tuition

Enrollment Requirements: Enrolled at one of the Posse Foundation's partner universities

FAFSA application required: N/A

International Students

Name: The Jean and Albert Nerken Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: UJA Federation of New York, Hebrew Free Loan Society

Amount: \$5,000

Awarded: Up to four years

GPA: N/A

Residence: International students must use their home-country address as their permanent address.

Citizenship: Must be an international student

Who Can Apply: International Students of Jewish descent

Prerequisites: N/A

Other Requirements:

- Study must be at an accredited educational institution of higher learning approved by the UJA-Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York.
- Undergraduate first-year students are not eligible for the Jean and Albert Nerken Scholarship.

Funds can be used for: N/A

Enrollment Requirements: Enrolled at an accredited educational institution of higher learning approved by the UJA-Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York.

FAFSA application required: N/A

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LGBTQIA+ Students

Name: [Little Bird Scholarship](#) (formally Levin-Goffe Scholarship)

Sponsoring Organization: Stonewall Foundation

Amount: Up to \$12,500 annually

Awarded: Renewable for one additional year

GPA: 3.25

Residence: N/A

Citizenship: Do not hold U.S. citizenship, a green card, or an F-1 visa

Who Can Apply: LGBTQIA+ students

Prerequisites: Have completed one academic year / are at least a rising sophomore

Other Requirements: N/A

Funds can be used for: Tuition, fees, books and supplies, other education-related costs

Enrollment Requirements: enrolled at an accredited, nonprofit school in New York City

FAFSA application required: N/A

Individuals with Disabilities

Name: [John Lepping Memorial Scholarship](#)

Sponsoring Organization: [The Lep Foundation for Youth Education](#)

Amount: Up to \$5000

Awarded: Demonstrate financial need.

GPA: N/A

Residence: Must be a permanent resident of New York, New Jersey, or Pennsylvania.

Citizenship: Must be a U.S. Citizen.

Who Can Apply: Must be a high school senior or student planning to attend post-secondary education.

Prerequisites: Must have a documented disability, including physical disabilities or psychological conditions such as autism or PTSD.

Other Requirements:

- The recipient must demonstrate academic achievement through evidence of working to one's potential
- Demonstrate eligibility in one of 3 categories outlined above and be accepted for admission at an institution of higher education, e.g., college, community college, university, or vocational school

Funds can be used for: Scholarships will help to cover the costs of college for disabled individuals who may not have the resources due to overwhelming medical costs.

Enrollment Requirements: N/A

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FAFSA application required: N/A

Field Adjacent Scholarships

Name: [New York AOTF Scholarship](#)

Sponsoring Organization: [American Occupational Therapy Foundation](#)

Amount: N/A

Awarded: N/A

GPA: N/A

Residence: Must be a resident of New York State

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: N/A

Prerequisites: Must be pursuing an associate degree, a Graduate degree, or a Professional OT degree.

Other Requirements: Member of the New York Occupational Therapy Association. OTA students must have completed at least one year of OT-specific coursework and be in their final year.

Funds can be used for: Tuition, Mandatory school fees, Books and course materials, Clinical/lab expenses, educational supplies and equipment, and other costs directly related to attending the OT or OTA program.

Enrollment Requirements:

- Must attend school in New York State
- Must be enrolled full-time in an accredited occupational therapy (OT) or occupational therapy assistant (OTA) program
- Studying for a degree in occupational therapy assistant or occupational therapy

FAFSA application required: N/A

Name: [James R. Reville Scholarship](#)

Sponsoring Organization: The Arc New York

Amount: \$3,000

Awarded: \$1500 per semester

GPA: N/A

Residence: Must be a resident of New York State.

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: Must be a full-time college student (undergraduate).

Prerequisites: Must be studying a field connected to intellectual or developmental disabilities, such as Social work, Psychology, Behavioral sciences, Healthcare administration/management, Nursing, or related helping professions.

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Other Requirements: Must intend to pursue a career serving individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

Funds can be used for: Tuition, Fees, Books and course materials, Housing and living expenses related to school, and other educational costs.

Enrollment Requirements: Full-time

FAFSA application required: N/A

Name: Human Services Career Advancement Scholarship (HSCAS)

Sponsoring Organization: The City University of New York (CUNY) Office of Careers and Industry Partnerships (OCIP), in partnership with the New York City Mayor's Office

Amount: The scholarship covers up to 50% of total tuition costs at a participating CUNY college.

Awarded: Award amount varies based on tuition charges and other grants or scholarships received by the student.

GPA: N/A

Who Can Apply: Individuals employed by eligible organizations that hold human services contracts with New York City and who are pursuing a degree in a human services-related field at a participating CUNY college.

Prerequisites:

- Must work for an eligible NYC human services provider organization.
- Must apply to and enroll in an approved human services-related degree program at a participating CUNY college.

Other Requirements:

- Complete the HSCAS application
- Verify employment with an eligible human services organization
- Maintain enrollment in an approved program
- Continue meeting any program participation requirements established by CUNY and the scholarship administrators

Funds can be used for: Educational expenses

Enrollment Requirements: Awarded each semester to eligible students who maintain participation in the program and continue to meet scholarship requirements

FAFSA Required: Yes

New York City Scholarships

Name: Brooklyn Alumnae Chapter Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: Brooklyn Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc

Amount: \$1,000–\$2,000 per year

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Awarded: Renewable for up to four years

GPA: Minimum 2.5 GPA for each semester.

Residence: Applicants must be residents of Brooklyn, New York

Citizenship: U.S. citizenship, or Lawful permanent resident status.

Who Can Apply: High school seniors, Current college students, Brooklyn residents pursuing undergraduate education, full-time.

Prerequisites: N/A

Other Requirements:

- Application materials include the scholarship application
- Three recommendation letters
- Official transcript
- Essay
- Headshot photo/interview participation
- Proof of income
- Immigration/citizenship status

Funds can be used for: Educational Expenses

Enrollment Requirements: Applicants must be enrolled as a full-time student in a four-year college or university.

FAFSA application required: Yes

Name: Carrie L. Smith Award

Sponsoring Organization: Brooklyn Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc

Amount: \$1,000

Awarded: Fall semester only

GPA: Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5

Residence: Applicants must be residents of Brooklyn, New York.

Citizenship: U.S. citizenship, or Lawful permanent resident status.

Who Can Apply:

- Brooklyn residents who are parents or legal guardians of minor children
- Are receiving an associate degree during the award year
- Plan to pursue a bachelor's degree at Medgar Evers College/CUNY

Prerequisites: N/A

Other Requirements:

- Scholarship application
- Recommendation letters
- Official transcript
- Essay
- Proof of residency

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Funds can be used for: Educational Expenses.

Enrollment Requirements: Enroll Full-time at Medgar Evers College.

FAFSA application required: N/A

Finger Lakes Region

Name: Friends of Senator Jack Perry Migrant Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: New York State Migrant Education Program

Amount: \$1,000

Awarded: One-time grant

GPA: N/A

Residence: N/A

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: High School seniors or current undergraduate students.

Prerequisites: Students from migrant farmworker families who have a history of migration to and/or within New York.

Other Requirements: Eligibility for Migrant Education services in New York State presently, within the past three calendar years, or anytime during high school.

Funds can be used for: Tuition, Fees, Books and course materials, Housing and living expenses related to school, and other educational costs.

Enrollment Requirements: Attend a postsecondary institution, vocational school, or advanced training program, preferably in New York State.

FAFSA application required: N/A

Name: Robert Apicella Good Samaritan Migrant Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: Geneseo Migrant Center

Amount: \$500

Awarded: One-time, non-renewable.

GPA: N/A

Residence: N/A

Citizenship: U.S. and international students

Who Can Apply: Must be a high school senior at the time of application

Prerequisites: Must have experience with migratory farm work, either personally or through family agricultural migration.

Other Requirements: Attend a postsecondary institution or other advanced training.

Selection is based on a demonstrated caring and giving attitude toward another individual or community.

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Funds can be used for: Tuition, Fees, Books and course materials, Housing and living expenses related to school, and other educational costs.

Enrollment Requirements: N/A

FAFSA application required: N/A

Hudson Valley

Name: Maureen and Stan Straub Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley

Amount: \$1000

Awarded: One-time award

Residence: Resident in the RCK part of the district

Who Can Apply: Graduating seniors from Roy C. Ketcham High School or who reside in the RCK area.

Prerequisites: Graduating senior from Roy C. Ketcham High School or residing in the RCK area. Involvement/Leadership in community service activities. Demonstrated ability to succeed in their chosen course of study.

Other Requirements: N/A

Funds can be used for: N/A

Enrollment Requirements: N/A

FAFSA application required: Yes

Southern Tier

Name: General Scholarship Application

Sponsoring Organization: Chautauqua Region Community Foundation

Amount: \$500

Awarded: Dependent on the scholarship awarded.

GPA: Dependent on scholarship awarded.

Residence: Residency in Chautauqua County or attendance at a Chautauqua County high school. Some scholarships also include students from Randolph, NY.

Citizenship: Dependent on scholarship awarded

Who Can Apply: High school senior, an undergraduate, or a returning adult student.

Prerequisites: Individual scholarships have specific requirements.

Other Requirements: Individual scholarships have specific requirements.

Funds can be used for: Tuition, Fees, Books and course materials, Housing and living expenses related to school, and other educational costs.

Enrollment Requirements: Full-time enrollment at an accredited college or university.

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FAFSA application required: Yes

Long Island

Name: DREAMS for Youth Scholarship

Sponsoring Organization: United Way Long Island

Amount: \$1,000-\$2,500

Awarded: 2.0 (Undergraduate students)

GPA: N/A

Residence: Be a current resident of Long Island.

Citizenship: N/A

Who Can Apply: High School Seniors

Prerequisites: Attend a High School in Nassau or Suffolk Counties.

Other Requirements:

- Be involved in community service activities
- Show demonstrated financial need. Copy of parent/guardian's most recent Annual Income Tax Return. Household Gross Annual Income
- Student's school transcript (for graduating high school seniors)
- Two letters of recommendation (for graduating high school seniors)
- Student's resume (for graduating high school seniors; include name on each page)

Funds can be used for: Assists with costs associated with educational goals at a college, university, private, or vocational school.

Enrollment Requirements: Enrolled at an accredited college, university, private, or vocational school.

FAFSA application required: Yes

Name: Kaplan Leadership program

Sponsoring Organization: Kaplan Educational Foundation

Amount: up to \$3000

Awarded: N/A

GPA: Minimum GPA of 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale)

Residence: NYC/NJ Area

Citizenship: Be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident

Who Can Apply: Students currently matriculated in an Associate's degree program.

Prerequisites: N/A

Other Requirements: Committed to transfer to a bachelor's program immediately upon completion of an associate's degree.

Funds can be used for: Study abroad, summer coursework, and unexpected costs. Funds for books and materials, transportation, and application fees. Living stipends and

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scholarships.

Enrollment Requirements: Enrolled in an eligible community college in the New York City area, the New Jersey area, or the Westchester area

FAFSA application required: Yes

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Glossary of Common Terms

Academic calendar year: Ranges from August through July.

Accreditation: Confirms that the college or vocational school (an association of trade and business schools that are licensed) meets certain minimum academic standards, as defined by an accrediting body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Schools must be accredited to be eligible to participate in federal student aid programs.

Administrative Wage Garnishment (AWG): A tool that allows the federal government or a guaranty agency to have your employer withhold a portion of your earnings to collect unpaid non-tax debts that you owe to the federal government. If you have a federal student loan in default, up to 15% of your disposable pay could be taken by the federal government or a guaranty agency to repay your debt.

Calendar year: Ranges from January through December.

Default: Failure to repay a loan according to the terms agreed to in the promissory note. For most federal student loans, you will default if you have not made a payment in more than 270 days. If you default on a federal student loan, you lose eligibility to receive federal student aid and you may experience serious legal consequences.

Deferment: A temporary postponement of payment on a loan that is allowed under certain conditions and during which interest generally does not accrue on Direct Subsidized Loans, the subsidized portion of Direct Consolidation Loans, Subsidized Federal Stafford Loans, the subsidized portion of FFEL Consolidation Loans, and Federal Perkins Loans. All other federal student loans that are deferred will continue to accrue interest. Any unpaid interest that accrued during the deferment period may be added to the principal balance (capitalized) of the loan(s).

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA): A deferred action policy to protect qualifying young undocumented immigrants who came to the U.S. as children, who are commonly referred to as “Dreamers.” DACA temporarily shields them from deportation and provides them work authorization with possible renewal every two years.

Disbursement: Payment of federal student aid funds to the student by the school. Students generally receive their federal student aid in two or more disbursements.

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Early Decision: A college admission policy that allows applicants, who commit to attend that school, to apply and receive notice of their admission early. If the applicant is accepted, he or she agrees to attend that school and must withdraw all other applications.

Eligible noncitizen: A U.S. national (includes natives of American Samoa or Swains Island), U.S. permanent resident (who has an I-151, I-551 or I-551C [Permanent Resident Card]), or an individual who has an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

Financial aid package: The total amount of financial aid (federal and nonfederal) a student is offered by a college or career school. The school's financial aid staff combines various forms of aid into a package to help meet a student's education costs.

Forbearance: A period during which your monthly loan payments are suspended or reduced. Your lender may grant you a forbearance if you are willing but unable to make loan payments due to certain types of financial hardships. During forbearance, principal payments are postponed, but interest continues to accrue. Unpaid interest that accrues during the forbearance will be added to the principal balance (capitalized) of your loan(s), increasing the total amount you owe.

Forgiveness: Forgiveness, cancellation, and discharge all refer to the cancellation of a borrower's obligation to repay all or a portion of the remaining principal and interest owed on a student loan but are generally used in different contexts.

Grace period: For certain types of federal student loans, a period after you graduate, leave school, or drop below half-time enrollment, during which you are not required to make payments. You are responsible for paying the interest that accrues on unsubsidized loans during the grace period. If the interest is unpaid, it will be added to the loan's principal balance (capitalized) when the repayment period begins.

Grant: Student aid funds that do not have to be repaid.¹ Most federal grants are based on need.²

Loan: Borrowed money that must be repaid with interest

Merit-based: Based on a student's skill or ability. Example: A merit-based scholarship might be awarded based on a student's high grades.

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Need-based: Based on a student's financial need. Example: A need-based grant might be awarded based on a student's low income.

Promissory note: The binding legal document that you must sign when you get a federal student loan. It lists the terms and conditions under which you agree to repay the loan and explains your rights and responsibilities as a borrower. It's important to read and save this document because you'll need to refer to it later when you begin repaying your loan or at other times when you need information about provisions of the loan, such as deferments or forbearances.

Satisfactory academic progress: The process a school uses to determine if a student is meeting all their educational requirements and is on target to graduate on time with a degree or certificate.

Scholarship: Student aid funds that do not have to be repaid. Scholarships are offered by schools, employers, individuals, private and nonprofit companies, religious groups, and professional and social organizations. Scholarships are based on merit³ and/or need.

Student Aid Report (SAR): A summary of the information you submitted on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. You receive this report (full-time enrollment called the SAR) via email a few days after your FAFSA form has been processed, or by mail within 7-10 days if you did not provide an email address. If there are no corrections or additional information you must provide, the SAR will contain your EFC, which is the number that is used to determine your eligibility for federal student aid.

Subsidized loan: A loan based on financial need for which the federal government generally pays the interest that accrues while the borrower is in an in-school, grace, or deferment status, and during certain periods of repayment under certain income-driven repayment plans.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS): Eligible foreign-born individuals who are unable to return home safely due to conditions or circumstances preventing their country from adequately handling the return.

Unsubsidized loan: A loan for which the borrower is fully responsible for paying the interest regardless of the loan status. Interest on unsubsidized loans accrues from the date of disbursement and continues throughout the life of the loan.

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Work-Study: A federal student aid program that provides part-time employment while you are enrolled in school to help pay your education expenses.

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