SLU TUITION ASSISTANCE SCHOLARSHIP (TAS)
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

ELIGIBILITY

1. WHAT ARE THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SCHOOL OF LABOR AND URBAN STUDIES TUITION ASSISTANCE SCHOLARSHIP?

- Scholarship applicants must be either currently enrolled or admitted and in the process of enrolling in a degree or certificate program at the CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies.
- Applicants must file a 2019-2020 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Applicants must write an essay that discusses financial hardship and a desire to pursue their education goals.
- GRADUATE students in a degree or certificate programs are required to meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) maintain a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 or better. Outstanding INC grades should be resolved prior to application submission. Students with outstanding Incomplete (INC) grades at the time of application submission will be denied.
- UNDERGRADUATE students in a degree or certificate programs are required to meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) maintain a minimum overall GPA of 2.0 or better. Outstanding INC grades should be resolved prior to application submission. Students with outstanding Incomplete (INC) grades at the time of application submission will be denied.
- Prior SLU TAS awardees who cancelled their enrollment (i.e., withdrawal) in a qualifying semester may be required to provide additional information to determine eligibility. The scholarship committee will notify the applicant if such material is required.

2. I AM AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT. AM I ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THE TUITION ASSISTANCE SCHOLARSHIP?

No—not at this time. International students are encouraged to apply for admission to the school and direct funding and other questions to the International Students Office at the CUNY Graduate Center.

3. I HAVE A DACA/TPS STATUS. AM I ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THE TUITION ASSISTANCE SCHOLARSHIP?

Unfortunately, due to federal financial aid guidelines, we are unable to accept applications from students with DACA or TPS status. Please refer to this CUNY page for alternative streams of support.

4. I HAVE LIMITED TUITION ASSISTANCE FROM GRANT, SCHOLARSHIP OR EMPLOYER BENEFIT. CAN I APPLY FOR THE TUITION ASSISTANCE SCHOLARSHIP TO COVER THE GAP?

Yes. However, you must report the amount you are receiving or will be reimbursed from each financial resource on your scholarship application.
5. DO I HAVE TO BE A FULL TIME STUDENT IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR THE SLU TUITION ASSISTANCE SCHOLARSHIP?

No. The applicant must be pursuing a certificate, advanced certificate, bachelors or master's degree at the CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies, and registered for at least one class at the time of application.

APPLICATION

1. HOW DO I APPLY TO THE SLU TUITION ASSISTANCE SCHOLARSHIP? WHERE DO I GET AN APPLICATION?

The application information and the application form are posted at the CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies website. You can access it directly through this link at the Tuition Assistance application page. Read the guidelines carefully and complete the application thoroughly.

Pay attention to the deadlines. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted nor reviewed. Exceptions are never made.

2. WHOM DO I CONTACT IF I CANNOT DOWNLOAD THE APPLICATION?

If you cannot download the application, contact the CUNY SLU Helpdesk at ITHelpDesk@slu.cuny.edu.

3. Whom should I contact if I have further questions about applying, completing the application, or need assistance and support?

Questions related to the SLU Tuition Assistance Scholarship should be directed to the SLU Scholarships Office at scholarships@slu.cuny.edu / 212-642-2083.

4. CAN I SUBMIT A PAPER APPLICATION?

No. All applications must be submitted electronically via email as instructed on the website by 11:59 p.m. EST, on the deadline. A paper copy of the online application will not be accepted.

5. WHERE DO I SEND MY APPLICATION MATERIALS?

You must submit the completed application to scholarships@slu.cuny.edu. A CUNY SLU Student Services representative will confirm the receipt of the application within 48 hours.

AWARD DETAILS, NOTIFICATION & TIMELINE

1. HOW MUCH IS A STUDENT AWARDED?

The maximum award an applicant can receive is $1000.00.

2. HOW MANY SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AWARDED PER SEMESTER?

Varies—depends on the availability of the funding and the number of applications received.

3. HOW ARE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS SELECTED?

The Awards Committee is responsible for selecting recipients based on a combination of students' financial need and academic standing as described in the student's application, and as supported by the appropriate documentation (FAFSA).
4. HOW WILL I KNOW IF I HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO RECEIVE A SCHOLARSHIP?

Upon review of the student’s eligibility, complete applications, and supporting documentation, the Committee will be convened and the award decision made before the beginning of the semester. Applicants will be notified of their status no later than a week before the beginning of the semester.

5. IF I AM A RECIPIENT, HOW DO I RECEIVE MY SCHOLARSHIP?

The Office of Fellowships and Financial Aid will credit scholarships directly to recipients’ tuition and fee liability any time after the semesters last enrollment day. Applicants must use outside grants, scholarships or employer benefits first. SLU TAS will pay any remaining balance under $1000.00. **SLU TAS is non-refundable.** If the your tuition bill is paid in full by an outside grant, scholarship or employer benefit, they will no longer meet the ‘Financial Need’ requirement as outlined by SLU TAS and all monies will be returned to the fund. To be considered for this benefit in a subsequent semester, you must reapply.

6. HOW MANY TIMES CAN I RE-APPLY FOR A CUNY SLU TUITION ASSISTANCE SCHOLARSHIP?

We encourage students who received, or did not receive the scholarship, to re-apply if a demonstrable need remains. Applications will be given consideration in the context of the new circumstances of the subsequent application, available funding, and new applications received.

7. IF I AM AWARDED A CUNY SLU TUITION ASSISTANCE, WILL I HAVE TO PAY IT BACK?

No. CUNY SLU Tuition Assistance awards should not be repaid.

8. MUST I RETURN ANY PART OF MY SCHOLARSHIP IF I DROP, WITHDRAW OR FAIL A COURSE?

No. If you fail or withdraw from the classes for which you receive funding, you do not need to return the scholarship award. However, your eligibility to receive the scholarship in a following semester may be affected. Prior scholarship awardees that cancelled their enrollment (i.e., withdrawal) in a qualifying semester may be required to provide additional information to determine eligibility. The scholarship committee will notify the applicant if such material is required.

9. IF I AM A SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT, AND I DROP MY CLASSES DURING THE DESIGNATED ADD AND DROP PERIOD, AM I ELIGIBLE FOR A REFUND?

No. The CUNY SLU Tuition Assistance Scholarship is non-refundable.

10. WILL THE CUNY SCHOOL OF LABOR AND URBAN STUDIES TUITION ASSISTANCE SCHOLARSHIP PAY FOR OTHER COSTS OF MY EDUCATION?

No. The CUNY SLU Tuition Assistance Scholarship **cannot** be used for:

- Previous debts to the School (including other CUNY colleges)
- Textbooks
- Transportation

11. WHAT ACADEMIC STANDARDS MUST I MAINTAIN TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THE TUITION SCHOLARSHIP?

Recipients of the SLU Tuition Assistance Scholarship must remain in “good academic standing” as defined by CUNY academic guidelines: undergraduate recipients must maintain a 2.0 Grade Point Average (GPA) and graduate recipients must maintain a 3.0 GPA.
12. WHOM DO I CONTACT IF I HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP?

Questions related to the SLU Tuition Assistance Scholarship should be directed to the SLU Scholarships Office at scholarships@slu.cuny.edu / 212-642-2083.

Questions about a student’s individual Financial Aid package should be directed to financialaid@gc.cuny.edu / 212 817 7460.