



Tuition Scholarship (TS)

Empowering Students by Breaking Down Financial Barriers

The Tuition Scholarship (TS) was created to help students manage their financial lives. It is intended to foster effective money management, savings, and planning techniques. The Tuition Scholarship provides up to \$1,000.00 in support for **new** and **continuing** students with financial need. Awards are determined per semester. Students are encouraged to reapply each term if they have a demonstrable need.

Eligibility Requirements

Financial Need	Based on FAFSA ★ Satisfactory Academic Progress ★ ★
Program	Undergraduate degree or certificate Graduate degree or certificate
GPA	Minimum 2.0 Undergraduate Minimum 3.0 Graduate
Enrollment	3-credits per upcoming fall or spring semester

★ Households with a combined federal adjusted gross income of less than \$80,000 per year are eligible to apply. Awardees are required to complete a FAFSA per each academic year.

★ ★ Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) indicates successful completion of coursework towards a degree or certificate. Students must resolve incomplete coursework (INC) prior to application submission. Applications submitted with outstanding incompletes will be denied.

Application Requirements

- **FAFSA.** Once you complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you must submit the confirmation page with your TS application.
- **Qualifying Essay.** Applicants are required to submit a 500 to 1000-word statement of financial need. This should explain why the applicant would benefit from being awarded the Tuition Scholarship.

Application Deadline

New Student: August 4, 2020

Continuing Student: August 4, 2020

Applications are opened for new students entering in the fall and spring.



Submission Instructions

Submit the application, FAFSA confirmation page, and personal statement to:
scholarships@slu.cuny.edu. Remember, recommendations are submitted via email.

Applications are acknowledged within 48-hours of submission. Students should notify the Scholarship Office if they do not receive a submission confirmation within 48-hours by calling (212) 642-2083.

Awarding

The CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies will review scholarship applications against the stated criteria and overall completeness.

**Awardees (new students) will be notified by: August 15, 2020
via their college email address.**

**Awardees (continuing students) will be notified by: August 15, 2020
via their college email address**

- Tuition Scholarships are packaged by the Office Fellowship and Financial Aid. Disbursement may be scheduled any time after the add and drop period.
- Awardees who cancel their enrollment or withdraw may no longer be eligible for TS. Additional details are listed in the FAQ.
- TS is only applied to the cost of tuition and fees at the CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies. Stipends or refunds from this award are prohibited. Tuition and fees costs exceeding the maximum allowable benefit are the responsibility of the student.
- TS assumes last payer priority to eligible federal and state grants and employer sponsored benefits. For example, an awardee receives a Federal Pell Grant for \$1,500 towards their tuition/fees totaling \$2000.00. TS then pays \$500.00.
- Students must reapply each semester. The FAFSA is required each academic year to assess financial need. Households exceeding \$80,000 in combined federal adjusted gross income will no longer meet the financial need requirement and the scholarship will be terminated.
- The minimum GPA for an undergraduate is 2.0 and graduate is 3.0.



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New Applicant

Returning Applicant

Last Name			First Name	
Middle Initial		EMPLID		
Address				
City		State		
Zip				
Phone #				
Student Email				
Personal Email				
Degree/Certificate Program				

FAFSA

Your FAFSA must be completed at the time of submission. Attach your FAFSA confirmation page. Households with a combined federal adjusted gross income of less than \$80,000 per year are eligible to apply.

Visit <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa> to get started. When completing the FAFSA, the Title IV School Code is **004765** under the CUNY Graduate School and University Center. If you have questions while completing the FAFSA form, you may contact the FAFSA help line at (800) 433-3243.

Statement of Financial Need

Submit a 1000-word essay on how you will benefit from receiving the Tuition Scholarship. Be sure to include the following:

1. Introduce yourself. For example – are you the first in your family to go to college? Are you financially or economically disadvantaged?
2. Explain how you are paying for college now. Detail what steps you have already taken to pay for your education, such as a 529-Savings Plan or student loans.
3. Explain difficulties you are having in meeting your needs – this is the place to talk about circumstances in your life that have impacted your ability to pay for your education. For instance, there may have been changes in your family's income, unanticipated expenses or a shortfall in your finances. In this area, you can also provide information to show that



you handle funds responsibly. For instance, have you already paid for a semester, or a year, by your own efforts?

4. Talk about how you would benefit from the scholarship. How will this scholarship help you achieve your academic or career goals?

Important Information

APPLICATION DEADLINE

NEW STUDENT: Tuesday, August 4, 2020

CONTINUING STUDENT: Tuesday, August 4, 2020

- Submissions are final. Supporting documents not included with the original application may not be considered.
- Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted or reviewed. There are no exceptions.
- The Awards Committee is authorized to review and select recipients for institutional awards. Decisions are final.
- Falsification of information will automatically disqualify the applicant from receiving any scholarships.
- Students agree that if awarded a scholarship, the CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies may share their name and scholarship information with the local media, television, radio and/or the College website.

I, the undersigned, have read and understood the terms of this application. I hereby certify that this form and any attachments are truthful and that I am the person whose details have been provided.

Signature

Date



Tuition Scholarship (TS) FAQ

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1. WHERE CAN I OBTAIN THE TS APPLICATION?

The application is available on the CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies website. If you cannot download the application, contact the CUNY SLU Helpdesk at ITHelpDesk@slu.cuny.edu.

2. WHO CAN I CONTACT FOR APPLICATION ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT?

Questions related to the TS Scholarship should be directed to scholarships@slu.cuny.edu or (212) 642-2083. Questions about your Financial Aid package should be directed to financialaid@gc.cuny.edu or (212) 817-7460.

3. ARE PAPER APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED?

No. All applications must be submitted electronically via email to scholarships@slu.cuny.edu by 11:59 p.m. EST, on the deadline. A paper copy of the online application will not be accepted. A Student Services Representative will confirm the receipt of the application within 48 hours.

Pay attention to deadlines. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted or reviewed. Exceptions are never made.

4. WHAT ARE THE MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR TS?

- Applicants must be currently enrolled in a degree or certificate program at the CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies.
- Graduate students must maintain an overall GPA of 3.0 or better; Undergraduates 2.0 or better.
- Applicants with a combined federal adjusted gross income of less than \$80,000 per year are eligible, as determined by the FAFSA. Additionally, Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) is required.

5. WHAT ARE THE MINIMUM APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR TS?

- Complete a FAFSA and provide the confirmation page.
- Write a qualifying statement of financial need.



6. DO ONLY FULL-TIME STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR TS?

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.

7. ARE STUDENTS WITH INCOMPLETE COURSEWORK (INC) ELIGIBLE FOR TS?

No. Incompletes must be resolved prior to submitting an application.

8. CAN I APPLY FOR TS IF I RECEIVE TUITION ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER SOURCES?

Yes, however, full financial aid (excluding federal or private student loans) will prorate TS to \$0. TS is a last payer, which means it will cover the difference in tuition after financial aid is applied (excluding federal or private student loans). For example, an awardee receives a Federal Pell Grant for \$1,000 towards their tuition and fees totaling \$2000.00. TS then pays \$1000.00.

9. HOW ARE TS RECIPIENTS SELECTED?

The Awards Committee will score applications based on the stated criteria and overall completeness. Decisions are final.

10. HOW ARE TS RECIPIENTS NOTIFIED?

The Awards Committee will render a decision at least one week prior to the new semester. The awardee will receive a notification to their College email.

11. HOW MANY TS RECIPIENTS ARE THERE PER SEMESTER?

This depends on the availability of the funding and the number of applications received.

12. HOW MUCH DOES TS PAY IN TUITION AND FEES?

The maximum award an applicant can receive is \$1000.00.

13. HOW IS TS PAID?

The Office of Fellowships and Financial Aid will credit scholarships directly to recipients' tuition bill any time after the semesters last enrollment day. Applicants must use outside grants, scholarships or employer benefits first. TS pays any remaining balance under \$1,000.00. TS is non-refundable. Therefore, awardees whose bill is paid in full by an outside grant, scholarship or



employer benefit no longer have financial need as defined by the TS application and the scholarship is cancelled for that semester.

14. CAN TS BE ALLOCATED TO PAY OTHER EDUCATIONAL COSTS?

No. TS cannot be used for prior debts, textbooks, or transportation.

15. CAN I RECEIVE A REFUND FROM TS?

No. TS is derived from qualified charges and financial aid (excluding federal or private loans). Refunds are not permitted.

16. ARE TS FUNDS RESCINDED IF I DROP OR WITHDRAW FROM COURSES?

Awardees that drop or withdraw from the semester in which they received TS will not lose funding. However, you may be ineligible to receive TS in upcoming semesters. Students with extenuating personal circumstances should follow the approved appeal process to restore eligibility.

17. HOW MANY TIMES CAN STUDENTS REAPPLY FOR TS?

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.

18. WHAT HAPPENS IF MY FAFSA CHANGES?

Applicants or awardees who no longer have demonstrable financial need may no longer be eligible for TS.

19. WHAT HAPPENS IF MY GPA FALLS BELOW THE MINIMUM?

Awardees whose GPA falls below the minimum during the semester in which they received TS will not lose funding. However, the student will no longer be eligible to apply for TS in subsequent terms until their GPA meets the application requirements.