NYS AID FOR PART-TIME STUDENTS (APTS)

Qualifying Program and Credits

You must be a matriculated student. For this program at CUNY part-time study means being enrolled for at least 6 but less than 12 credits per semester.

Resident Information

You must be a New York State resident.

Eligibility

To be considered for an APTS award students must:

- be a legal resident of New York State and have resided in NYS for at least 12 continuous months prior to the start of the term;
- be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen;
- 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 in good academic standing;
- be charged at least $100 tuition per year;
- meet income eligibility limitations;
- not have exhausted Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) eligibility;
- 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.

Income Limits

Eligibility for an APTS award is based on New York State net taxable income from the preceding calendar year.

- If students were eligible to be claimed as tax dependents by their parents, family New York State NET taxable income can be as much as $50,550 to qualify for an award. Family income includes student AND parents’ income.
- If students were not eligible to be claimed by their parents as tax dependents, their New York State NET taxable income (including spouse’s income) can be as much as $34,250 to qualify for an award. Spouse’s income must be included if they were married on or before December 31 of the previous calendar year.
- If students were not eligible to be claimed by their parents but were eligible to claim tax dependents other than self and/or spouse, New York State NET taxable income (including spouse’s income) can be as much as $50,550 to qualify for an award. Spouse’s income must be included if they were married on or before December 31 of the previous calendar year.