



# CUNY SCHOOL OF LABOR AND URBAN STUDIES

THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

## NYS TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP)

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### Eligibility

An applicant must:

- be a legal resident of NYS and have resided in NYS for 12 continuous months;
- be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen;
- 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 post-secondary institution in New York State;
- be matriculated in an approved program of study and be in good academic standing with at least a “C” average as of the 4th semester payment
- be enrolled as a full-time student taking twelve 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.

\* Credit-bearing courses in the student’s minimum full-time course load (12 semester hours or the equivalent) must consist of courses applicable to the student’s program of study as a general education requirement, major requirement, or elective.

All federal undergraduate financial aid is limited to 150 percent of the credits required for the bachelor’s degree. Minimum standards of satisfactory progress for financial aid are indicated below.

To receive each TAP payment:

- Credits counted must meet degree requirements as described in the bulletin;
- You must have completed a specific number of credits in the previous semester;
- You must have accumulated a specific number of credits towards your degree;
- You must maintain a specific minimum GPA (grade point average);
- You must have declared a major by the time you complete 60 credits (If you are repeating a course in order to earn the “C” required for your major, your major must be noted in your academic records even if you have not yet completed 61 credits).



## TAP Income Limits

Student Type	NYS Taxable Income Limit
Dependent undergraduate students or Independent students who are married and have tax dependents, or Independent students who are unmarried and have tax dependents, or beginning with the 2014-15 academic year, students who qualify as an orphan, foster child or ward of the court	\$80,000
Independent undergraduate students who are married and have no other tax dependents	\$40,000
Single independent undergraduate students with no tax dependents	\$10,000

## Continuing Students

Before Being Certified for This Payment	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
A Student Must Have Accrued At least This Many Credits	0	6	15	27	39	51	66	81	96	111
With At Least This Grade Point Average	0	1.5	1.8	1.8	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0

## Repeated Courses

Repeated courses in which you have already received a passing grade cannot be included in meeting the TAP full-time study requirement. Repeated courses may be counted toward the full-time study requirement if:

1. You repeat a course that you have previously failed;
2. You repeat a course for additional credit;
3. You received a passing grade this is unacceptable in a particular curriculum.

## TAP Waivers

You may be granted a waiver of the TAP academic requirements once, as an undergraduate student and once, as a graduate student, with the strong expectation that you will meet all requirements in the future. Contact the Financial Aid Office for more information about the procedure for applying for a waiver.

Additional information about the [New York States Tuition Assistance Program](#) can be found on CUNY's New York State Grants website.