



TUITION SCHOLARSHIP

Empowering Students by Breaking Down Financial Barriers

The Tuition Scholarship (TUT) was created to assist in defraying tuition and fees costs. It provides up to \$1,000.00 in support for new and continuing students with financial need. Awards depend on the availability of funds and award amounts may vary. The scholarship is not recurring, so students are encouraged to reapply each term if they have a demonstrable need.

FAQ

1. Where can I obtain a TUT application?

The application is available on the CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies website: <https://slu.cuny.edu/tuition-and-financial-aid/education-financing/grants-and-scholarships/slu-tuition-scholarship/>.

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?

Scholarships@slu.cuny.edu.

3. Are paper applications accepted?

No. The application and supporting documents must be submitted electronically by 11:59 p.m. EST on the deadline using the secure document upload: <https://www.dropbox.com/request/MAMclvrfqYqmVfDivzPc>

Please pay attention to deadlines. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted or reviewed. Paper copies of the online application will not be accepted.

4. What are the minimum application requirements for TUT?

- New or continuing undergraduate or graduate students in a certificate or degree-seeking program.
- Enroll in at least 3-credits
- Demonstrate financial need (FAFSA)
- Submit a 500 to 1000-word personal statement
- Maintain a minimum GPA is 2.0 for undergraduates; 3.0 for graduates.
- Meet *Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)*, which is the successful completion of coursework towards a degree or certificate. Incomplete coursework (INC) must be resolved prior to application submission. Applications submitted with outstanding incompletes will be denied.

5. Do only full-time students qualify for TUT?

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, 3-credit course.

6. I have incomplete coursework (INC). Am I eligible for TUT?

No. Incompletes must be resolved prior to applying.

7. Can I apply for TUT if I receive aid from other sources?

Yes. However, TUT is a last payer award. This means outside grants, scholarships, or employer benefits must be used first. TUT will cover the difference in tuition after financial aid is applied (excluding federal or private student loans).

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Questions about Financial Aid should be directed to financialaid@slu.cuny.edu or (212) 817-7460.



8. How are awardees selected?

The awarding committee scores applications based on the stated criteria and renders a final decision.

9. How are TUT awardees notified?

The awarding committee will transmit their decision to the Office of Student Accounts, Scholarship Department. The Scholarship Department will notify awardees via the e-mail listed on their application.

Please contact StudentAccounts@slu.cuny.edu with questions or concerns about TUT payments.

10. How much does TUT pay in tuition and fees?

Awards depend on the availability of funds and award amounts may vary. The maximum award an applicant can receive is \$1,000.00.

11. How is TUT applied to my bill?

The Scholarship Department works with the Office Fellowships and Financial Aid to package and disburse TUT after the enrollment verification date.

12. Can TUT be allocated to pay other educational costs?

Unfortunately, no. TUT cannot be used for prior debts, textbooks, or transportation.

13. Can I receive a refund if TUT payments exceed the cost of my tuition and fees?

Unfortunately, no. Awards are derived from qualified charges and financial aid (excluding federal or private loans). Refunds are not permitted. TUT is the last payer, which means outside grants, scholarships, or employer benefits must be used first. TUT will cover the difference in tuition after financial aid is applied (excluding federal or private student loans).

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14. Are TUT funds rescinded if I drop or withdraw from courses?

TUT recipients are encouraged to focus on their studies and only drop or withdraw in extreme circumstances. While the awardee will not lose funding in the semester TUT was awarded, such actions may cause future TUT applications to be denied. Students with extenuating personal circumstances should follow the approved appeal process to restore eligibility.

15. How many times can students reapply for TUT?

We encourage students who received, or did not receive, the scholarship, to reapply 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.

16. What happens if my FAFSA changes?

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

17. What happens if my GPA falls below the minimum?

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