



Financial Aid Programs for NYS Students

HESC administers the following grants, scholarships, and loan forgiveness programs. They are listed in alphabetical order.

Grants and Scholarships

Aid for Part-time Study

Provides awards for part-time undergraduate study at participating institutions.

Child Welfare Worker Incentive Scholarship Program

Provides awards for child welfare workers at licensed not-for-profit agencies in New York State.

Enhanced Tuition Awards

Provides awards for New York State residents attending participating private colleges.

Excelsior Scholarship

Provides an award that enables tuition-free attendance at SUNY or CUNY colleges when combined with other financial aid.

Flight 3407 Memorial Scholarship

Provides awards for dependents of victims of the 2009 Flight 3407 crash.

Masters-in-Education Teacher Incentive Scholarship Program

Provides awards for students pursuing a master's degree at SUNY or CUNY full-time.

Math & Science Teaching Incentive Scholarship

Provides a grant for students pursuing math or science teaching careers in secondary education.

Memorial Scholarship

Provides awards to cover educational costs for dependents of first responders who died as a result of injury sustained in the line of duty.

Military Enhanced Recognition Incentive & Tribute (MERIT) Scholarship

Provides SUNY tuition for dependents of military members who died or were disabled in service.

Part-Time Scholarship Award Program

Provides tuition awards to part-time students attending a state-operated community college.

Regents Awards for Children of Deceased and Disabled Veterans

Provides awards to children of veterans who are deceased, at least 40 percent disabled, missing in action, or were a prisoner of war.

Scholarships for Academic Excellence

Provides up to 2,000 scholarships each year to top high school graduates in New York State.

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Incentive Program

Provides tuition awards for top students pursuing STEM degrees and careers in New York State.

Senator Patricia K. McGee Nursing Faculty Scholarship

Provides awards to licensed nurses who study to become nursing faculty and agrees to serve as a teacher in a facility in New York State.

Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)

Provides awards for students attending full-time, part-time and non-degree programs. TAP is one of the nation's largest need-based college financial aid programs.

Veterans Tuition Awards

Provides awards for veterans with at least four years of active-duty service and combat veterans pursuing an undergraduate, graduate degree, or vocational training program.

World Trade Center Memorial Scholarship

Provides awards for dependents of victims of the September 11, 2001 attacks.

Loan Forgiveness Programs

Child Welfare Worker Loan Forgiveness Incentive Program

Loan forgiveness for those providing direct care at a New York State-licensed child welfare agency.

District Attorney Loan Forgiveness Program

Student loan forgiveness for district attorneys and indigent legal services attorneys.

Get on Your Feet Loan Forgiveness Program

Student loan forgiveness for people participating in a federal income-driven repayment plan.

Licensed Social Worker Loan Forgiveness Program

Student loan forgiveness for licensed social workers working in critical human service areas.

Nursing Faculty Loan Forgiveness Incentive Program

Student loan forgiveness for nursing faculty in New York State.

Regents Physician Loan Forgiveness Program

Provides payment of loans for physicians who practice medicine in underserved areas of NY State.

Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program

Loan forgiveness for teachers in hard-to-staff districts or subject shortage areas in New York State.

Young Farmers Loan Forgiveness Incentive Program

Student loan forgiveness for farmers in exchange for operating a farm in New York State, on a full-time basis, for five years.