

# NEW YORK STATE FINANCIAL AID

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These Scholarship and Grant programs are for New York State residents only. You must be admitted to and enrolled in a degree granting program at Pace University to receive awards.

## Special Application Procedures for New York State Awards

Students who wish to apply for TAP should file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). When you apply using FAFSA-on-the-Web, you will be prompted to complete your online TAP application at the end of the FAFSA session. When your FAFSA is complete you will be asked to do the following:

- Establish a HESC PIN (Personal Identification Number) for TAP.
- You MUST establish your PIN in order to apply, keep track of your application information, or make changes.
- Information from your FAFSA and your family's calculated NYS net taxable income will be pre-filled on your application for TAP-on-the-Web.

Applications for NYS TAP and scholarships should be made through the New York State Higher Education Services Corporation (NYS HESC). Contact them at 1-(888)-NYS-HESC or go online at <http://www.hesc.ny.gov> (<http://www.hesc.ny.gov/>).

The TAP application deadline is June 30th of the academic year for which aid is sought.

## Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)

Direct grants currently of up to \$5,665 per year are made to full-time (12 new credits a semester) matriculated students who have resided in New York State for at least one year and are making satisfactory academic progress toward their degree. Maximum usage is for eight semesters.

The amount of the grant is determined by the amount of net taxable income reported on the New York State income tax return for the student and parents. Net taxable income equals gross income minus all exemptions and deductions. If more than one member of the student's family is attending a college or other approved school on a full-time basis, the net taxable income is reduced by \$3,000 for the second family member and by \$2,000 for each additional family member.

The maximum net taxable income cut-off for first-time dependent and independent (married or with dependents) undergraduate recipients as of 2019-2020 is \$80,000. The maximum net taxable income cut-off for independent undergraduate students who are unmarried or have no tax dependents as of 2019-2020 is \$10,000.

NYS reserves the right to change their laws each year when they vote on the state budget.

## Regents Awards for Children of Deceased and Disabled Veterans

New York State residents who are children of certain deceased and disabled veterans will receive \$450 per year for attendance at institutions in New York State. Application should be made through the New York State Higher Education Services Corporation (NYS HESC). Contact them at 1-(888)-NYS-HESC or go online at <http://www.hesc.ny.gov> (<http://www.hesc.ny.gov/>).

## Regents Awards for Children of Deceased Police Officers, Firefighters, and Corrections Officers

Awards for full-time study are available to New York State residents who are children of deceased police officers, firefighters, or correction officers of New York State, or any of its municipalities, who died as a result of an injury sustained in the line of duty. Application may be made through the New York State Higher Education Services Corporation (NYS HESC). Contact them at 1-(888)-NYS-HESC or go online at <https://www.hesc.ny.gov>.

## New York State Aid for Part-Time Study (APTS)

Grants of up to \$1,000 per semester are available to matriculated undergraduate students enrolled in 3 to 11 credits per semester. A 2.0 QPA is required, and eligibility is restricted to New York State residents. To qualify, the New York State Net Taxable Income must be less than \$34,250 for independent students and \$50,550 for dependent students and independent students with dependent children or other qualified dependents. Students must have financial need. NYS reserves the right to change their laws each year when they vote on the state budget.

Application forms may be obtained on the Pace website, under Financial Aid Forms (<https://www.pace.edu/financial-aid/forms-and-applications/>). Students who file in the Fall will automatically be renewed for the Spring semester, if they continue to meet program requirements. (See additional guidelines with application).

## New York State Assistance for Native Americans

Enrolled members of New York State nations or tribes and their children who are New York State residents may obtain grants up to \$1,750 a year for up to five years of attendance in an accredited college or university located in New York State.

Application forms may be obtained from the Native American Indian Education Unit, New York State Education Department, Room 478 EBA, Albany, NY 12234.

## Veterans Tuition Award

This program provides financial assistance to help Vietnam Veterans, Persian Gulf Veterans, and Afghanistan Veterans studying on either a full-time or part-time basis, meet tuition charges. For full-time study, veterans are eligible for an award equal to the amount of undergraduate tuition for New York State residents charged by the State University of New York, or actual tuition charged, whichever is less. For part-time study, awards are prorated by credit hour. Part-time study for Veterans Tuition Awards is defined as at least three but fewer than twelve semester hours (or the equivalent) at degree-granting institutions. To apply for the New York State Veterans Tuition Award you must complete a FASFA. For more information please visit: Veterans Tuition Award.

## Regents Professional Opportunity Scholarships

New York State offers 220 Regents Professional Opportunity Scholarships for students enrolled in an approved program leading to a degree in one of the following areas at Pace University:

- Accountancy (CPA),
- Nurse practitioner,
- Physical therapy,
- Physician assistant,
- Psychology (doctorate),
- Law (JD) or
- Social work (master's).

Awards are restricted to full-time, matriculated New York State residents. Selection is limited to those who are economically disadvantaged and/or who are members of a minority group that is historically underrepresented in the chosen profession.

The scholarship provides up to \$5,000 annually based on gross income and cost of education. The total of the scholarship and any TAP award received may not exceed the cost of education. Scholarships may cover up to four years of study for a standard baccalaureate degree. Scholarship recipients must enter into an approved practice within New York State in the field of study for which the scholarship was granted. The service requirement is one year for each annual scholarship payment received. For additional information and application forms, write or call:

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