Aid for Part-Time Study

The Aid for Part-Time Study (APTS) program provides grant assistance for eligible part-time students enrolled in approved undergraduate studies.

Amount

Awards provide up to $2,000 per year for part-time undergraduate study at participating institutions in New York State. An APTS award cannot exceed tuition charges.

Income Limits

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

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

Study Requirements

For this program, part-time study means being enrolled for at least:

- 3 but less than 12 semester hours per semester.
- 4 but less than 8 credit hours per trimester.

Eligibility

To be considered for an APTS award, students must:

- Enroll part time as matriculated students in approved undergraduate degree programs or registered certificate programs at degree-granting institutions in New York State.
- Meet the program income limits.
- Be New York State residents and either United States citizens or qualifying non-citizens.
- Have a tuition charge of at least $100 per year.
- Not have used up Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) eligibility.
- Maintain good academic standing.
- Not be in default on a Federal Family Education Loan.
- Have achieved at least a cumulative “C” average after having received the equivalent of two full years of payment of State-sponsored student financial aid.
- Be a high school graduate, or receive the equivalent of a high school certificate, or receive a passing grade on a federally-approved examination if receiving a State-sponsored award for the first time in the 1996-97 academic year.

**Selection for an APTS Award**

The New York State Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC) distributes APTS funds to participating colleges in New York State. College financial aid administrators select potential recipients from eligible students and decide who will receive APTS awards based on the funds they have available and students’ needs.

**How to Apply**

To apply, students should obtain an APTS application from the college the student will be attending. Since funds are limited, the student should complete the application and return it to the college as early as possible for processing.