

Financial Aid

Aid

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HOW TO APPLY

Students must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year as soon as possible after January 1. Although parents' information may be required, it is the student's responsibility to complete all application requirements for all aid programs. NOTE: Students must be sure to indicate "SUNY-College at New Paltz" in the college release section of the **FAFSA**, code # **002846**.

The FAFSA is the form used to apply for Federal Pell Grants, Federal Stafford Loans, and the three "Campus-Based" programs. They are Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, Federal Perkins Loan, and Federal College Work Study Program. For more graduate student information, access the financial aid website at: <http://www.newpaltz.edu/financialaid/graduateinfo.html>

ESTIMATED GRADUATE DIRECT COSTS OF ATTENDANCE

	Estimated Fall 2008 – Spring 2009 Costs			
	NYS RESIDENT	NYS RESIDENT MBA TUITION	OUT OF STATE RESIDENT	OUT OF STATE MBA TUITION
TUITION	\$ 6,900	\$7,100	\$ 10,920	\$ 11,340
FEES	\$ 1,604	\$ 1,604	\$ 1,604	\$ 1,604
ROOM	\$ 5,600	\$ 5,600	\$ 5,600	\$ 5,600
BOARD	\$ 2,900	\$ 2,900	\$ 2,900	\$ 2,900
TOTALS	\$ 17,004	\$ 17,204	\$21,024	\$21,444

Graduate Students

Financial aid is available to matriculated graduate students that are enrolled at least half time. Graduate students usually receive Stafford loans and potentially, NYS TAP. Alternative loans are available as well.

Student Employment

The College also offers part-time employment to students enrolled at the College. There are no income requirements; however, to be considered you should visit the Financial Aid Office for an information packet. Temporary service information is also available on the college web site.

New Paltz Time Payment Plan

The New Paltz Time Payment Plan allows you to make equal monthly payments toward the cost of tuition, fees, and on-campus room and board. By utilizing the Time Payment Plan, you and your family can incorporate the cost of college into the family budget for up to five months. This is not a loan. There is no interest charged. There are no hidden costs. Just add the \$25.00 application fee to your first installment. Even if you are receiving scholarships or some financial aid, you may enroll in the Time Payment Plan. It is an easy way to pay the balance of your bill NOT covered by aid or other resources. As long as the amount due from you exceeds \$500 for the semester we will accept a Time Payment Plan for the balance. Enroll online at my.newpaltz.edu.

ADDITIONAL GRADUATE FUNDING

Sojourner Truth Fellowships

(SUNY Graduate Diversity Fellowship)

The Sojourner Truth Fellowship is designed to increase the diversity of New Paltz's graduate student population. It may be available on a competitive basis to eligible U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Eligibility:

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- have a 3.0 undergraduate GPA to initially qualify
- be matriculated in a graduate program at SUNY New Paltz
- be enrolled for full-time study (12 graduate credits each semester)
- be a US citizen or Permanent Resident
- be in pursuit of an initial master's degree (second degree candidates are not eligible for funding)
- adequately meet the diversity criteria set forth in the essay question below

Awards:

Students who are awarded a Sojourner Truth Fellowship will receive a stipend that may be applied towards their tuition and expenses.

- It is the student's responsibility to sign all registration/student invoices and pay all college fees
- The stipend amount is determined annually (presently it ranges from \$2500-5000/semester)
- Students must maintain a 3.0 graduate GPA in order to continue receiving funding

How to Apply:

To be considered for an award:

1. Submit a Sojourner Truth Fellowship application form
2. Submit a supplemental essay with your application that addresses how any of the following criteria apply to you:
 - a history of overcoming disadvantage first-generation college student
 - raised in a single-parent household
 - member of an underrepresented minority group (American Indian or Alaskan native, Black/African American, Mexican American, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, Puerto Rican, Other Hispanic)
3. If applying to the Graduate School for matriculation in a graduate program, submit the supplemental essay with your application.
4. If you are already a graduate candidate, e-mail your supplemental essay and application as attachments to Vika Shock at: shockv@newpaltz.edu for consideration.
5. **Application Deadlines:** Fall Semester—July 1, Spring Semester*—December 1
*Spring funding is limited. Contact The Graduate School before applying.)

All awards are competitive. For more information, applicants should contact the Graduate School at: gradschool@newpaltz.edu. The Sojourner Truth Application packet may be downloaded from our website at: www.newpaltz.edu/graduate/forms.cfm.

Graduate Opportunity Tuition Waiver Program

(former EOP, SEEK, HEOP)

Former undergraduate students who were enrolled in "Opportunity" programs may be eligible for a partial or full tuition waiver for full-time matriculated study. This is a New York State sponsored program. The application procedure includes: proof of undergraduate enrollment in an educationally disadvantaged opportunity program; TAP application; FAFSA and Graduate School admissions application and a GPA of 3.0. Apply through the Graduate School Office, or you may download the Graduate Opportunity Tuition Waiver Program Application packet from our website at: <http://www.newpaltz.edu/graduate/forms.html>.

Graduate Opportunity Program Waiver students may register for fewer than 12 credits (but not fewer than nine (9) credits) and still remain eligible for a GOPW tuition scholarship proportional to their credit load. Students registering for fewer than 12 credits are no longer considered full-time and will not be eligible for TAP. Loan aid does, however, remain available to part-time students (six or more credits).

Research and Creative Projects Award:

(Internal Grant Awards for Graduate Students)

The purpose of the RCPA is to support and encourage research and creative projects that enhance graduate students' professional development as they pursue their master's degree or Certificate of Advanced Study. All matriculated graduate students in good standing (cumulative gpa of 3.0 or higher) are eligible to apply for this grant. The maximum award amount per recipient is \$400 per academic year. Students may obtain award application guidelines and forms from the Office of the Graduate School, Haggerty Administration Building, Room 804, or on-line housed within the Graduate Studies channel in my.newpaltz.edu.

McFadyen Merit Scholarship in Metal

The McFadyen Merit Scholarship is a full-year tuition waiver, designed to recognize the exceptional talent of an incoming MFA Metal student. It is available to one recipient on a competitive basis each year.

Eligibility:

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- have a 3.0 undergraduate GPA to initially qualify
- be full-time matriculated in the MFA Metal program at SUNY New Paltz, with intent to begin the MFA plan of study in the Fall semester
- be enrolled for full-time study (12 graduate credits each semester)
- be in pursuit of an initial master's degree (second degree candidates are not eligible for funding)
- successfully meet the criteria of excellence as demonstrated by the complete application and portfolio

Award:

Students who are awarded a McFadyen Merit Scholarship will receive a full year's tuition waiver. It is the student's responsibility to sign all registration/student account invoices and pay all college fees beyond tuition for that year. The stipend amount is determined annually, based on tuition at time of application.

How to Apply:

To be considered for an award:

- Submit a McFadyen Merit Scholarship application form
- Finalists are expected to participate in an interview on site or by telephone.
- Application Deadlines: February 15th.

All awards are competitive. For more information, applicants should contact the Metals Department at: 845-257-3836.

Russell Pistachio Scholarship in Metal

The Russell Pistachio Scholarship in Metal is an award of up to \$2,000 per semester. It is awarded to a SUNY New Paltz MFA Metal student who demonstrates exceptional talent and need. The Fall semester award recognizes a talented applicant's special financial needs; the Spring award is designed to recognize the exceptional progress of the first year student.

Eligibility:

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- have a 3.0 undergraduate GPA to initially qualify (Fall award); maintain a 3.5GPA for Spring award
- be full-time matriculated in the MFA Metal program at SUNY New Paltz
- be enrolled for full-time study (12 graduate credits each semester)
- be in pursuit of an initial master's degree (second degree candidates are not eligible for funding)
- successfully meet the criteria of excellence as demonstrated by the complete application and portfolio
- demonstrate financial need through submission of a brief supplementary essay with the application form

Award:

Students who are awarded a The Russell Pistachio Scholarship in Metal will receive a \$2000. Tuition reduction for one semester. It is the student's responsibility to sign all registration/student account invoices, pay all college fees and remaining tuition for that year/semester.

How to Apply:

To be considered for an award:

- Submit a The Russell Pistachio Scholarship application form and essay
- Finalists are expected to participate in an interview on site or by telephone.
- Application Deadlines: February 15th for incoming students; November 15th for continuing students.

All awards are competitive. For more information, applicants should contact the Metal Department at: 845-257-3836.

For additional information on Student Financial Aid Programs for Graduate and Professional Students visit the SUNY New Paltz Financial Aid web site:
[http://www.hesc.com/content.nsf/SFC/2/Programs for Graduate Study in New York State.](http://www.hesc.com/content.nsf/SFC/2/Programs%20for%20Graduate%20Study%20in%20New%20York%20State)

STANDARD OF SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS

Only for the Purpose of Determining Eligibility for Student Aid

Semester Calendar — All Graduate-Level Programs

Before being certified for this payment	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
A student must have accrued at least this many credits	0	6	12	21	30	45	60	70
With at least this grade point average	0	2.0	2.5	2.75	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- ☑ Depending on the type of aid received, students must meet the following general requirements to continue their eligibility. Specific program requirements are outlined in the applications.
- ☑ Meet satisfactory progress guidelines.
- ☑ Be in good academic standing.
- ☑ Not be in default of any prior student loan.
- ☑ File application(s) annually.
- ☑ Notify the Financial Aid Office, bank or lending institution or any agency that offers any type of aid of any change in enrollment status, financial circumstances, change of address or any other information as required by the aid program.
- ☑ Not be in default on any loan offered by the College.
- ☑ Not owe a repayment on any awards paid.