

State University of New York Financial Aid Professionals, Inc.



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Student Scholarship

The annual non-renewable \$1000
need-based scholarship for the
Fall 2024 semester.

The SUNYFAP, Inc. Scholarship and Awards Committee will award the annual non-renewable scholarship for the Fall 2024 semester at the annual conference in April 2024.

This scholarship will be awarded to students who meet the eligibility criteria and who have been nominated by an active SUNYFAP, Inc. member

Completed application, and essay should be sent to your local financial aid office by **March 29, 2024**



RULES FOR THE ESSAY

1. Essays must be typed and approximately 500 words – about two pages.
2. Essays will become the property of the SUNYFAP, Inc. Scholarship & Awards Committee and will NOT be returned.

ESSAY QUESTION

Considering all the educational options available to students, what factors influenced your decision to pursue your degree at a SUNY institution? How does your degree program fit into your overall educational and long-term career goals?

TIMELINE

March 1, 2024 – Application materials will be sent to active SUNYFAP members.

March 29, 2024 - Deadline for student submission of scholarship packet to local financial aid office.

April 10, 2024 - Application deadline to submit nominations, applications and documentation to Colleen Wise, SUNYFAP, Inc. Scholarship & Awards Committee Co-chair.

April 18, 2024 – Announcement of the SUNYFAP, Inc. Scholarship recipient by Scholarship Committee at the annual conference.

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

SUNYFAP, Inc. will mail a co-payable check to the scholarship recipient's (State University of New York) institution to be credited to the student's account.

At the time of disbursement, the student's Financial Aid Office must verify that the student is enrolled full-time and is in good academic standing. Coordination of the SUNYFAP, Inc. Scholarship with other funds will be at the discretion of the Financial Aid Office's campus policy.

If the student withdraws from school, any remaining scholarship funds must be returned to the SUNYFAP, Inc. Scholarship fund.

SELECTION

Any active SUNYFAP, Inc. member may nominate a qualified student for this need-based scholarship for a matriculated, undergraduate student.

A SUNYFAP, Inc. Scholarship Application with a completed Financial Aid Administrator worksheet must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee with a typed 500-word (about two pages) essay.

Recipients will be selected by the Scholarship Committee based on the following criteria:

1. Cumulative GPA - 25%
2. Financial Need - 25%
3. Content of Essay - 25%
4. Student's Educational Indebtedness - 10%
5. Extra-curricular activities and/or extenuating circumstances demonstrated by the Financial Aid Administrator - 15%

ELIGIBILITY

All students considered for the SUNYFAP, Inc. Scholarship must meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. Bachelor's Degree Program: All candidates must have completed at least one full year of study by December 2023.

Associate Degree Program: All candidates must have completed at least 12 credit hours of study by December 2023.

2. Must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7 based on a scale of 4.0.
3. Student must have a 2023-2024 FAFSA on file, be a U.S. Citizen or Eligible Non-Citizen, must not be in default of a Federal Student Loan, must be enrolled full-time and must be making satisfactory academic progress (or in good academic standing).
4. Must be a full-time, matriculated student during the Fall 2024 semester at the SUNY institution that submitted the nomination.
5. Should have evidence of financial need.