



State University of New York 2026 Aspirations Scholarship Deadline: March 15, 2026

The State University of New York (SUNY) System has made a commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Former SUNY Chancellor Kristina M. Johnson stated in remarks to Congress on October 25, 2017 "...we removed tuition as a barrier, now we need to remove the barrier for more than 800,000 DACA enrollees..." In keeping with the spirit of inclusion and the principle of access to higher education, SUNYFAP has created the first annual SUNYFAP Aspirations Scholarship.

You are eligible to apply if you:

1. You have graduated from a U.S. High School, obtained a GED Certificate, or are an honorably discharged veteran of the Coast Guard or Armed Forces of the United States;
2. You intend to be enrolled full-time at a SUNY College or University for the Fall 2026 semester.
3. You are eligible for in-state tuition at your SUNY College or University for the Fall 2026 semester. (Please refer to <https://www.suny.edu/attend/get-started/undocumented/faq/> for information on resident tuition eligibility).
4. If enrolled in a four-year (bachelor) degree program, have completed one year of study prior to the end of December 2025
5. If enrolled in a two-year (associate) degree program, have complete one semester of study prior to the end of December 2025
6. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7 based on a scale of 4.0;
7. Have significant unmet financial need and are not eligible to apply for Federal Student Aid

Please complete the SUNYFAP Aspirations Scholarship application with a typed 500-word essay (about two pages) about 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?

Submit to a Financial Aid Administrator or send to the Scholarship Committee directly via the contact information at the bottom.

Name		Student ID #	
Address (for notification purposes, do not use school address)			
City		State	Zip code
Telephone	Email		Date of birth
Institution		Anticipated graduation date:	
Major		Degree Type: (BA/AS/etc.)	
Cumulative GPA: (minimum 2.7 on a scale of 4.0)		Will you be enrolled full time in Fall 2026?	
Check One: DACA TPS		Family Income for 2024: \$	
Will you receive any other scholarships or grants in Fall 2026		Amount of scholarships or grants: \$	

U.S. Immigration Eligibility Criteria:

As part of the application you will be required to attest, under the penalty of perjury, that you have DACA, TPS, or that, to the best of your knowledge, you meet the following immigration eligibility criteria:

- *You were under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012;*
- *You came to the United States before reaching your 16th birthday;*
- *You have continuously resided in the United States since June 15, 2007, up to the present time;*
- *You were physically present in the United States on June 15, 2012 and had no lawful status;*
- *You are currently in school, have graduated or obtained a certificate of completion from high school, have obtained a general education development (GED) certificate, or are an honorably discharged veteran of the Coast Guard or Armed Forces of the United States;*
- *You have not been convicted of a felony, significant misdemeanor, or three or more other misdemeanors in the categories which would have disqualified you for DACA, and do not otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety; and*
- *You will apply for lawful presence or legal status as soon as the laws allow you to do so.*

I attest, under the penalty of perjury, that I have DACA, TPS, or that, to the best of my knowledge, I meet the immigration eligibility criteria above. I also authorize the use of my first name and last initial, institution, and field of study should I be selected for the scholarship. I authorize the Financial Aid Office and Records Offices to release information concerning my academic and financial aid history (if any).

Student signature	Date
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Completed scholarship packets should be mailed or faxed by March 15, 2026 to:

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