NYS Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Incentive Program

Provides a full SUNY or CUNY tuition scholarship for the top 10 percent of students graduating in each New York State high school if they pursue a STEM degree in an Associate's or Bachelor's degree program and agree to work in a STEM field in New York State for 5 years after graduation.

Eligibility

An applicant must:

- Be a NYS resident for 12 continuous months.
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- Be a high school senior/recent high school graduate who will be enrolled full time at a SUNY or CUNY college, including community colleges and the statutory colleges at Cornell University and Alfred University, beginning in the fall term following high school graduation.
- Be ranked in the top 10% of their high school graduating class of a NYS high school.
- Be matriculated in an approved undergraduate program leading to a degree in Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics at a SUNY or CUNY college.*
- Earn a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher each term after the first semester.
- Execute a service contract agreeing to reside and work in NYS for five years in an approved field of Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics.*
- Not be in default on a student loan made under any NYS or federal education loan program or repayment of any state award.
- Be in compliance with the terms of any service condition imposed by a state award.

*Approved programs of study and occupations are available at hesc.ny.gov/stem.

Award Amount

A recipient receives an annual award for full-time study equal to the annual tuition charged to NYS resident students attending an undergraduate program at the State University of New York (SUNY), or actual tuition charged, whichever is less. For the 2022-2023 academic year, the Standard SUNY tuition rate was a maximum of $7,070 per year. The STEM Incentive Program award will be reduced by the amount of any other tuition-only assistance award, such as the NYS Tuition Assistance Program (TAP), received.

Duration

A recipient is entitled to an annual award for not more than four academic years of full-time undergraduate study while matriculated in an approved program leading to a degree in science, technology, engineering or mathematics, or five years if the program of study requires five years.

How to Apply

Complete and submit the NYS STEM Incentive Program Application online at hesc.ny.gov/stem.

The deadline is August 15.

Visit hesc.ny.gov/stem for complete eligibility and application details.

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