

Say Yes Scholarships and Grants

Tuition Guarantee Scholarship • Opportunity Grant • Choice Grant



SAY YES TUITION SCHOLARSHIP

If a Say Yes eligible student enrolls at a Say Yes participating college and does not receive the full cost of tuition from state, federal, and/or institutional grants and scholarships, Say Yes will provide a grant for the remaining tuition balance. This locally funded Say Yes Tuition Scholarship is available to all students, regardless of family income, at SUNY and CUNY colleges. Most private colleges guarantee full tuition to students from families with incomes of less than \$75,000. For details on the private colleges, see www.sayyesbuffalo.org. The award covers tuition only and does not include costs for room and board, books, and other fees.

Who is eligible?

The locally funded Say Yes Tuition Scholarship is available to students who:

1. Reside in the city of Buffalo.
2. At minimum, complete grades 9-12, in consecutive years, at a Buffalo public or charter school located in the city. SUNY/CUNY awards are determined by the number of consecutive years a student has attended a Buffalo public or charter school; see table below.
3. Graduate from a Buffalo public or charter school located in the city, beginning in June 2013.
4. Enroll full-time at a Say Yes college within one year of high school graduation (see www.sayyesbuffalo.org for a list of partner colleges).
5. Apply for all federal and state financial aid programs (FAFSA and TAP).

Entry grade in Buffalo public or charter school	Percent of tuition that scholarship will cover
K	100%
1, 2, 3	95%
4, 5, 6	80%
7, 8, 9	65%

Say Yes Opportunity Grant (SUNY/CUNY colleges only)

The Opportunity Grant may be awarded to eligible students enrolled at a SUNY or CUNY college who have received the maximum Federal Pell Grant, **reside on campus**, and have high remaining need for financial aid. This grant offers up to \$2,000 per year and can be used toward books, fees, or room and board.

Say Yes Choice Grant (Private colleges only)

Students from families whose income is more than \$75,000 who are attending a Say Yes Private Compact College may receive the Choice Grant. This grant offers up to \$5,000 per year. Awards are determined by the difference between financial aid and the cost of full-time tuition. Choice Grants, when combined with state, federal, and institutional grants and scholarships, are not to exceed the cost of full-time tuition.