

# Say Yes Buffalo: Scholarships & Grants

Of all the supports available through Say Yes Buffalo, the promise of free money for tuition at SUNY/CUNY and private partner schools is perhaps the most critical motivating factor for students to stay the course and graduate from high school. *Say Yes Buffalo Scholarships are locally funded by private individuals, families, businesses and organizations.*

## Eligibility

Say Yes scholarships and grants are available to students who:

1. Reside in the city of Buffalo.
2. At minimum, complete grades 9-12, in consecutive years, at a public or charter school in the city of Buffalo.
3. Graduate from a public or charter school in Buffalo, beginning in June 2013.
4. Enroll full-time at a Say Yes college within one year of high school graduation (turn this over or see [www.sayyesbuffalo.org](http://www.sayyesbuffalo.org) for a list of partner colleges).
5. Apply for all federal and state financial aid programs (FAFSA and TAP).

### Tuition Scholarship to SUNY/CUNY schools

Say Yes covers tuition costs that remain after New York State Tap, Federal Pell awards and institutional aid are factored in. Tuition scholarships to SUNY/CUNY schools are awarded to eligible students regardless of family income and the amount of each is determined by the number of consecutive years a student has attended a public or charter school in Buffalo.

Grades in a row student has attended public/charter school in Buffalo	% of SUNY/CUNY Tuition Say Yes will pay for
K-12	100%
1,2 or 3-12	95%
4,5 or 6-12	80%
7,8 or 9-12	65%

### Opportunity Grant SUNY/CUNY schools only

For students attending SUNY/CUNY schools and living on campus, Say Yes may provide an additional grant of up to \$2,000 that can be used toward non-tuition expenses such as books, fees, and room and board.

### Tuition Scholarship at private partner schools

Say Yes private partner schools provide full tuition scholarships to students from families with incomes of less than \$75,000 (with some exceptions). These scholarships cover tuition only and do not include costs for room and board, books, and other fees. For more details see [www.sayyesbuffalo.org](http://www.sayyesbuffalo.org).

### Choice Grant to private partner schools

Students from families whose income is more than \$75,000 who are attending a Say Yes private partner school may receive the Choice Grant. This grant offers up to \$5,000 per year toward their tuition. 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.

**For more information: [www.SayYesBuffalo.org](http://www.SayYesBuffalo.org) or 716.247.5310**

*The requirements and terms of the Say Yes Buffalo scholarship and supports program may be subject to change in the future.*

# **Say Yes Buffalo scholarships are available to all SUNY/CUNY schools and at the following private partner institutions:**

*(List current as of September 2013)*

- Bryant & Stratton
- Canisius College\*
- Colgate University
- Columbia University
- Cooper Union
- Cornell University
- Crouse Hospital  
College of Nursing\*
- D'Youville College\*
- Daemen College\*
- Dartmouth College
- Denison University
- Drexel University\*
- Duke University
- Georgetown University
- Hamilton College
- Harvard University
- Hilbert College\*
- Houghton College\*
- Lesley University\*
- Medaille College
- New York University
- Niagara University\*
- Northwestern  
University
- Notre Dame University
- Paul Smith's College of  
the Adirondacks
- Pomona College
- Rochester Institute of  
Technology\*
- Rensselaer  
Polytechnic Institute
- Rhodes College
- Rice University
- St. Bonaventure  
University\*
- Sewanee: The  
University of the South
- Syracuse University
- Trocaire College\*
- University of  
Pennsylvania
- University of Rochester
- Vanderbilt University
- Vassar College
- Villa Maria College
- 

*\*These institutions are offering a limited number of scholarships per year. Not all students who are admitted to these schools are guaranteed a Say Yes Buffalo Scholarship.*

*Please note, family income requirements for institutions vary. Contact the college or Say Yes Buffalo for details.*

## **Say Yes is more than just scholarships...**

In addition to providing scholarships, Say Yes Buffalo carries out its work on several fronts that affect young people and their families—academic readiness, social and emotional supports, and health and well-being. Addressing each of these factors is critical for a student to successfully earn a postsecondary degree.

The supports provided through Say Yes Buffalo begin when a child enters kindergarten and continue through high school and beyond. The range of services offered includes everything from after-school and summer programming, mentoring, tutoring, school-day academic support, and family outreach, to social work/psychological services.

Additionally, Say Yes Buffalo aligns with early childhood programs and employers and will partner to provide high-quality health care and legal assistance. These services help to create a positive sustaining framework for each student's academic experience, one that encourages and rewards continued effort.

**For more information about the support programs and scholarships available  
visit [www.SayYesBuffalo.org](http://www.SayYesBuffalo.org) or call 716.247.5310.**