

Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) Makes College Dreams a Reality for New Yorkers



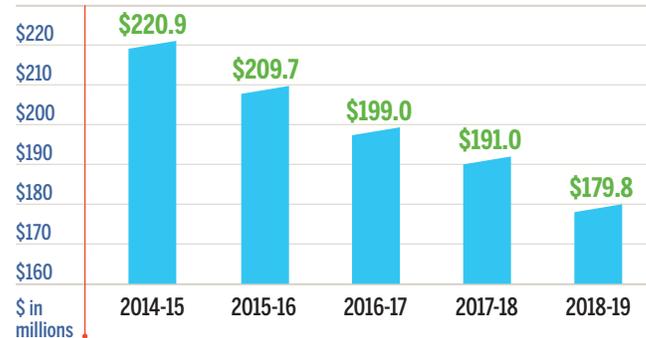
The TAP Program provides student aid to eligible New Yorkers. Since its inception more than 50 years ago, TAP has enabled more than **5 million** New Yorkers to realize their college dreams. Today **40%** of New York undergraduate students – at public, private, and for-profit colleges and universities – rely on TAP.

Increases to the TAP award amounts and income thresholds are long overdue: the maximum award amount hasn't been increased since 2014, the minimum award amount hasn't been increased since 2000, and **the income threshold has been stagnant since 2000**. TAP has not kept pace with the needs of New York's college students.

	CURRENT	PROPOSED
Minimum Award	\$500	\$1,000
Maximum Award	\$5,165	\$6,000
Income Threshold	\$80,000	\$110,000

Increasing the income threshold to \$110,000 would give an additional **24,000** New Yorkers access to TAP each year.

NYS TAP SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENT COLLEGE STUDENTS



Where do TAP dollars go?

More than **70%** of TAP recipients attend public colleges and universities in New York; the remaining recipients attend Independent Sector (private, not-for-profit) colleges and universities or for-profit colleges.

- **SUNY - 40%**
- **CUNY - 33%**
- **Independent Sector - 20%**
- **For-Profit - 5%**
- **Other - 2%**

Who gets TAP?

Half of private college students

who receive TAP support come from families with incomes less than

\$20,000;

73% have family incomes below

\$40,000.

59% of TAP recipients

in New York have family incomes under

\$20,000

and those students receive **80% of the TAP dollars** awarded each year.

