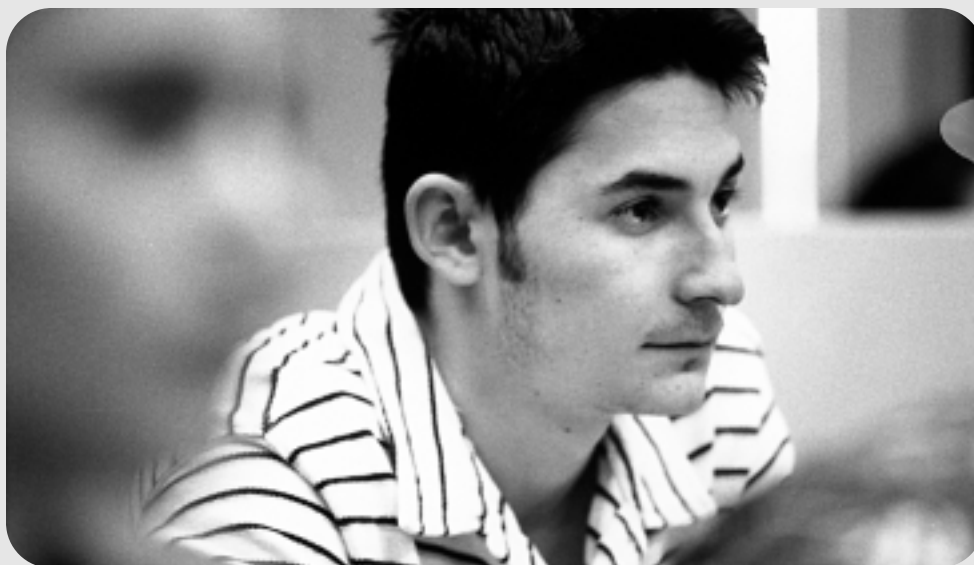


### 3 Tuition, Fees and Financial Aid



#### Bursar's Office

238 Hunter North; 772-4400

This office collects all tuition and fees, and issues the Bursar's Receipt (the student copy of the fee card). The Bursar's Receipt is the only valid proof of registration in courses. The Bursar's Office will issue a duplicate Bursar's Receipt to replace a lost one for a fee of \$5. This office also accepts cash and issues receipts for payments to other Hunter offices which do not have the facilities to accept cash. For example, readmission application and transcript fees are paid here.

**Method of Payment for Tuition and Fees** Students may pay for tuition and fees by cash, check, money order or acceptable credit card (MasterCard, Visa, American Express or Discover). All checks and money orders *must* be payable in U.S. currency only. Details concerning payment are included with the tuition bill and are also available in the Bursar's Office.

In addition, a tuition payment plan can be arranged through **Academic Management Services (AMS)**. For a small fee, the AMS Tuition Pay Plan permits students to pay semester expenses over a five-month period. AMS can be contacted directly by telephone at 1-800-635-0120, or through their Web site at [www.TuitionPay.com](http://www.TuitionPay.com).

**Financial Obligations** The Board of Trustees has ruled that students delinquent in their financial accounts (e.g., breakage fees, tuition, loans, library fines) may not be issued grades, transcripts, or degrees.

#### Tuition and Fees

Effective Fall 2002

The City University of New York has adopted the revised schedule of student tuition and fee charges below. *All fees and tuition charges listed in this catalog and in any registration materials issued by the College are subject to change by action of the Trustees of the The City University of New York without prior notice.*

**Undergraduate—Matriculated** enrolled after 6/1/92 at a CUNY institution

Resident	
Full-time	\$1,600
Part-time	\$135/cr
Nonresident	
Full-time	\$3,400
Part-time	\$285/cr

**Undergraduate—Matriculated** enrolled prior to 6/1/92 at a CUNY institution

Resident	
Full-time	\$1,475
Part-time	\$125/cr
Nonresident	
Full-time	\$3,275
Part-time	\$275/cr

**Undergraduate—Nondegree**

Resident	\$160/cr	
Nonresident	\$325/cr	
*Senior Citizen	\$65	(plus a \$5 consolidated services fee)

\*Enrollment on a "space available" basis only

**Graduate (Masters)—All**

Resident	
Full-time	\$2,175
Part-time	\$185/cr
Excess hour	\$65
Nonresident	
Full-time	\$3,800
Part-time	\$320/cr
Excess hour	\$85
Maintaining Matriculation	
Resident	\$250
Nonresident	\$403

**Combined BA-MA Program**

Students in combined programs will pay undergraduate tuition rates up to the number of credits required to earn a baccalaureate degree in that particular program (normally 120 to 128 credits). Any credits taken in excess of that number toward the combined degree are to be paid at the graduate level.

**Student Activity Fees***Fall and Spring*

Full-time	\$84.50
Part-time	\$54.45
Graduate	\$ 7.85

*Summer*

Undergraduates only (Full- and Part-time)	\$26.55
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**\*\*Consolidated Services Fee**—all students, including senior citizens \$5.00

**Technology Fee**—all students, except senior citizens

*Fall, Spring and Summer*

Full-time	\$75.00
Part-time	\$37.50

**Tuition-Waived Semester**

All resident senior or community college first-time freshmen who enroll in any CUNY undergraduate degree program on or after **September 1, 1997 and graduate no later than January 2004** shall be entitled to a waiver of 100 percent of all resident tuition charges for the final semester of study culminating in a baccalaureate degree. This policy is on a one-time basis only, regardless of original CUNY college or program of enrollment, subject to verification of completion of baccalaureate degree requirements at any CUNY college. The last-semester fee waiver does not apply to students who leave CUNY for more than a six-year period.

\*\*CS fee to defray the growing cost of processing financial aid needs analysis, the immunization program and other student-related functions

**Refunds**

**Cancellation Policy** A letter will accompany your tuition bill outlining the cancellation policy for the semester. This policy will also be outlined in the *Schedule of Classes*. If you plan not to attend the College for the semester and fail to cancel your registration prior to the first day of classes, you will be liable for the tuition and fees incurred. Please be aware that you will still be liable for this balance even if you never attend classes during the semester.

As of June 1994, three different refund policies were implemented for CUNY students. They are: **CUNY, Federal Pro Rata refund** and **Federal other than Pro Rata refund**. The latter two refund policies apply only to federal financial aid recipients.

**CUNY Policy:** This policy relates to all students who withdraw from courses prior to the 1st day of the 4th week of classes. The refund policy is as follows:

- 100% tuition and fees prior to 1st day of class
- 75% tuition only prior to 1st day of 2nd week of classes
- 50% tuition only prior to 1st day of 3rd week of classes
- 25% tuition only prior to 1st day of 4th week of classes

**Federal Pro Rata** This refund relates to students who totally withdraw in the first semester of attendance and have financial aid at Hunter. A refund is calculated by the number of weeks that a student has attended. Fall and spring semesters consist of 15 weeks each. A student's refund is prorated up until the 60% point of the semester, usually the end of the ninth week. The bursar, along with the Office of the Registrar, will calculate and determine how the refund will be disbursed to federal programs and to the student. A recalculated tuition liability will be produced by the Bursar's Office.

**Federal other than Pro Rata refund** This refund applies to federal financial aid recipients who totally withdraw within the 50% point of attendance for the semester. This is for students who are beyond their first semester of attendance at Hunter. The end of the eighth week is considered the 50% point of attendance for the semester. The percentage of refunds is as follows:

- 100% tuition and fees prior to 1st day of classes
- 90% tuition only prior to 3rd week of classes
- 50% tuition only prior to 5th week of classes
- 25% tuition only prior to 9th week of classes

The bursar, along with the Office of the Registrar, will calculate and disburse refunds to federal programs and the student accordingly. A recalculated tuition liability will be produced by the Bursar's Office.

**Financial Aid Processing Center:**  
1605 Hunter East

The primary role of the Financial Aid Processing Center (FAPC) is to help students fulfill their tuition obligation by processing financial aid in coordination with the Bursar's and Financial Aid Offices. In addition to this role, this office administers the Federal Work Study and Federal Perkins Loan Programs, issues Medical/Economic Hardship Deferrals, processes Emergency Loans and maintains accountability over all financial aid funded book vouchers.

## Financial Aid

Financial aid is available to *matriculated* students in the form of grants, loans, and work-study. Grants provide funds that do not have to be repaid. Loans must be repaid in regular installments over a prescribed period of time. Work-study consists of part-time employment, either on campus or in an outside agency.

Students who want to apply for financial aid should contact the OASIS, located in 217 HN. The office is open on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Financial Need

Aid from all federal student financial aid programs available at Hunter College is awarded on the basis of financial need (except for unsubsidized Federal Direct Loan and PLUS Loans).

When you apply for federal student aid, the information you report is used in a formula, established by the U.S. Congress, that calculates your Expected Family Contribution (EFC), the amount you and your family are expected to contribute toward your education. If your EFC is below a certain amount, you will be eligible for a Federal Pell Grant, assuming you meet all other eligibility requirements.

There is not a maximum EFC that defines eligibility for the other financial aid programs. Instead, your EFC is used in an equation to determine your financial need:

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Cost of Attendance} \\ - \text{Expected Family Contribution (EFC)} \\ \hline = \text{Financial Need} \end{array}$$

The Financial Aid Office takes your Cost of Attendance (COA), and subtracts the amount you and your family are expected to contribute toward that cost. The remainder is your financial need. In determining your need for aid from the Student Financial Assistance programs, the Financial Aid Office must first consider other aid you are expected to receive.

### The Cost of Education

The cost of education is an important consideration when deciding to attend college. A student budget is used as an estimate of the amount of money it will cost a student to attend college. It includes tuition, fees, books, transportation, housing, and food expenses. Additional allowances may be made for unusual expenses such as child care costs.

Student budgets are set each year by the University. They reflect the average expenses of all students who are living with their parents or living away from their parents. Students with disabilities should speak to a financial aid counselor about budget adjustments for their special needs.

The 2002-2003 Hunter College budgets for full-time in-state undergraduates for the fall and spring semesters are as follows:

	Living with parents	Living away from parents
Tuition	\$3,200	\$ 3,200
Fees	\$ 329	\$ 329
Books & supplies	\$ 692	\$ 692
Transportation	\$ 578	\$ 578
Room & Board	\$1,500	\$ 5,599
Personal	\$2,667	\$ 4,324
Total	\$8,966	\$14,722

*Please note:* Tuition charges are estimates for full-time New York State residents based on 2002-2003 tuition charges. Actual tuition charges for New York State residents, out-of-state residents, and international students for full-time and part-time study can be found in the *Schedule of Classes*.

### Student Resources

In reviewing your student budget, you should consider the resources you will have from earnings and savings, the amount your parents can contribute, and any benefits you receive, such as Social Security, veteran's benefits, unemployment, or welfare. Summer employment can help meet the initial costs of enrollment and you should plan to save money from your summer earnings. Cash will be needed from the beginning for books, supplies, and transportation.

### Financial Aid Programs

If your resources are not sufficient to cover the cost of attendance, you should consider applying for financial aid. Financial assistance, provided through the college, is intended for eligible students who need assistance in meeting costs. Financial aid is not provided to nonmatriculated students.

### Packaging

Rather than using one source to finance your education, a combination of monies from all of the programs for which you are eligible may be used. This system for allocating aid is called packaging. Funds will be allocated first to meet the basic costs of attendance (tuition, books, transportation). If funding permits, other living expenses may then be addressed.

Applications for financial aid must be filed each year. Students should apply as soon as the new applications are available, which is usually in early spring.

### Application Procedures

Hunter College participates in all state and federal student financial aid programs. The fastest and easiest way to apply for financial aid is by completing the application online. FAFSA on the Web is available at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). When you complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), make sure that you include Hunter College among the colleges to which you want your information reported. Another way to apply is by completing the paper FAFSA form, which is available at most college financial aid offices. When the FAFSA is processed, CUNY will receive an electronic record of the student's application information. The student may be required to verify, or to clarify any discrepancies, in the application information.

When CUNY receives the electronic record of the application, CUNY's University Application Processing Center (UAPC) prints and mails a TAP/APTS Application and CUNY Supplement to the student. The student completes the application, obtains all required signatures and returns the application to UAPC. UAPC provides Hunter College with an estimate of the student's TAP award and forwards the application to the New York State Higher Education Services Corp. (NYSHESC) in Albany, which determines the TAP award, and notifies Hunter College and the student of the award.

If the student wants to apply for a Federal Direct Loan at Hunter College, a Request for a Federal Direct Loan form, available at the OASIS in 217 HN, must be completed and returned to the OASIS.

**Study Abroad**

Students who enroll in an overseas program of study approved by Hunter College are eligible to receive federal financial aid and, in some cases, state aid. The coursework for which they enroll must be applicable to their degree at Hunter. Contact the Financial Aid Office for further information.

**Student Eligibility**

To be eligible for federal and state aid, a student must be a United States citizen or an eligible noncitizen who is making satisfactory academic progress toward a degree. Students who have defaulted on a loan or owe a repayment of a federal grant at any postsecondary school must make satisfactory repayment arrangements with that institution before they will be eligible to receive aid at Hunter.

**Satisfactory Academic Progress**

All recipients of financial aid must be making satisfactory progress toward a degree. There are two different formulas used to make this determination, one for state aid and another for federal aid.

**State Program Eligibility**

To be eligible to receive assistance from the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) and Aid to Part-time Students (APTS) Program, students must complete a minimum number of credits the prior semester, complete the appropriate number of cumulative credits, and have the appropriate grade point average at the beginning of each semester of state-supported study. The chart below outlines these requirements.

**State Academic Performance Chart**

TAP		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Payment Number											
Pursuit	Credits Completed										
	Prior Semester	0	6	6	9	9	12	12	12	12	12
Minimum	Cumulative										
	Credits Earned	0	0	6	18	31	45	60	75	90	105
Progress	Minimum Grade										
	Point Average	0	0	1	1.2	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0

For example, to receive your fifth payment of TAP, you would have to have completed 9 credits the prior semester for a total of at least 31 cumulative credits with a minimum grade point average of 2.00.

**Waiver of Academic Standing Requirements**

Students who become academically ineligible to receive assistance from state programs because of an unusual circumstance for which documentation can be provided (e.g., illness) may apply for

a one-time waiver of the Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements. For further information, contact the Office of Student Services.

**Federal Program Eligibility**

The federal Satisfactory Academic Progress standard applies to students seeking assistance from all federal student financial aid programs available at Hunter College. To be eligible, an undergraduate student must achieve at least the GPA required for probationary status at Hunter after two years of enrollment at the College; at least a C average or academic standing consistent with the requirements for graduation; and must also accumulate credits toward the degree according to the following standards:

- A. Attempted credits are not more than 150% of the credits normally required for completion of the degree.  
*and*
- B. Accumulated credits are equal to or greater than two-thirds of the cumulative credits attempted at the institution.  
If the standard in paragraph B is not met, eligibility may be retained by meeting conditional standards:
- C. For students who are pursuing a baccalaureate degree, the accumulated credits must be equal to or greater than (75 percent times the cumulative credits attempted) minus 18.

Students will be measured against the satisfactory academic progress standard at the end of the spring term to determine eligibility for receipt of Title IV student financial assistance for the upcoming year.

Credits Attempted	Credits Completed	Credits Completed for Conditional Standard
12	8	0
24	16	0
36	24	9
48	32	18
60	40	27
72	48	36
84	55	45
96	64	54
108	72	63
120	80	72
132	88	81
144	96	90
156	104	99
168	112	108
180	120	117
189	126	126

This chart would be used by a student pursuing a BA degree requiring 126 credits. In this example, if you have attempted 36 credits, you must successfully complete at least 24. To maintain conditional eligibility, you must successfully complete 9 credits.

## FEDERAL PROGRAMS

A Federal Pell Grant is a grant and does not have to be repaid. Pell Grants are awarded only to undergraduate students who have not earned a bachelor's or professional degree. For many students, Pell Grants provide a foundation of financial aid to which other aid may be added.

Awards for the 2002-2003 award year (July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003) will depend on program funding. The maximum award for the 2002-2003 award year is \$4,000. The amount of the student's Federal Pell Grant Award depends on the student's EFC, the cost of attendance, the student's enrollment status (full- or part-time), and the number of terms the student attends during the academic year.

### Campus-Based Programs

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) Program, Federal Work-Study (FWS) Program and the Federal Perkins Loan Program are considered campus-based programs because they are administered directly by the Financial Aid Office. How much aid a student receives depends on the student's financial need, the amount of other aid the student will receive, and the availability of funds. Students must apply early in order to be considered for these funds and should check with the Financial Aid Office for deadlines. When funds are no longer available, no more awards can be made that year.

### Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG)

FSEOG is for undergraduates with exceptional financial need, that is, students with the lowest Expected Family Contributions (EFCs). An FSEOG does not have to be paid back.

The amount of the FSEOG Award the student may receive depends on when the student applies, the student's level of need, and availability of funds. There is no guarantee that every eligible student will receive an FSEOG award; students at each college are paid based on the availability of funds in the University.

### Federal Work-Study

The Federal Work-Study (FWS) Program provides jobs for students with financial need, allowing them to earn money to help pay education expenses. The program encourages community service work and work related to the student's course of study. The FWS salary will be at least the current federal minimum wage, but it may be higher, depending on the type of work the student does and the skills required. The total FWS award depends on when the student applies, level of need, and availability of funds.

### Federal Perkins Loans

A Federal Perkins Loan is a low-interest (5 percent) loan for students with *exceptional* financial need. Federal Perkins Loans are made through Hunter as the lender, and the loan is made with government funds. Students must repay this loan. Eligible students may borrow up to \$3,000 for each year of undergraduate study. The maximum total amount an undergraduate can borrow is \$15,000. The actual amount of the loan is dependent on financial need and the availability of funds.

### William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan

The Federal Direct Student Loan Program, established by the Student Loan Reform Act of 1993, provides low-interest loans for students and parents. Under the Direct Loan Program, the federal government makes loans directly to students and parents through the College.

There are three kinds of Direct Loans available through Hunter College:

**Federal Direct Stafford Loans** are subsidized loans awarded on the basis of financial need. (See Financial Need section.) If you qualify for a subsidized loan, the federal government pays interest on the loan ("subsidizes" the loan) until you begin repayment and during authorized periods of deferment thereafter.

**Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loans** are unsubsidized loans *not* awarded on the basis of need. If students qualify for an unsubsidized loan, they will be charged interest from the time the loan is disbursed until it is paid in full. Students can choose to pay the interest or allow it to accumulate. If students allow the interest to accumulate, it will be capitalized—that is, the interest will be added to the principal amount of the loan and will increase the amount that has to be repaid. If the interest is paid as it accumulates, the student will have less to repay in the long run.

**Federal Direct PLUS Loans** are loans that parents of a dependent student can borrow to pay for the student's education.

### Federal Direct Stafford and Unsubsidized Stafford Loans

Matriculated students enrolled in an eligible program of study at least half-time may receive a direct loan. They must also meet other general eligibility requirements. (See Federal Program Eligibility section.)

The maximum amount that may be borrowed under the Direct Loans Program by a dependent undergraduate student is:

- \$2,625 for first-year students enrolled in a program of study that is at least a full academic year;
- \$3,500 if that student has completed the first year of study and the remainder of the student's program is at least a full academic year;
- \$5,500 a year if the student has completed two years of study and the remainder of the student's program is at least a full academic year.

For periods of undergraduate study that are less than an academic year, the amounts that can be borrowed will be less than those listed above.

The maximum amount that may be borrowed under the Direct Loan Program by an independent undergraduate student is:

- \$6,625 if the student is a first-year student enrolled in a program of study that is at least a full academic year. (At least \$4,000 of this amount must be in unsubsidized loans.)
- \$7,500 if the student has completed the first year of study and the remainder of the student's program is at least a full academic year. (At least \$4,000 of this amount must be in unsubsidized loans.)

- \$10,500 a year if the student has completed two years of study and the remainder of the student's program is at least a full academic year. (At least \$5,000 of this amount must be in unsubsidized loans.)

For periods of undergraduate study that are less than an academic year, the amount a student can borrow will be less than those listed above.

*Note:* Direct Loans are not made to undergraduates enrolled in programs that are less than one-third of an academic year.

The total debt a student can have outstanding from all Direct Loans and Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program Loans combined is:

- \$23,000 as a dependent undergraduate student;
- \$46,000 as an independent undergraduate student (no more than \$23,000 of this amount may be in subsidized loans).

For students whose Direct Loans were first disbursed on or after July 1, 1994, the interest rate is variable, but it will never exceed 8.25 percent. The interest rate is adjusted each year on July 1. Students will be notified of interest rate changes throughout the life of their loan.

To apply for a Direct Loan the student must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the Renewal FAFSA, or FAFSA on the Web and the Request for a Direct Loan form available in the OASIS. Hunter College will certify the student's enrollment, the student's cost of attendance, the student's academic standing, any other financial aid for which the student is eligible, and the student's financial need. (Need is evaluated to determine if the student qualifies for a less costly subsidized Federal Direct Stafford Loan.)

Once a Direct Loan is made, it is managed and collected by the U.S. Department of Education's Direct Loan Servicing Center. The toll-free telephone number is 1-800-848-0979.

#### **Federal Direct PLUS Loans (for Parents)**

For parent borrowers, the Direct Loan Program offers the Federal Direct PLUS Loan.

These loans enable parents with good credit histories to borrow to pay the educational expenses of each child who is a dependent undergraduate student enrolled at least half-time.

To be eligible to receive a Direct PLUS Loan, parents are generally required to pass a credit check. If they do not pass the credit check, they may still be able to receive a loan if someone, such as a relative or friend, is able to pass the credit check, agrees to co-sign the loan and promises to repay it if the student's parents should fail to do so. Parents may also qualify for a loan even if they do not pass the credit check if they can demonstrate that there are extenuating circumstances. Students and their parents must also meet other general eligibility requirements for federal student financial aid.

The yearly limit on either type of PLUS Loan is equal to the cost of attendance minus any other financial aid for which a student is eligible. For example, if a student's cost of attendance is \$6,000 and the student is eligible for \$4,000 in other financial aid, the student's parents could borrow up to—but no more than—\$2,000.

The interest rate is variable, but will never exceed 9 percent.

The interest rate is adjusted each year on July 1. Parents will be notified of interest rate changes throughout the life of their loan(s). Interest is charged on the loan from the date the first disbursement is made until the loan is paid in full.

Parents will pay a fee of up to 4 percent of the loan, deducted proportionately each time a loan payment is made. A portion of this fee goes to the federal government to help reduce the cost of the loans. Also, if parents do not make their loan payments as scheduled, they may be charged late fees and collection costs.

In order to apply for a Direct PLUS Loan, parents must fill out a Request for a Direct PLUS Loan form available in the OASIS. CUNY requires that students complete the FAFSA if the parents wish to apply for a Direct PLUS Loan.

#### **Direct Consolidation Loans** (Loans not available through Hunter College)

A Direct Consolidation Loan is designed to help student borrowers simplify loan repayment. Even though a student may have several different federal student loans, a student will need to make only one payment a month for all the loans the student may consolidate. The student may even consolidate just one loan into a Direct Consolidation Loan to get benefits such as flexible repayment options.

Most federal student loans or PLUS Loans can be consolidated. The Direct Loan Servicing Center provides students with a complete listing of eligible loans. The toll-free telephone number of the Servicing Center's Consolidation Department is 1-800-557-7392.

#### **Federal Aid to Native Americans**

Awards are granted to applicants who are at least one-quarter American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut and a member of a tribe, band, or group on record with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. In addition, the student must be enrolled full-time in a degree-granting program and demonstrate need.

For further information or to obtain applications, write to:

Department of Education  
Indian Fellowship Program  
400 Maryland Avenue SW, Room 2177  
Washington, DC 20202

#### **NEW YORK STATE FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS**

##### **Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)**

This grant is awarded to New York State residents who are enrolled full-time in a degree-granting program and meet the income criteria. To be eligible for a TAP award, each semester students must register for 12 credits which are directly attributable to their degree. Students should consult with an advisor in the Office of Student Services or their major department when planning their programs to ensure continued TAP eligibility.

Awards ranging from \$275 to \$3,200 are made to dependent students and independent students with dependents whose New York State taxable income is \$80,000 or less, or to independent students with no dependents if the taxable income is \$10,000 or less.

Students may receive awards for eight semesters; SEEK students may receive awards for ten semesters.

A student with a disability that prevents attendance on a full-time basis may be eligible to receive TAP while attending on a part-time basis.

### **CUNY Student Tuition Assistance (CUSTA)**

Students who are otherwise eligible for a maximum TAP award but whose award is reduced because they have received four semesters of payment may be eligible for a CUSTA award up to \$100 a semester.

### **Aid for Part-Time Study (APTS)**

This award provides assistance to students who attend less than full-time, have accrued a minimum of 6 credits (not equated), and have not exhausted their TAP eligibility. In order to be eligible, a student must be a New York State resident and enrolled for at least 6 credits.

### **World Trade Center Memorial Scholarships for Families of Victims and Rescuers Killed or Disabled**

The World Trade Center Memorial Scholarship Program for study at the City University of New York is intended for victims, spouses and children of the victims who died or were severely disabled as a result of the September 11 terrorist attacks. The program also provides scholarships to the spouses and children of those who died or were severely disabled during ongoing rescue and recovery efforts, including firefighters, police officers, peace officers and emergency medical service workers.

The scholarships cover the cost of tuition, fees, books, supplies, transportation and room and board, if applicable, for four years of full-time undergraduate study or for five academic years of a program of academic study as defined by the Commissioner of Education. The scholarships were established by Governor George Pataki's Executive Order 113 and related legislation to establish such a program, along with a CUNY Board of Trustees resolution. Applications are available online at: [www.cuny.edu/wtc/scholarships.html](http://www.cuny.edu/wtc/scholarships.html) or at the Financial Aid Office.

### **Vietnam Veterans Award Program**

To qualify, undergraduate students must meet New York State residency requirements, must have served in the armed forces in Indochina between December 1961 and May 1975, and must satisfy all other eligibility requirements including filing for TAP and Federal Pell Grants. Students must demonstrate good academic standing and meet college guidelines for pursuit of this awards program. Awards are \$1,000 per semester for full-time study and \$500 per semester for part-time study. Awards cannot exceed the cost of tuition. In addition, the applicant must file a Vietnam Veterans Tuition Assistance Supplement (VVTA) to establish eligibility. After the initial year eligibility is established, students must refile a supplement yearly. Supplements are available on request from New York State Higher Education Services Corporation: (518) 473-7087. All applications must be completed by May 1 of the academic year for which an award is sought. For more information see the Web site at: [www.hesc.com/wta.html](http://www.hesc.com/wta.html).

### **Army Reserve National Guard-Army Continuing Education System (ARNG-ACES)**

The New York State Army Reserve National Guard offers tuition assistance through two programs for full- and part-time students. All current and future members of the New York Army Reserve National Guard (ARNG) are eligible except for members serving on active or full-time duty and those on Active Guard Reserve status. ARNG members who also receive veterans' benefits are not eligible. For full-time students, the program is limited to tuition costs, instructional fees in lieu of tuition, and laboratory or shop fees specifically required as a condition of enrollment in a course. Part-time students must be enrolled half-time (7 or fewer credits).

Commissioned officers must agree to remain in the ARNG for four years after the last course for which tuition assistance has been provided is completed. For more information on these programs, contact Tom Labuda, Civilian Education Office, at (518) 786-4973 or 4500.

### **State Aid to Native Americans**

The student must be a member on the official tribal roll of a New York State tribe or a child of a member. Applicants must provide documentation. Awards are available for two-, four-, or five-year programs. Awards are \$775 for 12 or more credits per semester. Prorated amounts are available for students taking fewer than 12 credits. Contact Native American Education Unit, New York State Education Department, Room 543 Education Building, Albany, New York 12234. Call (518) 474-0537 for information. The deadlines are July 15 for the fall semester, December 31 for the spring semester, and May 20 for the summer semester.

### **Congressional Teacher Scholarship**

Congressional Teacher Scholarships are available to undergraduate students who agree to teach in areas in which there is a critical shortage of teachers. Recipients must agree to teach two years in the U.S. for each annual payment received. The service obligation must be fulfilled within 10 years of completing the undergraduate education program. Recipients who fail to meet these requirements must repay all or part of the award plus accrued interest.

Applicants must be or have placed in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating class and be New York State residents who are or will be enrolled in a specific program during the upcoming academic year. Winners receive up to \$5,000 a year for a period of no more than four years of full-time undergraduate study. For more information or for an application, contact the Bureau of Higher and Professional Education Testing, Albany, NY 12230; (518) 474-6394.

### **Child of Veteran Award**

This award provides aid for children of veterans who are deceased, disabled, or missing in action as a result of service during World War I, World War II, the Korean conflict, or the Vietnam era. A recipient of a Child of Veteran Award can receive \$450 a year for four years of undergraduate study without consideration of income or tuition costs. However, the combined Child of Veteran Award and TAP award may not exceed the amount of tuition charges.

### **Child of Deceased Police Officer/Firefighter Award**

This award is granted to the children of police officers or firefighters who died as a result of injuries sustained in the line of duty.

A recipient of the award can receive up to \$450 a year without consideration of income or tuition costs. However, this award combined with the TAP award may not exceed the amount of tuition charges.

Applicants must complete the TAP application and contact the Higher Education Services Corporation to obtain a Child of Deceased Police Officer/Firefighter Award Supplement.

### Professional Opportunity Scholarships

Professional Opportunity Scholarships (for approved professional programs, e.g., accounting, architecture, engineering, nursing, occupational therapy, ophthalmic dispensing, pharmacy, physical therapy, dental hygiene, landscape architecture, physician's assistant, law, podiatry, optometry, psychology, social work, veterinary medicine, speech/language, pathology/audiology) are available to U.S. citizens and permanent NYS residents. Students must be enrolled full-time (matriculated) in an approved program of study in NYS. Students must agree to practice in NYS for one year in their chosen profession for each annual payment received. Students must demonstrate good academic standing and meet college guidelines for pursuit of the program.

Recipients must be chosen in the following order of priority:

1. Economically disadvantaged (prescribed criteria) and a minority group member historically underrepresented in the profession.
2. Minority group member underrepresented in the profession.
3. Candidate who is enrolled in or is a graduate of College Discovery (CD), Search for Education, Elevation and Knowledge (SEEK), Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), Higher Educational Opportunity Programs (HEOP).

Awards range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 a year for up to four or five years in certain programs. TAP and some other benefits may supplement this award. Contact the College Financial Aid Office or the NYS Education Dept., Bureau of Postsecondary Grants Administration, Cultural Education Center, Room 5B68, Albany, NY 12230, (518) 474-5705. Applications must be submitted each year. The deadline each year is March 1 of the award year. (Example: The deadline for 2002-2003 is March 1, 2003.)

### Special Program

Special Program funds are designed for students who need academic and financial support in order to complete college.

### Search for Education, Elevation and Knowledge (SEEK)

The SEEK Program provides financial aid and support services (concentrated counseling, remedial instruction, tutoring) to educationally and economically disadvantaged students attending a senior or technical college. Applicants must be residents of New York State; have received a New York State high school diploma or equivalency; be ineligible for admission under normal standards, but demonstrate potential for completing a college program; and meet family income guidelines as determined by the state.

Students apply for entry to the SEEK program through CUNY Admissions. Students must file a FAFSA and provide the Financial Aid Office with supporting documentation to have their eligibility confirmed.

## Scholarships, Awards and Prizes Available to Matriculated Students

Hunter College recognizes academic merit and need through a growing number of scholarship programs. In general, these fall into two categories: scholarships for incoming students; and scholarships, awards and prizes for continuing students.

### Incoming Students

There are several four-year scholarship opportunities for incoming first-year, full-time students, including the CUNY Honors College financial package, Athena Awards, Dormitory Scholars Awards, and Scholars Awards. Contact the Welcome Center, Room 100 HN, 772-4490 for more information.

### Continuing Students

Scholarship opportunities, awards, and prizes for currently enrolled students are generally based on need, merit, and, in some cases, area of study. The Office of Student Services publishes *The Grants Guide*, a resource listing of scholarship opportunities, which is also available at the Web site: <http://studentservices.hunter.cuny.edu/grant/htm>. For additional information, contact the Office of Student Services, Room 1119 East, 772-4882, or contact individual departments or schools.

The following organizations are major sources of scholarships for Hunter College students:

### Hunter College Foundation

Established in 1991, the Hunter College Foundation is dedicated to ensuring continued access to the highest quality public higher education, and to helping Hunter maintain its longstanding reputation for academic distinction. Undergraduate scholarships and graduate fellowships may be set up in the Hunter College Foundation.

### The Scholarship and Welfare Fund

The Scholarship and Welfare Fund of the Alumni Association, a not-for-profit group established in 1949, administers a number of funds to provide scholarships to superior students who otherwise might not be able to complete their education. For over fifty years, the Scholarship and Welfare Fund has contributed substantially to the education of Hunter College students. Contributions from alumni, friends, chapters and classes have provided the funds needed for this support.

Many endowed scholarships have been established through funds donated in the names of individuals, classes, and chapters of the Alumni Association to provide assistance to students on the basis of both scholarship and financial need. They include College-wide awards and awards to graduating seniors.

**Other Sources of Financial Assistance** Hunter College is committed to providing its students with the maximum amount of financial assistance available from government grants, loans and work-study opportunities. Information and assistance in obtaining financial aid is available from counselors in the Financial Aid office, Room 241 HN. See the Financial Aid section of this catalog or visit the Financial Aid Office Web site at [www.hunter.cuny.edu/finaid/](http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/finaid/).