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Macaulay Honors College at CUNY

The Macaulay Honors College provides outstanding educational opportunities for academically gifted students from the five boroughs of New York City and beyond. This program is designed for students who have demonstrated scholastic strength and broad intellectual curiosity through their high school academic records, test scores, extracurricular involvements and other academic criteria. In-state students receive fall undergraduate scholarships for 4 years or 5 years for an approved program.

The Macaulay Honors College is on 8 CUNY campuses: Baruch College, Brooklyn College, City College, College of Staten Island, Hunter College, John Jay College, Lehman College, and Queens College. In addition, the Macaulay Building on W 67th Street includes state-of-the-art classrooms, student performance space, a fully-equipped screening room, administrative offices, a cafe, and other common gathering spaces for students. Additional information on the program can be found at: http://www.macaulay.cuny.edu/.

Eligibility Criteria

Students must apply to CUNY by submitting the Macaulay Honors College online application. The online application requires that applicants select one CUNY campus (Baruch, Brooklyn, City, Hunter, John Jay, Lehman, Queens, or Staten Island). Criteria for selection include: the high school academic record, SAT/ACT scores, an essay, academic and character references and an interview. The application deadline is December 1st with a March 15th acceptance notification. Questions about the online application may be directed to the CUNY Online Application Help Desk at 212-997-2869 or macaulayhelpdesk@mhc.cuny.edu.

Students must meet CUNY NYS residency requirements for in-state tuition to receive the tuition scholarship. University scholars are required to file the FAFSA and TAP applications by May 15th for the upcoming year. The scholarship is drawn from a combination of sources including CUNY, New York City, New York State and NY private tuition specific scholarships the student may receive.

Financial Assistance Benefits

1. Full tuition coverage (excludes fees) through a combination of TAP, CUSTA, NYC Merit Scholarship or any other tuition specific scholarship.
2. Access to a Macaulay Opportunities Fund grant of up to $7,500 for the undergraduate experience to be used for global research, internships and service.
3. A laptop computer (currently the MacBook®). Each University Scholar receives the laptop computer upon enrollment.
4. A Cultural Passport that provides reduced admission at New York museums and other arts and cultural venues.

What about other financial aid at CUNY?

Federal Pell Grants: University Scholars who are eligible for Federal Pell Grant awards will receive the full amount of the award to assist them in paying for costs of attending college such as fees, school supplies, transportation, lunch and other supplemental educational and personal costs.
College Scholarships: Any CUNY College scholarships which have been offered to University Scholars will be awarded in addition to the Macaulay Honors College package.

Other Scholarships: University Scholars may also receive additional awards from other organizations and government agencies which they may be allowed to retain depending on the conditions of the award.

How is the award paid?
CUNYfirst has explicit fields for the awarding of Macaulay Honors College tuition waiver and educational expense account funds.

TAP awards finalized by HESC after the initial loading of the waiver award require manually adjusting the amount of the Macaulay scholarship on CUNYfirst.

Awards must be reviewed before tuition and fee deduction transactions are run. Because these transactions are usually done during the middle of the term, there is time to adjust the Macaulay Honors College awards. These awards vary for students depending on the TAP and/or the NYC merit award fees amount covered.

Application Procedures
The amount of the Macaulay tuition waiver is calculated after a student has filed the FAFSA and TAP applications. The campus Macaulay Honors College Program Director will coordinate with the campus Financial Aid Director to assure that a student has completed the applications. When there are unusual circumstances which categorically make the student ineligible for state or federal aid, the Financial Aid Office may waive the requirements.

If the requirements have been waived, the Financial Office will be responsible for manually creating a financial aid segment and on CUNYfirst and manually calculating and entering the tuition waiver. For colleges using FAP, the counselor must create a common and need segments and then enter the coding that states that the student in ineligible for TAP (CFITAP/CSITAP).

The Macaulay Honors College tuition is reduced by the amount of the TAP, CUSTA, and other tuition specific scholarships and/or New York City Merit scholarship.

If an initial TAP award is updated, CUNYfirst will not recalculate the waiver and the college must manually adjust the award.

Summer Policy
With approval from the Macaulay Advisor, Macaulay Honors College will fund up to 8 credits during each summer, starting after completion of the first year. Students taking more than 8 credits during the summer will be responsible for paying the tuition balance.

City University Supplemental Tuition Assistance (CUSTA)
CUSTA is a university administered program for students who would have received full TAP but experienced a reduction in their TAP awards beginning with their 5th semester of TAP eligibility.
Requirements
To be eligible for CUSTA, a student must:
- Be enrolled full-time in an undergraduate program
- Have a TAP net taxable income of $7000 or less under Schedules A-E or $3000 or less under Schedules K-m
- Be at least a 5th semester Tap recipient but not have exhausted TAP eligibility
- CUSTA will follow the same refunding rules as TAP

Application Procedure
A student must have applied for TAP. No additional application is required.

Follow-Up
It is the College’s responsibility to rescind a CUSTA award if the student is found not to meet the eligibility requirements or is not certified for TAP for the semester of the CUSTA award.
Accelerated Study in Associate Programs (ASAP)

ASAP, or Accelerated Study in Associate Programs is designed to help motivated college students at community colleges and comprehensive colleges to earn an associate degree as quickly as possible with the goal of graduating 50% of program participants within three years. In fall 2015 marks the launch of our pilot program, ACE (Accelerate, Complete, Engage), at John Jay College to support baccalaureate students.

ASAP offers students a combination of block programming, extra (and required) support services and enrichment activities, small classes (25 or fewer students), career development and job placement assistance, tuition waivers for financial aid eligible students, free use of textbooks and monthly Metrocards for all students.

Near the completion of their degree, all ASAP students will receive personal guidance in gaining employment in their selected career field or admission to an appropriate program at a baccalaureate degree-granting college or university.

Who is eligible for ASAP?

- Are you eligible for New York City resident tuition (at the community colleges) or New York State resident tuition (at all other colleges)? (as per the CUNY tuition and fees manual)?
- Current CUNY or transfer students must have 15 or fewer college credits and must have a GPA of 2.0 or above.
- All students must be fully skills proficient or have no more than two outstanding developmental course needs based on their scores on the CUNY Assessment Tests in reading, writing and math.
- All students must agree to enter into an Associate degree program (A.A., A.S., or A.A.S.) on a full-time basis (minimum 12 credits or equated credits per semester) in an ASAP approved major. Most programs other than nursing are available.
- Students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the New York State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) application. (Students not in receipt of financial aid but otherwise eligible may join ASAP but may not receive a tuition.
- To be eligible for an ASAP tuition waiver, students must receive financial aid and have a gap need between their financial aid award amount and the amount they owe for tuition and fees.
- Students may not participate in both College Discovery and ASAP.
- Program slots are limited. All students who have applied to a CUNY community college and meet ASAP residency, credit, and developmental course criteria will be contacted by email within 5-7 business days and invited to an ASAP information session.
- Each campus with an ASAP program has its own enrollment targets. New students are accepted on a first come-first serve basis.
New York City Council Merit Scholarship

The New York City Council Merit Scholarship rewards New York City high school graduates who have proven their ability to succeed academically while they were in high school. The scholarship is effective beginning with the 2014-2015 academic year and students will receive $800 per year ($400 per semester). Scholarship awards may vary for each academic year.

Application Form

There is no separate application for the scholarship. Students are automatically considered for the award when they apply for admission to CUNY.

To qualify you must:

- Graduate from a New York City high school with at least an 80(B) College Academic Average (CAA) average
- Pass at least twelve college preparatory courses in high school
- Enroll at a CUNY college as a full-time student within one year of graduating from high school
- Register as a full-time student each semester (except summer) and maintain at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA
- Attend CUNY before attending any other postsecondary institution
- Students must graduate high school beginning June 2014
- Undocumented students are not eligible for the Merit Scholarship

Pursuit and Progress

- You must maintain continuous full-time (12 credits) enrollment within the City University of New York system
- You must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Students pursuing an associate's degree may receive the NYC Council Merit Scholarship for a maximum of six semesters. Those seeking a bachelor's degree are limited to eight semesters of eligibility
- The award is not restored once it has been lost

Matthew Goldstein Scholarship Program for Students with Disabilities

The Goldstein Scholarship’s purpose is to support the persistence and graduation of CUNY students who must take reduced course loads as reasonable accommodations for their disabilities.

CUNY offers these scholarships in honor of Chancellor Emeritus Matthew Goldstein, whose career at our University is a testament to the core values of meaningful access and opportunity in higher education for all otherwise qualified students. Indeed, Chancellor...
Goldstein’s work has been keenly focused upon extending affordable, accessible and above all, excellent higher education opportunities to groups of students that have historically been underrepresented at CUNY, particularly those with disabilities. This scholarship can provide a tuition waiver for unmet TAP for eligible students. Students considered for the Goldstein Scholarships must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Must be an undergraduate student, enrolled in a degree program
- Must be in good academic standing, *i.e.* a grade-point average of 2.0 or better
- Must be registered with a campus Office of Disability Resources & Services
- Must be certified as eligible to participate in the “ADA TAP” program by a campus Financial Aid Office’s TAP Certifying Official
- Must be certified as depleting TAP within the upcoming school year by a campus Financial Aid Office’s TAP Certifying Official
- Must complete a *Matthew Goldstein Scholarship Application* by the application deadline.

In order to compete for a 2015-16 Goldstein Scholarship, please complete the attached scholarship application and submit it to your campus Office of Disability Resources & Services no later than June.
City University of New York
Matthew Goldstein Scholarship Application

Name: ____________________________________________
  Last                                            First
Address: ____________________________________________
  Street                                      City    State    Zip Code
Home Phone: ___________________        Cell Phone: ___________________
Email: ________________________________________
Last 4 digits of Social Security Number: ___________

Campus Attending: ____________________________
Anticipated Degree: ________________________ Program/Major: ________________________
Date entered CUNY: ___________________ Anticipated Date of Graduation: ___________
Cumulative G.P.A.: ___________________ Number of Credits Earned: ___________
Number of Completed Semesters: ___________
Registered with Campus Office of Disability/Services Yes: ______   No: ___________
Certified by Financial Aid Office for ADA TAP Program: Yes: ______   No: ___________

• On a separate sheet of paper please submit a personal statement of no more than 500 words that
  includes your goals, challenges and how this scholarship will help you to achieve your aspirations.
• Please attach a student copy of your transcript.
• Please include signed copy of eligibility for Matthew Goldstein Scholarship (on page 2).
• Please provide a letter of recommendation from someone who can speak to your ability to persist and
  overcome obstacles in order to reach your goals.

By completing this application you are giving the scholarship committee permission to review your student
records for the purpose of assessing eligibility.

Signature: ____________________________________________
Date: ____________________________________________
City University of New York
Matthew Goldstein Scholarship Application

Certification of Eligibility for Matthew Goldstein Scholarship

Dear Certifying TAP official,

The student named below is applying for the Matthew Goldstein scholarship. This scholarship is for students who are certified for ADA TAP and will be depleting their TAP in the upcoming school year. The scholarship is awarded in the form of a tuition waiver for the unmet TAP. Kindly provide the following information regarding the candidate’s eligibility to compete for this award.

Name of student

Certified by Financial Aid Office for ADA TAP Program: Yes:____ No:____

Student will deplete TAP during the upcoming school year: Yes:____ No:____

Thank you

__________________________________________
Signature of Certifying Official

__________________________________________
Print Name

__________________________________________
Title

__________________________________________
Date