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Macaulay Honors College at CUNY

The Macaulay Honors College (MHC) 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 full 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. For continuing MHC students, 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. Students entering Fall 2016 or later will have all forms of financial assistance, excluding loans, taken into account before the tuition scholarship is calculated.

Out of state, International or undocumented students may be admitted into MHC but do not qualify for the tuition scholarship or the Macaulay Opportunities Fund grant.

Financial Assistance Benefits

1. Full tuition coverage, excluding fees. The tuition scholarship will cover the remaining balance after applicable aid is taken into account. The types of aid considered when calculating the scholarship will depend on when the student enters the program.

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?

If a student is eligible for funds over and above tuition and fees, the balance will be disbursed to the student in accordance with the college’s financial aid disbursement calendar.

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 that were finalized by HESC after the initial loading of the MHC waiver require manual adjustment to the amount of the Macaulay scholarship on CUNYfirst.

The MHC tuition waiver is a last dollar in tuition waiver. These waiver awards must be reviewed to prevent any erroneous refunding. These awards vary for students depending on the TAP/and or the NYC merit award fees amount covered.

Application Procedures

The amount of the MHC 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 packaging the MHC tuition waiver on CUNYfirst.

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.

Winter Session Policy

With advisor approval, the MHC scholarship will cover one class, up to 4 credits, for the winter session. Scholars taking more than one class or 4 credits will have to receive approval from Macaulay to have the additional tuition covered.
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 baccalaureate degree program
- Have a NYS 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 marked the launch of the pilot program, ACE (Accelerate, Complete, Engage), at John Jay College to support baccalaureate students, and starting in Fall 2019 Lehman College will also participate.

ASAP offers students a combination of block programming, a dedicated ASAP advisor to guide your progress from entry to graduation, 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, 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 who are otherwise eligible may join ASAP, and will not receive the tuition waiver benefit.)
- 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.
- Starting in the Summer of 2016, the ASAP waiver takes into account the following financial aid awards: Pell Grant, FSEOG, TAP grant, and NYC Council Merit Scholarship.
- Depending on funding availability, students may also receive tuition assistance with courses in the Winter and Summer sessions (non-12/6 colleges). These tuition assistance waivers are a manual process at each of the colleges.
- Part-time ASAP waivers may be approved at the discretion of the ASAP Director. This is a manual awarding process and should take into account the following: Pell grant, FSEOG, APTS, and PTAP.
- 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 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.

More information on the ASAP program, including additional eligibility criteria unique to each participating college, can be found on the CUNY ASAP Website at: [http://www.cuny.edu/academics/programs/notable/asap/about.html](http://www.cuny.edu/academics/programs/notable/asap/about.html)
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. 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
- Although not publicized, students who fail to meet the academic standard may apply for a one-time waiver. The student must submit a written and documented explanation of the circumstances that prevented him/her from meeting the standard. Appeals should be reviewed by the college Financial Aid Office and if considered reasonable, forwarded to the OSFA Appeals Committee. The college will be notified of the committee’s decision and will be responsible for notifying the student.
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.
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:

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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
CUNY/ACS Fostering College Success Initiative

Funded by the City of New York beginning in FY17, the CUNY/ACS Fostering College Success Initiative is a college residential support program for youth in foster care through a partnership between CUNY and ACS. The program includes a comprehensive dormitory program for youth in care attending CUNY and that launched at Queens College Summit Residence Hall and the College of Staten Island (CSI) Dolphin Cove Residence in FY17 and will expand to include the City College Towers in FY18. Students in the program, who may attend any CUNY college, are housed at the CSI, QNS or City dormitories for the full calendar year (12 months) and also receive meal plans each semester.

They also receive wrap-around individualized services, including tutoring, mentoring, and academic advising within the dormitory setting at Queens College. ACS provides the funding for the program and contracts with not-for-profit entities, such as New York Foundling, to provide the wrap-around services. Additional funds from New York State have also been secured to support the SEEK/College Discovery (CD) Youth Matter program. Youth Matter provides access to academic, social, financial, and psychosocial support above and beyond the support students receive from SEEK/CD. CUNY Start and ASAP receive funding from the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation to provide additional support to foster care students beyond usual program services.

As a part of this initiative and as outlined in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between CUNY and ACS, all charges (tuition, fees, housing, meal plan, books, and transportation) for participating youth will be covered by ACS, after financial aid awards are applied each semester. Points of contact (POC) at the Central Office and the colleges of attendance will work together to do the following in a timely manner:

- ensure proper service indicators are applied to student accounts;
- systems are in place to allow charges to be entered onto students’ accounts in CUNYfirst through their college of attendance;
- any available financial aid and outside scholarships are awarded;
- and finally, any gap funding to be covered as per the ACS MOU is applied.

Key Procedures and Deadlines

Participant Verification:

Participating youth will be confirmed 15 days prior to the start of the semester with ACS and College of Residence POCs with a final list disseminated to all parties.

Service Indicators:

All charges (tuition, fees, housing, meal plan, books, and transportation) for participating youth will be covered by ACS, after financial aid awards are applied each semester. To ensure refunds are not disbursed in error, FPY service indicators should be applied by College of Attendance Registrars –15 days prior to the start of classes.
Textbook and Transportation Stipends:
The confirmed roster, along with approved textbook and transportation stipend amounts for each program participant (non-special program, ASAP, CUNY Start, and SEEK/CD), will be provided by Fostering College Success Data Specialist to: OUC/SFA Systems and Payroll, College of Attendance Bursars and Financial Aid Directors no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the start of the semester. These liaisons will apply the appropriate stipend charges and issue stipend refunds for each program participant – accounting for any differential between special program benefits and amounts agreed on by CUNY and ACS, as stated in the MOU.

Billing:
- Item types have been created to ensure charges can be posted before the start of the semester.
- Tuition and fees will automatically post to Student Financials upon the participants’ registration at the College of Attendance.*
- Queens and City housing, meal plan, and approved fees for dorming students will be provided by QNS and CTY POCs to the College of Attendance Bursars prior to the student’s registration for posting to the student’s accounts in Student Financials. The housing and meal charges can only be posted upon the student’s registration.
- College of Staten Island housing, meal plan, campus transportation and athletic facilities charges will be provided by CSI POC to the CSI Registrar and Bursar prior to the student’s registration for posting to the student’s accounts in Student Financials. The housing and meal charges can only be posted upon the student’s registration.
- Initial billing will be posted no later than the start of the semester.
- Subsequent billing changes are only posted as charges are communicated by QNS, CTY, or CSI POCs when new students are added to the roster.
- College of Attendance Bursars should ensure that BCF is applied to the student account to prevent a student from receiving a billing alert or notification.

NOTE: Special program POCs for ASAP and SEEK/CD will confirm coverage of winter or summer tuition charges. In the event that winter or summer tuition is not covered by ASAP or SEEK/CD, the Fostering College Success Program Director will confirm if ACS is willing to cover tuition costs.

Awarding:
Before the semester starts, participating students’ financial aid and ETV status (applied, requires verification, is in receipt) will be confirmed and any necessary follow up with special program POCs and ACS will be completed. Awarding will take into consideration Pell, TAP, TAP Waiver, FSEOG, ETV, other scholarships, and program benefits from ASAP, CUNY Start, or SEEK/CD as appropriate. Awards should be posted by College of Attendance Financial Aid Directors no later than 21 days after the start of the semester. The awarding process will be rerun two months after the start of the semester to capture any late changes made by College of Attendance bursars.