

HOW IS APTS AWARDED AND WHEN?

APTS awards are applied on a per credit, per semester basis and is awarded only during the fall and spring semesters. APTS is not awarded for summer sessions.

HOW WILL YOU KNOW IF YOU RECEIVE APTS?

If you apply early and meet the eligibility requirements of the program at the time you register for classes, an estimated APTS award may appear on your bill. By the middle of the semester, you will receive an APTS award letter confirming the award. At the end of the semester your anticipated APTS award will become accrual APTS, confirming that your award was certified by the New York State Higher Education Services Corporation.

HOW MUCH WILL YOU RECEIVE?

The amount of your APTS award will be based on the number of credits you are registered for, your income and the availability of program funds. An APTS award cannot be more than the cost of your tuition. APTS awards at City Tech can range from \$15 to \$65 a credit.



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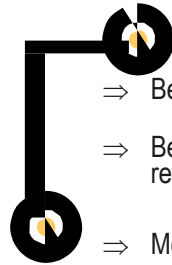
The Aid for Part-Time Study Program (APTS) is a New York State program that provides funds to students who attend college on a part-time basis.

PROFILE OF AN ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT

To be considered for APTS, you must:

- ⇒ Be a matriculated undergraduate student. A matriculated student is one who has registered for courses and other academic activities that are recognized as "contributing" toward fulfilling the requirements of a specific degree.
- ⇒ Be registered for at least 6 credit hours but less than 12 credit hours a semester made up of remedial and non-remedial courses that are creditable towards the degree, of which 3 must be non-remedial credits.
- ⇒ Have a certificate of graduation (a high school diploma or recognized equivalent) from within the U.S. or from the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam or the Northern Mariana Islands. **NOTE:** *If you have a Foreign High School Diploma, you are required to pass an ability to benefit test (ATB).*

Please contact the Testing Office, located in the General Building, Room 206 or call 718.260.5171 for assistance



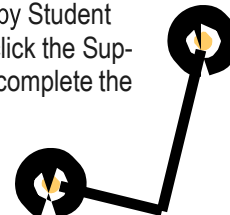
- ⇒ Be a New York State resident.
- ⇒ Be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident alien or refugee.
- ⇒ Meet the program income limits.
- ⇒ Not have used up Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) eligibility.
- ⇒ Not to be in default of a Federal Family Education Loan.
- * Maintain good academic standing, including having achieved at least a cumulative "C" average after having received the equivalent of 2 full years of state-sponsored student financial aid.



HOW DO I APPLY?

Application for APTS is an annual process. First, you must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid on the Web (FOTW) at www.fafsa.gov. After completing the FOTW, click on "Optional Feature—Start your state application" located on the FAFSA Confirmation page, to link to the New York State's TAP-On-The-Web application.

After the two forms are completed on the web, you will need to complete a CUNY Supplement application to be considered for the APTS award. Log on to your CUNYfirst account, navigate to Self Service followed by Student Center. In the Finances section, click the Supplement Form link to access and complete the Supplement form.



UNIQUE NATURE OF THE PROGRAM

APTS is a unique financial aid program. Unlike TAP and PELL grants in which all students who are eligible will receive funding, all eligible APTS applicants will not. The reason for this is that the APTS program is funded for a limited number of dollars per academic year. Historically, no more than 700-900 students who register part-time receive APTS awards.

Another interesting feature of the APTS program is that the income levels for eligibility are higher than the income levels for TAP and PELL grants.

INCOME LIMITS

Eligibility for an award is based on New York State net taxable income from the preceding calendar year.

If students were eligible to be claimed as tax dependents by their parents, their New York State NET taxable income can be as much as \$50,550 to qualify for an award. Family income includes student AND parents' income.

If a student was not eligible to be claimed by his parents as tax dependents, his New York State NET taxable income (including spouse's income) can be as much as \$34,250 to qualify for an award.

If students were not eligible to be claimed by their parents but were eligible to claim tax dependents other than self and/or spouse, New York State NET taxable income (including spouse's income) can be as much as \$50,550 to qualify for an award.