

FACT SHEET FOR TAP AND OTHER NYS AWARDS

If you have been awarded a New York State TAP Award and/or a NYS Scholarship, there are several criteria that must be met before the award can be credited to your account. The College of Saint Rose provides an estimated TAP Award on the student's award letter; however, the NYS Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC) is the agency that makes the final determination as to the amount of a student's award. The College must then determine if a student meets certain eligibility standards before it can certify an award made by HESC. Please review each of the following statements.

1. You must meet one of the United States **citizenship** requirements.
2. You must meet **New York State residency** requirements.
 - a. A student must be a legal resident of NYS for at least 12 months before the term for which assistance is sought.
 - b. Nonresidents who begin full-time study in NYS during their first year of residing in NYS are not eligible for state-sponsored student aid, even though they may have resided in NYS for 12 or more months.
 - c. If there is a question about your residency, you may be required to complete a NYS Residence Review Questionnaire. HESC will then make the final determination of your residency status.
3. You must be a **matriculated** student, which means you have been accepted to the College and you are working toward the completion of a degree.
4. You must be a **full-time** student enrolled in at least 12 credit hours.
 - a. If you are currently repeating a class, and it is not required of you to do so, that class cannot be counted toward your full-time enrollment status.
 - b. In order to receive a part-time summer award, you must have a full-time semester immediately preceding the summer semester for which you are seeking a TAP Award, and you must have earned a total of at least 24 credits during the previous two semesters.
5. You must declare a **major** by your junior year.
6. You must be in **good academic standing**. The satisfactory academic progress requirements for NYS awards are not necessarily the same as those required for Federal and institutional financial aid.
 - a. **Pursuit of Program**—you must receive a passing or failing grade (A-F letter grade, not a W) in a certain percentage of courses each term, depending on the number of state awards you have received. The percentage is determined as follows:

<u>No. of Payments</u>	<u>Must Receive a Grade For</u>
1, 2	50 percent of minimum full-time enrollment (6 cr. hrs.)
3, 4	75 percent of minimum full-time enrollment (9 cr. hrs.)
5 or more	100 percent of minimum full-time enrollment (12 cr. hrs.)

- b. **Satisfactory Academic Progress**—

The following chart will be used to evaluate students who first received TAP **prior to the 2007-08** academic year and students enrolled in the HEOP Program:

Before Being Certified For This Payment	A Student Must Have Accrued at Least This Many Credits	With at Least This Overall Grade Point Average (GPA)

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- c. **Reinstatement of Good Academic Standing**—one of the ways in which a student who has lost good academic standing may restore this standing is to make up past academic deficiencies by completing one or more terms of study without receiving any state grants or scholarships. Check with the Financial Aid Office for additional information.
 - d. **C Average Requirement**—students who have received the equivalent of three semesters of NYS funded student financial aid must earn a minimum cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 to be eligible for continued state-funded assistance. HEOP students and students who first received state aid in 2006-07 or earlier are required to earn a minimum cumulative grade point average of at least a 2.0 after having received 4 semesters of state aid.
 - e. **One-Time Waiver**—
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