



ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: New York State Tuition Assistance Program

PURPOSE: To examine the status of the New York State Tuition Assistance Program

Albany, New York
November 28, 2023
10:00 a.m.
Hearing Room C
Legislative Office Building

ORAL TESTIMONY WILL BE BY INVITATION ONLY

The New York State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) was established in 1974 to help eligible New York State residents pay tuition at approved institutions of higher education in New York State. As New York's largest grant program, TAP has helped millions of New Yorkers pay for their college education. In the 2022-23 academic year alone, TAP was awarded to approximately 234,000 students who attended higher education institutions across the State. Changes have been made to TAP in recent years, including a \$500 increase to the maximum TAP award, restoration of TAP eligibility to incarcerated individuals, and the expansion of part-time TAP eligibility to certain undergraduate students and students enrolled in eligible non-degree workforce credential programs. Approaching the 50th anniversary of TAP, the Committee seeks an update on the status of TAP, including testimony regarding how TAP has improved college affordability, and how the program has helped increase enrollment and retention rates at New York State colleges and universities.

Persons invited to present pertinent testimony to the Committee at the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Oral testimony will be limited to 5 minutes' duration. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committee will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to Committee staff as early as possible.

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Honorable Patricia A. Fahy

**Member of Assembly
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- I plan to attend the following public hearing on the Tuition Assistance Program to be conducted by the Assembly Standing Committee on Higher Education on November 28, 2023.
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