

SCHOLARSHIPS OUTSIDE SUNY NIAGARA:

After submitting your applications on the [SUNY Niagara Scholarships Website](#), please take the time to go over the other scholarship opportunities that are available outside of SUNY Niagara.

Keep in mind: These awards are NOT funded by SUNY Niagara, and application dates/disbursement of funds would be up to the awarding party.

Niagara Pride Graduate/Undergraduate Scholarship:

Who Can Apply: Any WNY LGBTQIA2S+ resident enrolled in an undergraduate, graduate, vocational program, or non-matriculated student (if working towards licensure or credentialing).

Application Portal Opens: July 1st each year. Application Deadline: September 15th each year. Scholarship Amount: \$1,000

<https://www.niagarapride.org/graduatescholarship>

The Jean Hopkins Memorial Scholarship:

This program was established in 2021 and consists of a **two annual \$750 awards** to help aid in the costs of pursuing educational opportunities beyond high school. This scholarship is aimed primarily at benefiting those LGBTQ+ young adults, and allies, who have demonstrated a commitment to advancing social justice, reducing inequities, and increasing the overall health of their community.

<https://www.niagarapride.org/jean-hopkins-memorial-scholarship>

Hispanic Women's League Scholarships

To date, over 300 remarkable Latina women have thrived with the support of our scholarships. They were initiated in 1983, and we have awarded over \$450,000 in scholarships since then. Last year, we awarded \$11,000 to seven inspiring women pursuing degrees in diverse fields. It is also important to note that we recently updated our scholarship criteria in 2024 to be more inclusive of those who did not take the traditional route of attending college. Including those who are in trade programs, online

programs, or in specialized training fields like culinary arts, music, visual arts, etc. **Scholarships available from \$1000+ each.** [APPLY HERE](#)

Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo Scholarship

Award: Up to \$6,000 **Eligibility:** The candidate must be a permanent resident in one of the eight counties of WNY (Allegany, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans, and Wyoming). They must have at least a 2.0 GPA and be accepted to any accredited non-profit college or university in the United States for full-time study at the undergraduate level. Limited funding is available on the graduate level: [Apply Here!](#)

NYS Organization of Bursars and Business Administrators Scholarship

Award: \$1,000 **Eligibility:** The candidate must be registered for at least half time at a *member school* and have completed at least 15 credit hours of college coursework, in good academic standing, and enrolled in a degree-granting program. [Student Instructions and Application](#)

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Scholarships

Phi Theta Kappa members have access to more than 37 million in scholarships. Applicants may apply for one scholarship on the common application or multiple scholarships at the same time. [Apply Here](#)

SAY YES to Education

The Western NY community has come together in remarkable ways to make post-secondary education possible for students and families from across the income spectrum. Check the Eligibility on their Web page. Learn [how to apply](#) for scholarships and Grants through SAY YES.

Volunteer Firefighter Tuition Reimbursement Program (FASNY HELP)

New York's volunteer fire departments are currently experiencing a critical need to recruit and retain members. As an incentive for people to serve, FASNY has developed the Higher Education Learning Plan (FASNY HELP). This program provides tuition reimbursement to individuals attending community college for up to eighty (80) credit hours. Under FASNY HELP, student-volunteers are eligible to have up to 100% of their tuition reimbursed in exchange for maintaining their grades and fulfilling defined service requirements. They must also be a "member in good standing" in one of New York's volunteer fire companies during both their school years and service payback period. Visit the website [HERE](#) to learn more and apply!

To apply for the FASNY memorial scholarship, please view their criteria and application [HERE](#)

Niagara County government Scholarships website:

Niagara County regularly posts local scholarships that students may apply for. Please visit their scholarships site [HERE](#).

The Waller Scholarship:

The Waller Scholarship is a renewable and competitive \$5,000 award for graduating SUNY Niagara multicultural students interested in continuing their education at Niagara University. The Waller Scholarship will offer four talented multicultural graduates from SUNY Niagara the financial resources they may need to earn a bachelor's degree at NU. The \$5,000 scholarship can be combined with Niagara's merit-based award incentives and other financial aid opportunities to make a university education accessible and affordable to all. To learn more, contact Will Brinson at 716.614.6258 or email wbrinson@niagaracc.suny.edu

Native American SUNY: Western Consortium Directory:

The Native American SUNY: Western Consortium is supported by the State University of New York (SUNY) to provide assistance to students in the Haudenosaunee or Six Nations communities in western and central New York State.

This Directory includes all awards that are offered, and links/contact info for applying for each.

[Link to Directory](#)

NYSIA: New York State Indian Aid for Higher Education:

The New York State Indian Aid Tuition Assistance Program provides funding for Indigenous students attending postsecondary schools in New York State. To learn more about the program and to access forms needed to apply, check out the link below:

[Indian Aid Tuition Assistance | New York State Education Department](#)

SUNYFAP:

State University of New York Financial Aid Professionals (SUNYFAP, Inc.) is an individual membership association, whose active membership is comprised of practicing Financial Aid Professionals from the state operated and community colleges of SUNY.

Student Scholarship Information & Applications:

<https://sunyfap.org/scholarships/>

NYSFAAA:

The New York State Financial Aid Administrators Association (NYSFAAA) *is a charitable, volunteer association of financial aid professionals advocating for, and promoting equal access to post-secondary education for all students. NYSFAAA offers education, professional development, and networking opportunities for its members and for colleagues in related educational, business, and governmental professions.*

George Chin Memorial Scholarship:

<https://www.nysfaaa.org/the-george-chin-memorial-scholarship>

Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC) Scholarships:

[Excelsior Scholarship](#)

This program covers tuition for eligible SUNY and CUNY students. The program began in 2017 and will be phased in over three years. It first applied to families who earned \$100,000 or less, then who earned \$110,000 or less in 2018, and it will eventually reach \$125,000 or less in 2019.

[Enhanced Tuition Awards](#)

This program enables students attending private colleges to receive financial assistance to complete their college degree. The program provides a maximum award of \$3,000, requires private colleges to provide a match and freeze student tuition for the duration of the award – maximizing the financial benefit to the student.

[Military Enhanced Recognition Incentive and Tribute - MERIT Scholarship, also known as Military Service Recognition Scholarship \(MSRS\)](#)

Provides financial aid to children, spouses and financial dependents of members of the United States Armed Forces or of a state organized militia who, at any time on or after Aug. 2, 1990, while a New York State resident, died or became severely and permanently disabled while engaged in hostilities or training for hostilities. For study in New York State.

[New York State Achievement and Investment in Merit Scholarship \(NY-AIMS\)](#)

The New York State Achievement and Investment in Merit Scholarship (NY-AIMS) provides high school graduates who excel academically with \$500 in merit-based scholarships to support their cost of attendance at any college or university located in New York State.

[New York State Part-time Scholarship \(PTS\) Award](#)

The New York State Part-Time Scholarship Award Program provides scholarship awards to students who attend a SUNY or CUNY Community College part-time and maintain a 2.0 GPA. Students can receive \$1,500 per semester for up to 2 years.

[NYS Child Welfare Worker Incentive Scholarship Program](#)

The NYS Child Welfare Worker Incentive Scholarship Program grants awards for child welfare workers employed at voluntary not-for-profit child welfare agencies licensed by the NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS). Recipients must agree to live in NYS and work at a voluntary not-for-profit child welfare agency licensed by OCFS for 5 years after graduation, and can use the award to get an associate's, bachelor's or graduate degree for not more than 2 years, 4 years, and 2 years, respectively.

[NYS Math and Science Teaching Incentive Scholarship](#)

Provides grants to eligible full-time undergraduate or graduate students in approved programs that lead to math or science teaching careers in secondary education.

[NYS Memorial Scholarship for Families of Deceased Firefighters, Volunteer Firefighters, Police Officers, Peace Officers, and Emergency Medical Service Workers](#)

Provides financial aid to children, spouses and financial dependents of deceased firefighters, volunteer firefighters, police officers, peace officers, and emergency medical service workers who have died as the result of injuries sustained in the line of duty in service to the State of New York. For study in New York State.

[NYS Scholarships for Academic Excellence](#)

Awarded to outstanding graduates from registered New York State high schools. Awards are based on student grades in certain Regents exams. For up to five years of undergraduate study in New York State.

[NYS Science, Technology,
Engineering and Mathematics
\(STEM\) Incentive Program](#)

The NYS STEM Incentive Program provides awards for full-time study up to the annual tuition charged to NYS resident students attending an undergraduate program at the State University of New York (SUNY), or actual tuition charged, whichever is less, for the top 10 percent of students in each New York State high school if they pursue a STEM degree in an associates or bachelor degree program and agree to work in a STEM field in New York State for 5 years after graduation.

[NYS World Trade Center
Memorial Scholarship](#)

Guarantees access to a college education for the families and financial dependents of the victims who died or were severely and permanently disabled in the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and the resulting rescue and recovery efforts.

[Senator Patricia K. McGee
Nursing Faculty Scholarship](#)

The Senator Patricia K. McGee Nursing Faculty Scholarship program seeks to increase the number of educators and adjunct clinical faculty teaching nursing education in New York State.

ROTC SCHOLARSHIPS:

Apply for an ROTC scholarship through the [ROTC Office at Niagara University](#).

Students must meet certain academic and medical standards, be interviewed by military officials, and be willing to serve up to four years of active duty as an officer after graduation. Entry into active duty after graduation may be deferred to obtain an advanced degree at the student's own expense.

The award may be for two or three years for a sophomore or a freshman, respectively. Recipients receive 80 percent of expenses, or \$7,500, whichever is greater, for tuition and all required university fees; a flat-rate fee of \$450 annually for textbooks and supplies; plus \$100 per month for up to ten months of the academic year.

Outside Scholarship Resources:

These resources below list different scholarships and information available outside of SUNY Niagara.

Make sure to pay close attention to deadline and disbursement dates, and that the awarding agency will participate with a SUNY School!!!

FastWeb.com

This is a free website listing many outside scholarship opportunities, student discounts, and other resources.

[Scholarship Guidance](http://ScholarshipGuidance)

This is a free website listing many outside scholarships, along with college and career information.

Studentscholarships.org

This is a free website that lists outside scholarships, career & salary information, and useful articles.

Finaid.org

This is a free website that lists outside scholarships, aid calculators, loan and FAFSA information, and general financial aid information

**Any questions, drop by the Scholarships Office in Financial Aid,
or contact directly:**

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