

WELCOME!

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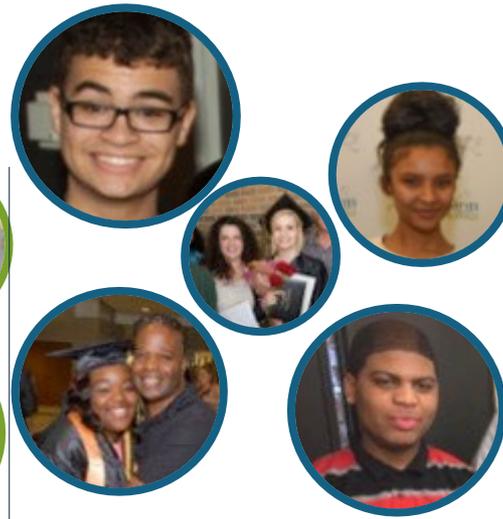
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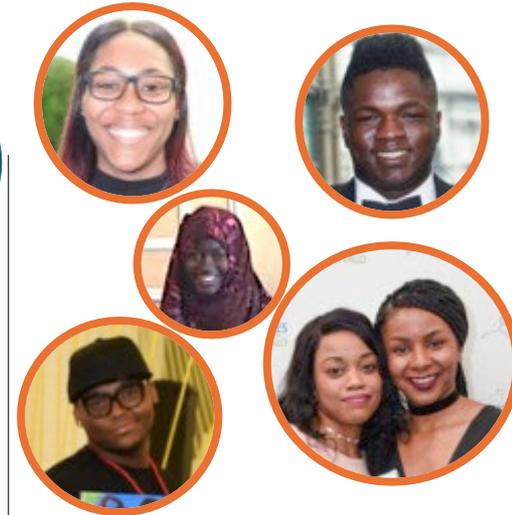
Birth - 12

- ✓ Early Childhood developmental supports
- ✓ Say Yes Little Scholars
- ✓ Social services
- ✓ Family supports
- ✓ Mental health care
- ✓ Health care
- ✓ Summer camps
- ✓ Parent resources
- ✓ Saturday Academies



Pre-College

- ✓ College & financial aid assistance
- ✓ High school to college transition programs
- ✓ Boys & Men of Color Initiative
- ✓ College transition curriculum



College

- ✓ Tuition scholarships
- ✓ Apprenticeship Program
- ✓ Paid internships
- ✓ On-campus college success counselors
- ✓ Mental Health Care
- ✓ Say Yes Buffalo Alumni Network

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR A SAY YES SCHOLARSHIP?

Buffalo resident

Continuously enrolled in a public or charter school located in the City of Buffalo since at least 9th grade

Enroll full time at a Say Yes partner college within a year of HS graduation

Graduate from high school in June 2013 or later

**Apply for financial aid each year
(PELL AND TAP)**

Students who don't meet eligibility can file an appeal

Scholarships available to all SUNY & CUNY institutions and over 100 private colleges/universities

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Say Yes Buffalo Tuition Scholarships are available to all SUNY/CUNY schools and at the private partner institutions below:

- Alfred University, NY (5)
- Bates College, ME
- Berea College, KY
- **Benedict College, SC**
- **Bennett College, NC**
- Boston University, MA
- **Bowdoin College, ME**
- Brown University, RI
- **Bryant & Stratton, NY**
- Bucknell University, PA
- **California Institute of Technology, CA**
- **Canisius College, NY (10)**
- **Carleton College, MN**
- Case Western Reserve, OH
- Claremont McKenna College, CA
- **Clarkson University, NY**
- Colby College, ME
- Colgate University, NY
- College of Wooster, OH
- **Colorado College, CO**
- Columbia University, NY
- Cooper Union, NY
- **Cornell University, NY**
- **Crouse Hosp. Coll. of Nursing, NY (2)**
- **Daemen College, NY (3)**
- **Dartmouth College, NH**
- **Davidson College, NC**
- Denison University, OH
- Dickinson College, PA
- Drew University, NJ
- **Duke University, NC**
- D'Youville College, NY
- **Franklin & Marshall College, PA**
- George Washington University, DC
- Georgetown University, DC
- Greensboro College, NC
- Guilford College, NC
- Hamilton College, NY
- **Harvard University, MA**
- Harvey Mudd College, CA
- **Hilbert College, NY**
- **Houghton College, NY (3)**
- Ithaca College, NY
- Johns Hopkins University, MD
- Kenyon College, OH
- Laurel University, NC
- Lehigh University, PA
- Lycoming College, PA
- Marist College, NY
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology, MA
- Medaille College, NY
- Monroe College, NY
- **Morehouse College, GA**
- Muhlenberg College, PA
- **Niagara University, NY (3)**
- Northeastern University, MA
- Northwestern University, IL
- Oberlin College, OH
- Occidental College, CA
- Ohio Northern University, OH
- Ohio Wesleyan University, OH
- Paul Smith's College of the Adirondacks, NY
- **Paul Quinn College, TX**
- **Pitzer College, CA**
- Pomona College, CA
- Princeton University, NJ
- **Providence College, RI**
- Reed College, OR
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, NY
- **Rhodes College, TN**

- **Rice University, TX**
- **Rochester Inst. of Technology, NY**
- **St. Bonaventure University, NY (4)**
- **St. Joseph's Coll. of Nursing, NY (2)**
- St. Olaf College, MN
- Salem College, NC
- Scripps College, CA
- **Sewanee: The University of the South, TN**
- **Simmons College of Kentucky, KY**
- Smith College, MA
- Springfield College, MA
- **Stanford University, CA**
- **Swarthmore College, PA**
- Syracuse University, NY
- Texas Christian University, TX
- The University of Southern California, CA
- Trinity College, CT
- **Trocaire College, NY (12)**
- Tufts University, MA
- Tulane University, LA
- Union College, NY
- University of Chicago, IL
- University of Notre Dame, IN
- University of Pennsylvania, PA
- **University of San Diego, CA**
- **Vanderbilt University, TN**
- Vassar College, NY
- Villa Maria College, NY
- Washington University at St. Louis, MO
- **Wellesley College, MA**
- **Wesleyan University, CT**
- Whitman College, WA
- Williams College, MA

- **University of San Diego, CA**
- **Vanderbilt University, TN**
- Vassar College, NY
- Villa Maria College, NY
- Washington University at St. Louis, MO
- **Wellesley College, MA**
- **Wesleyan University, CT**
- Whitman College, WA
- Williams College, MA

* Institution that offers an unlimited number of tuition scholarships to Say Yes Buffalo eligible students

* Institution that provides financial aid packages that cover more than tuition costs

* Institution that offers a limited number of Say Yes Buffalo scholarships per year

* **Historically Black College or University**

* List current as of February 2020



Types of Scholarships

Last-dollar Tuition Scholarships cover up to 100% of tuition remaining after state, federal and institutional aid are applied

- Can be used at any SUNY/CUNY institution or at any of our 100 private partner colleges toward a certificate, associate or bachelor's degree
- K-12 continuous enrollment impacts SUNY/CUNY awards
- Family income impacts private college awards: HHI < \$75k = 100% tuition covered; >\$75k = \$5,000 toward tuition/year

Flexible Opportunity Grants provide up to \$1,300/semester toward non-tuition costs for students who attend & live on campus and up to \$200/semester for commuters at SUNY/CUNY schools who demonstrate the most financial need (defined as receiving within \$500 of max Pell award)

WHAT IS A TUITION GUARANTEE?

As a Say Yes eligible student, we guarantee that after:

- Federal financial aid (Pell)
- State financial aid (TAP and SUNY tuition credit)
- Any tuition specific grants or scholarships

Are applied to your tuition, the remainder or a percentage of the remainder of your tuition will be covered by Say Yes Buffalo.

TUITION IS JUST ONE PART OF THE COST TO ATTEND COLLEGE

Full Cost Of Attendance (COA) includes:

- ✓ **Tuition** (~\$5,200 - \$75,000+)
- + **Fees** (~\$700 - \$3,500)
- + **Room & Board** (~\$16,000)
- + **Books, supplies, transportation, and misc. personal expenses** (~\$3,000)

Total COA varies widely from college to college

HOW IS THE SAY YES TUITION SCHOLARSHIP CALCULATED?

**Cost of Full
Time Tuition**



**Grants &
Scholarships**



**SAY YES
TUITION
SCHOLARSHIP**



*Includes federal,
state, SUNY tuition,
and tuition specific aid*

Please note:

Loans and outside scholarships are applied after the Say Yes scholarship and can be used for books, fees, room and board

SAY YES TUITION SCHOLARSHIP AT SUNY/CUNY SCHOOLS

Students enrolled
at SUNY or CUNY colleges
are eligible for tuition
scholarships up to the
amount of the base SUNY
undergraduate tuition rate
(\$7,070*) regardless of
family income

**This amount is \$5,200 annually at
community colleges*

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SAY YES TUITION SCHOLARSHIP AT SUNY/CUNY SCHOOLS

| How long student has been continuously enrolled in BPS/Charter | % of Tuition Say Yes will pay for |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| K | 100% |
| 1,2,3 | 95% |
| 4,5,6 | 80% |
| 7,8,9 | 65% |

**If a student attended public/charter schools in Buffalo from K- 6th grade, left the system for 7th grade, and returned to the system for 8th – 12th grade, Say Yes would consider that student as “starting” in the 8th grade and eligible for 65% of tuition support.*

SAY YES OPPORTUNITY GRANT AT SUNY/CUNY SCHOOLS

If you are a Say Yes eligible student:

1. Accepted to attend a SUNY/CUNY school
2. And you are receiving within \$500 of the maximum Pell Grant



Say Yes
Opportunity Grant:
up to
\$2,600/residents and
\$400/commuters to
be used books, room
& board



COST OF ATTENDANCE (COA) AT SUNY ECC

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| TUITION | } <i>Billed directly by college</i> | + \$5,200 |
| FEES | | + \$735 |
| BOOKS AND ADDITIONAL EXPENSES | | + \$3,092 |
| | <i>Out of pocket</i> | |

TOTAL = \$9,027

Aaron
Eligible for 100% tuition coverage from Say Yes

FINANCIAL AID RECEIVED:

| | | |
|-------|---|---------|
| PELL: | | \$7,395 |
| TAP: | + | \$5,665 |

TOTAL = \$13,060

SAY YES TUITION SCHOLARSHIP = \$0

Brianna
Eligible for 65% tuition coverage from Say Yes

FINANCIAL AID RECEIVED:

| | | |
|-------|---|-------|
| PELL: | | \$0 |
| TAP: | + | \$500 |

TOTAL = \$500

SAY YES TUITION SCHOLARSHIP = \$3,055

$$5,200 - 500 = 4,700$$

$$4,700 \times .65 = \text{\$3,055}$$

John
Eligible for 80% tuition coverage from Say Yes

FINANCIAL AID RECEIVED:

| | | |
|-------|---|---------|
| PELL: | | \$2,000 |
| TAP: | + | \$750 |

TOTAL = \$2,750

SAY YES TUITION SCHOLARSHIP = \$1,960

$$5,200 - 2,750 = 2,450$$

$$2,450 \times .80 = \text{\$1,960}$$

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NOTE: The current maximum Pell and TAP grants are \$7,395 and \$5,665, respectfully and total \$13,060 annually

SAY YES TUITION SCHOLARSHIP AT PRIVATE PARTNER SCHOOLS

Students are eligible for up to the full cost of tuition:

- Family income below \$75,000 = full tuition scholarship
- Family income above \$75,000 = \$5,000 scholarship toward tuition

Some colleges offer a limited number of Tuition Scholarships; see SayYesBuffalo.org for full details



A Private
COLLEGE

COST OF ATTENDANCE (COA) AT APC

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| TUITION | } <i>Billed directly by college</i> | + \$32,400 |
| FEES | | + \$580 |
| BOOKS AND ADDITIONAL EXPENSES | | + \$2,200 |
| | <i>Out of pocket</i> | |

TOTAL = \$35,180

Aaron

FINANCIAL AID RECEIVED:

PELL: + \$7,395
TAP: + \$5,665

TOTAL = \$13,060

**SAY YES TUITION
SCHOLARSHIP
= \$19,340**

Brianna

FINANCIAL AID RECEIVED:

PELL: + \$0
TAP: + \$500

TOTAL = \$500

**SAY YES CHOICE
GRANT = \$5,000**

John

FINANCIAL AID RECEIVED:

PELL: + \$2,000
TAP: + \$750

TOTAL = \$2,750

**SAY YES TUITION
SCHOLARSHIP
= \$29,650**

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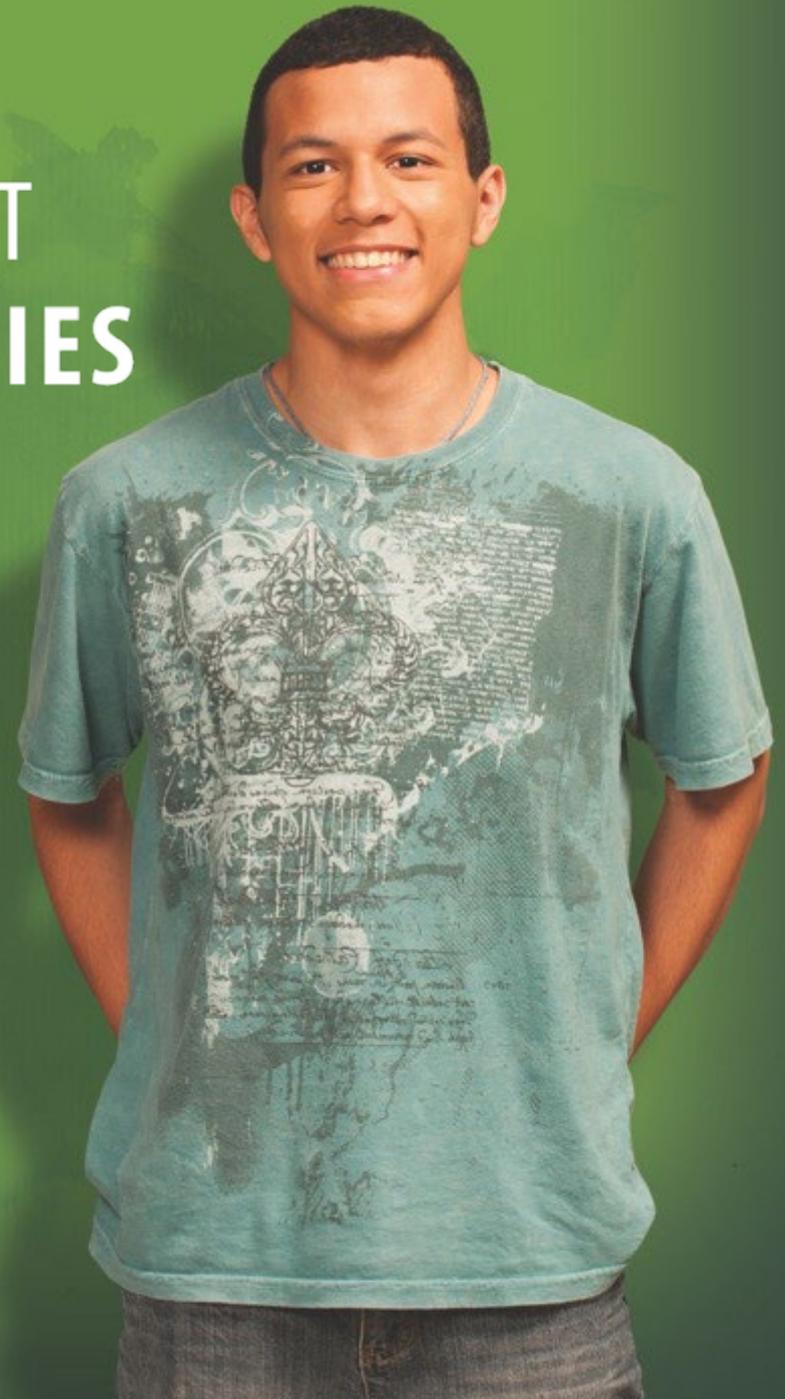
Personal care industry scholarships to Erie 1 BOCES

Six students annually can receive a scholarship up to \$5,000 to complete one-year program in barbering or cosmetology

- Separate application required
- More information at SayYesBuffalo.org/barbering



SAY YES STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES



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HOW LONG CAN A STUDENT RECEIVE SAY YES SUPPORT?

Community College



6 SEMESTERS
full-time
enrollment

Community
College



Transfer
to 4-year
College



10 SEMESTERS
full-time
enrollment

4-year College/University



10 SEMESTERS
full-time
enrollment

IMPORTANT:

DEADLINE POLICY

Students MUST have fully completed the items below by the deadline in order to receive Say Yes scholarships for that semester:

1. Notified Say Yes of final college choice (including transfers)
2. FAFSA
3. NYS TAP
4. Financial Aid Verification Process (if applicable, as dictated by your college)
5. Update your account information

The Fall 2026 deadline is DECEMBER 1st

The Spring 2027 deadline is FEBRUARY 15th (this applies to students starting school in the spring semester or transferring to a new school in the spring semester).

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Remain enrolled in college full-time



Pass at least 12 credit hours/semester



Maintain grade point average of 2.0 or better



Apply for financial aid each year



Log in to your Say Yes Account and update your information as needed



When Will I Receive My Scholarship Money?

Payments are made to colleges after October 15th (fall) & February 15th (spring)

- **If FAFSA and TAP are not complete, scholarship awards from Say Yes will be delayed**
- **Funds are sent to the college after all financial and academic information is received by Say Yes from the college.**
 - Each term, Say Yes verifies the student's enrollment at the college (and that they haven't left prior to the add/drop/withdrawal deadline) before any monies are dispersed

NOT ELIGIBLE? FILE AN APPEAL!

- Students who do not meet the Say Yes eligibility requirements are strongly recommended to file an appeal.
- Students who are refugees, have experienced homelessness or spent time in the foster care system are automatically granted eligibility upon submission of an appeal with proper documentation.
- If you experienced any family hardship, health issues or extenuating circumstances, file an appeal!
- Appeal forms available at www.sayyesbuffalo.org/appeal
- Over 80% of all appeals are approved each year!

QUESTIONS?

Ernest Hemingway
Doris Lessing
Edgar Allan Poe
Gabriel Garcia Marquez
Mark Twain
Virginia Woolf
William Faulkner
Walter Whitman
Langston Hughes
Stephen Crane
Steinbeck
F. Scott Fitzgerald
Jack Kerouac
Tennessee Williams
Frederick Douglass

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