

# Financial Aid and Scholarships

## OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

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The Financial Aid Office administers most aid programs—federal, state, city and college funded. Applications, counseling and other information are available from the office (Colston Hall, Room 504). Financial Aid program descriptions are based on current statutes and regulations, and may be changed periodically. Entering students should contact the Financial Aid Office early in the admission process to discuss eligibility requirements, to obtain forms, and to receive up-to-date information on various aid programs.

Students must file a FAFSA application each year. Students are encouraged to apply early for financial aid. Please note that enrollment in otherwise approved programs may jeopardize a student's eligibility for certain student aid awards.

## NEW YORK STATE PROGRAMS

### Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)

New York State's Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) provides grants to students to assist them in paying tuition. TAP is administered by the New York State Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC) for residents of New York State. Under this program, full-time students (at least 12 credits or equated credits) whose families have an annual New York State net taxable income of \$80,000 or less, or students who are single and independent with no dependents and a \$10,000 net taxable income or less may qualify for assistance to help meet tuition charges.\*

Applications are generated by the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Before submitting the application, the applicant should review it with a financial aid officer, especially if there are questions relating to completion of the application. The Higher Education Services Corporation determines the applicant's eligibility and an award certificate indicating the amount of the grant is sent directly to the applicant. If there is a TAP award on your financial award letter, note the amount of the award is an estimate. Further information is available at the Financial Aid Office located in Colston Hall, Room 504.

The requirements and conditions for TAP eligibility are as follows:

- You must be a New York State resident.
- You must submit your FAFSA and the TAP application before May 1<sup>st</sup> of the end of the academic year applying for aid.

- You must be admitted to a degree program.
- You must register for at least 12 credits each semester you receive a TAP award. If you are pursuing an Associate's Degree you must declare a major before the beginning of your second year.
- You must make academic progress towards your degree.
- HESC will verify the income tax information on your TAP application with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance.
- Disabled students (according to the ADA definition) may be eligible to receive TAP when taking less than full-time course load.
- Have graduated from H.S. in the U.S. or earned a GED, or passed a federally Ability-to-Benefit test defined by the Commissioner of the State of Education Department.

**1st NYS TAP Award received BEFORE July 1, 2006**

At the end of your						
TAP Payments	1	2*	3	4	5	6***
TAP Points	6	12	18	24	30	36
Minimum Accumulated degree credits	-	6	18	31	45	60
Minimum Cumulative degree index (G.P.A.)	-	1.00	1.2	2.00 **	2.00	2.00
Minimum credits/ equivalent credits to be completed during current semester	6	6	9	9	12	12

**Explanation of Chart**

AT THE END OF THE:	A Student should have	AT THE END OF THE:	A Student should have
<b>1st TAP Payment</b> (First semester for which a TAP payment is made)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive a passing grade in 6 of the full time credits registered for (including remedial)</li> </ul>	<b>4th TAP Payment</b> (Fourth semester for which a TAP payment is made)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A total of 31 degree credits passed</li> <li>• A degree G.P.A. of 2.00 or better</li> <li>• Received a passing grade in 9 of the full-time credits registered for (including remedial)</li> </ul>
<b>2nd TAP Payment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A total of 6 degree credits passed</li> <li>• A degree G.P.A. of</li> </ul>	<b>5th TAP Payment</b> (Fifth semester for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A total of 45 degree credits passed</li> </ul>

(Second semester for which a TAP payment is made)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.00 or better</li> <li>Received a passing grade in 6 of the full-time credits registered for (including remedial)</li> </ul>	which a TAP payment is made)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A degree G.P.A. of 2.00 or better</li> <li>Received a passing grade in 12 of the full-time credits registered for (including remedial)</li> </ul>
<b>3rd TAP Payment</b> (Third semester for which a TAP payment is made)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A total of 18 degree credits passed</li> <li>A degree G.P.A. of 1.20 or better</li> <li>Received a passing grade in 9 of the full-time credits registered for (including remedial)</li> </ul>	<b>6th TAP Payment</b> (Sixth semester for which a TAP payment is made)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A total of 60 degree credits passed</li> <li>A degree G.P.A. of 2.00 or better</li> <li>Received a passing grade in 12 of the full-time credits registered</li> </ul>

Note: While a student must be enrolled full-time to be minimally eligible for TAP consideration, she or he must complete the number of credits noted by semester in the chart.

\* Transfer students must register for at least six (6) degree credits to receive TAP

\*\* Students who have two years of TAP or the equivalent must have a 2.00 G.P.A. or higher to remain eligible for TAP.

\*\*\* Each TAP payment is equivalent to six (6) TAP points; students are only allowed 36 points (6 payments) at a two-year institution.

**1st NYS TAP Award received AFTER July 1, 2006**

At the end of your						
<b>TAP Payments</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2*</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6***</b>
TAP Points	6	12	18	24	30	36
Minimum Accumulated degree credits	3	9	18	30	45	60
Minimum Cumulative degree index (G.P.A.)	0.5	0.75	1.3	2.00 **	2.00	2.00
Minimum credits/ equivalent credits to be completed during current semester	6	6	9	9	12	12

Explanation of Chart

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<b>1st TAP Payment</b> (First semester for which a TAP payment is made)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 credits toward degree</li> <li>• Receive a passing grade in 6 of the full time credits registered for (including remedial)</li> </ul>	<b>4th TAP Payment</b> (Fourth semester for which a TAP payment is made)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A total of 30 degree credits passed</li> <li>• A degree G.P.A. of 2.00 or better</li> <li>• Received a passing grade in 9 of the full-time credits registered for (including remedial)</li> </ul>
<b>2nd TAP Payment</b> (Second semester for which a TAP payment is made)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A total of 9 degree credits passed</li> <li>• A degree G.P.A. of .75 or better</li> <li>• Received a passing grade in 6 of the full-time credits registered for (including remedial)</li> </ul>	<b>5th TAP Payment</b> (Fifth semester for which a TAP payment is made)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A total of 45 degree credits passed</li> <li>• A degree G.P.A. of 2.00 or better</li> <li>• Received a passing grade in 12 of the full-time credits registered for (including remedial)</li> </ul>
<b>3rd TAP Payment</b> (Third semester for which a TAP payment is made)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A total of 18 degree credits passed</li> <li>• A degree G.P.A. of 1.30 or better</li> <li>• Received a passing grade in 9 of the full-time credits registered for (including remedial)</li> </ul>	<b>6th TAP Payment</b> (Sixth semester for which a TAP payment is made)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A total of 60 degree credits passed</li> <li>• A degree G.P.A. of 2.00 or better</li> <li>• Received a passing grade in 12 of the full-time credits registered</li> </ul>

**Note:** While a student must be enrolled full-time to be minimally eligible for TAP consideration, (s) he must complete the number of credits noted by semester in the chart.

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### **Aid for Part-Time Study (APTS)**

This is a New York State grant for undergraduate students pursuing degree programs on a part-time basis (6 to 11 credits). To be eligible, students must be New York State residents and taking at least three degree credits. Students must comply with New York State Education Department regulations for continued eligibility. The award can only be used to pay for tuition costs.

**Award Amounts:** Awards are based on the family's New York State taxable income. The amount is determined by The City University of New York and will vary according to state funding.

Application Form: Application for Part-Time Study (APTS)

### **Part-Time TAP (PTAP)**

You must enroll part-time in a minimum of 6 to 11 credits or equated credits per semester. (PTAP is available beginning in the 2007-08 academic years for students who earned 24 credits in the prior year).

### **College Discovery (CD)**

The College Discovery Program (CD) was initiated in 1964 by the Board of Higher Education to provide educational opportunities at the community college level to economically and academically disadvantaged students who have the potential to become excellent college students. The program provides counseling, financial aid, tutoring services and supplemental instruction.

**Admission Procedures:** Admission into the CD Program is part of the CUNY admissions process.

**A CUNY Supplement Form will be mailed by CUNY to potential CD recipients. Once the information is processed and forwarded to HESC,** applicants will be selected for the CD Program. The form may also be returned to City University of New York, University Application Processing Center, Box 136, Bay Station, Brooklyn, New York 11235.

### **Selection of Recipients and Allocation of Awards:**

1. A resident of New York City for 12 consecutive months;
2. Academically disadvantaged according to guidelines approved by the Board of Trustees of the University;
3. Economically disadvantaged according to guidelines approved by the Board of Regents and the Director of the Budget; and
4. An applicant for admission as a freshman to an associate's degree program in CUNY.  
Eligible applicants, after screening for academic potential, are offered admission to the CUNY College of their choice.

**Note:** State law requires that in order to receive CD awards, students must file an application for the Pell grants and the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP).

**Award Schedule:** The amount of financial assistance and other support provided to participants is dependent on need, as determined by the CUNY Office of Student Financial Assistance and/or the individual college financial aid programs, within State guidelines.

## **OTHER NEW YORK STATE SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS**

New York State offers a number of special scholarships for students who excelled in high school, or who may be pursuing particular academic objectives. Information about these scholarships is available from the New York State Higher Education Services Corporation at [www.hesc.org](http://www.hesc.org).

## **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS**

The United States Department of Education offers several federal financial assistance programs. Three of these programs—Federal Pell Grants, Federal Supplemental Opportunity Grants (FSEOG) and Federal Work-Study (FWS)—share general eligibility requirements. Each of these programs is discussed separately. The following are requirements and conditions students must meet to be eligible for these programs:

- Be accepted for admission into a degree-seeking program
- Register for at least six credit hours of study
- Be in good academic standing and make satisfactory academic progress towards completing a degree
- Be a citizen, permanent resident, refugee or a student who is seeking asylum
- Not be in default of a previous federal student loan or owe a refund of financial aid previously received
- Provide documentation to verify the information on the FAFSA if it is requested
- Have registered with Selective Service (for males between the ages of 18 and 25)
- Not be convicted of possessing or selling illegal drugs while receiving financial aid

### **Federal Pell Grants**

Applications and other materials are available online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and in the Financial Aid Office. The Financial Aid Office encourages students to file electronically for financial aid no later than April 15 each year in the Financial Aid Lab located in Colston Hall, Room 503. FAFSA on The Web filing is the fastest way to file for financial aid. If a student files electronically, he or she is sent an acknowledgement (Page 1 of the Student Aid Report). If there are no problems with the application the student is notified via e-mail and a notice is sent directly to the college. The student is instructed to check with the Financial Aid Office for additional instructions in completing the financial aid process.

Students may also file for financial aid using a paper FAFSA application.

The completed FAFSA application should be submitted for processing according to the application directions. A Student Aid Report (SAR) will be sent to the applicant via US postal mail or electronically, if an email is provided. Based on this report, the amount of the applicant's award is determined by the Financial Aid Office. Funds are paid directly to the student or may be credited to his or her account.

**Selection of Recipients and Allocation of Awards:** The Pell Grant Program is an entitlement program. Scholastic accomplishment has no bearing on eligibility. The applicant must be enrolled as an undergraduate student at least on a part-time basis in an approved postsecondary institution, which is itself eligible under law to participate in the Pell Grant Program, and must need financial assistance.

Financial need is determined by a formula applied to all applicants. It was developed by the U.S. Department of Education and is reviewed annually by Congress. The student eligibility index is calculated by this formula.

**Award Schedule:** Awards vary from year to year, but are never more than 60 percent of the total cost of attendance as defined by the Pell Grant program. The amount of the grant depends on the student's expected family contribution (EFC) and enrollment status.

**Rights and Responsibilities of Recipients:** The student must continue to make satisfactory academic progress in the program in which enrolled. The student must not owe any repayments of Pell Grants or other awards paid, or currently be in default on payment of any student loan.

The federal government restricts the use of Pell Grants for students taking remedial courses up to 30 remedial credits. After the student has received Pell Grants for 30 remedial credits, the number of degree credits will determine the Pell award.

Students in default of a student loan are not entitled to receive financial aid. In order to be eligible for a SMART Grant, you must be enrolled in a four year college.

### **Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG)**

FSEOG is a federal, campus-based program. If you demonstrate exceptional financial need, CUNY could award you funds from the limited FSEOG money available. Preference is given to students who receive a Pell Grant. In addition to exceptional need, CUNY requires that you demonstrate a willingness to assist in financing your education through part-time employment or borrowing. To receive FSEOG you must be registered for at least six credit hours.

A student enrolled at Bronx Community College can apply for an award under this program by completing the FAFSA Application. Students are encouraged to file early to be considered for FSEOG. Early filers have a greater chance of receiving FSEOG as college funding for this type of aid is limited.

**Award Schedule:** The award ranges from \$200 to \$2,000 per year.

**Rights and Responsibilities of Recipients:** The student must continue to make satisfactory academic progress.

### **Academic Competitive Grants (ACG)**

An eligible student may receive an Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG) of up to \$750 for the first academic year of study and up to \$1,300 for the second academic year of study. To be eligible for each academic year, you must:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be a Federal Pell Grant recipient
- Be enrolled full-time in a degree program
- Be enrolled in the first or second year of your program of study at a two-year or four-year degree granting institution (such as CUNY)
- Have completed a rigorous secondary school program of study and graduated after January 1, 2005
- Have at least a cumulative 3.0 Grade Point Average on a 4.0 scale for the first academic year.

In New York State, a Regents Diploma with Honors or Advanced Designation will serve as evidence of a rigorous secondary school program. A student may also qualify through completion of a prescribed set of courses taken: two Advance Placement (AP) courses with a minimum score of three (3) on the AP exams; or two International Baccalaureate (IB) courses with a score of four (4) on the IB exams.

Potential recipients who filed a FAFSA online will have self-identified as part of the online application process. Students who filed a paper application will be given a website link on their Student Aid Report (SAR) that will help them determine whether they have completed a qualifying rigorous secondary school program. A student's college will then be notified and will verify eligibility. If you are not notified and you think you may be eligible, contact the Financial Aid Office to determine your eligibility.

### **Federal Perkins Loans Program**

Federal Perkins Student Loans are low interest loans for students who have exceptional financial need. CUNY serves as the lender and funding is limited. The interest rate is set at 5 percent. The application is the FAFSA.

Generally, at CUNY these loans are made available to students who have earned 28 or more degree credits to help minimize debt burden during the early part of the academic experience. Loans are available to matriculated students enrolled at least half time (6 credits) and in good academic standing. To qualify, a student must be eligible for a Pell Grant. Amounts vary but the maximum amount a student can receive for one year is \$2,000 or a total of \$4,500.

Repayment begins nine months after the student has graduated, withdrawn from college, or fallen below six credits. Students must also attend an entrance workshop and an exit interview to notify them of their rights and obligations concerning the Perkins Loan.

The maximum time to repay the loan is 10 years. Depending on the amount borrowed, minimum payment is \$40 a month per loan. Repayment may be made entirely or in part at any time without penalty to the student. Cancellation, deferment, forbearance, economic hardship, etc., will be explained at one of the loan workshops which students must attend at BCC before and after receiving their loans.

Repayment is not required for up to three years of active U.S. military service, or service in the Peace Corps, VISTA, or similar national program.

### **Federal Direct Loans**

If you feel that you need to borrow money to pay for some of the costs of your college education, there are federal loans available to you. CUNY participates in the Direct Loan Program where students borrow directly from the federal government. Just like any other loan, these loans must be repaid with interest. If you have financial need, you are eligible for a subsidized Direct Loan and there is no interest charged as long as you maintain half-time enrollment.

### **William D. Ford Direct Loan Program**

To apply, you must be a matriculated student at Bronx Community College and if you are a new loan borrower, attend a Direct Loan workshop conducted by the Financial Aid Office.

**Loan Schedule:** A dependent student is limited to \$5,500 for the first year loan, \$6,500 for a second year loan and up to \$7,500 for the third and fourth year. An independent student (students who do not provide parental information) can borrow up to \$9,500 for the first year of school, \$10,500 for the second year, and \$12,500 for the third and fourth year. The maximum portion of the loan that can be borrowed as a subsidized loan is \$3,500 for the first year, \$4,500 for the second year, and \$5,500 for the third and fourth year. Maximum loan amounts are based on eligibility. Interest on the unsubsidized loan accrues while in school. If you qualify for a subsidized loan during the time you are in school, your interest is free as long as you have not graduated, withdrawn from school, or have fallen below six credits. After any one of these three things has occurred, you will have a six-month grace period (during this time you also pay no interest). After the grace period, your payments will start. Your interest is a variable rate. At this time, it is 6.8 percent; it may go lower than this, but not higher than 8.5 percent.

The Direct Loan program has a four-payment plan, one of which will meet your personal needs. The maximum repayment period of a loan from date of the original note may not exceed 30 years. You may repay your loan in full at any time.

### **Federal College Work Study Program (FWS)**

The Federal Work-Study (FWS) program provides you with an opportunity to be placed in a part-time job that accommodates your academic schedule. If you are awarded Federal Work Study, you must find an eligible work-study job, either on-campus or off-campus, to receive the funds.

**Application Procedure:** A student enrolled at Bronx Community College can apply for an award under this program by completing a FAFSA application.

The Financial Aid Office arranges jobs on campus or off campus with public or private nonprofit agencies. Factors considered by the Financial Aid Office in determining whether and how many hours the applicant may work under this program are: financial need, class schedule, academic progress, and health status. Salary is dependent on the nature of the job and applicant qualifications.

### **To receive FWS a student:**

- Must be registered for at least six credit hours;
- Must find an eligible part-time job (check with the FWS office);

- Must complete Department of Homeland Security Form I-9 (This Form documents that you are eligible to work in the United States); and
- Must complete IRS Form W-4, before being placed in a FWS job (This Form determines how much federal income tax should be withheld from your pay, if any.)

### **Veterans Administration (VA) Educational Benefits**

#### **Selection of Recipients and Allocation of Awards:**

Veterans who served over 180 days between January 31, 1955, and January 1, 1977, and:

1. Continue on active duty;
2. Were honorably discharged at the end of their tours of duty; or
3. Who qualify because of service connected disabilities, are eligible for benefits.

Veterans are entitled to benefits for full-time study at Bronx Community College for one and one-half months for each month of active service, up to 45 months. Eligible veterans who served for 18 continuous months are entitled to benefits for 45 months of full-time study. In each case, the equivalent in part-time study may be authorized. The Veteran's Affairs Office in Colston Hall, Room 512 is available to answer questions concerning VA benefits.

#### **Federal Satisfactory Academic Progress**

In order to make satisfactory academic progress toward an associate degree, for the purposes of Title IV Federal Student Assistance (Pell, S.E.O.G., FWS, Perkins, and direct loans), an undergraduate student must achieve both certain academic standing levels in G.P.A. and in credit accumulation. For the purpose of calculating sufficient academic standing in G.P.A., a student must:

- Achieve academic standing consistent with the College's minimum index to maintain matriculant status (see Academic Standing in the "Academic Policies and Procedures" section of this catalog) and;
- After two years of enrollment at the College, have at least a "C" average or its equivalent.

In addition, for the purpose of calculating sufficient credit accumulation, the student must have accumulated credits toward the degree according to the following standards:

- Attempted credits are not more than 150 percent of the credits normally required for completion of the degree. (*For example, if the associate degree program in which the student is enrolled requires 60 credits, then the student is allowed up to 90 credits in the Title IV Federal Student Assistant programs.*)

#### **And**

- Attempted credits are equal to or greater than two-thirds of the cumulative credits attempted at the institution. (*For example, if the student has attempted 30 credits and has earned 20 or more, he/she meets this standard. On the other hand, if the student has attempted 30 credits and has accumulated fewer than 20, he/she does not meet this standard.*)

If the standard in item 2 is not met, eligibility may be retained by meeting the following conditional standard:

- In an associate degree program, if the earned credits are greater than or equal to seven-eighths of the credits attempted minus 21. (*For example, if the credits attempted are 87, the formula would be  $(87 \times .875) - 21 = 55.125$ . Therefore, for this student to retain eligibility with 87 attempted credits, he/she would have to have earned at least 56 credits.*)

Students will be measured against the satisfactory progress standard at the end of the Spring semester to determine eligibility for the receipt of Title IV Student Financial Assistance for the upcoming year.

**Appeals/Probation:** Undergraduate students who fall below the conditional appeal standard (#3) may appeal for the receipt of Title IV Student Financial Assistance through the Registrar. There is no limit on the number of times that a student may appeal.

**Transfer Students:** At the inception of the transfer student's first semester at the College, his/her satisfactory academic progress status shall be determined by using the number of credits awarded as transfer credits by Bronx Community College as both the credits attempted and the credits earned.

**Readmitted Students:** Upon readmission, after at least a one-year period of non-enrollment, the student will receive assistance for the terms in the academic year of readmission (students readmitting in Fall will receive assistance for Fall and Spring; students readmitting in Spring will receive assistance for the Spring). Future eligibility will be evaluated after the Spring semester against the appropriate standard for the degree program in which the student is enrolled. If a student is readmitted after less than one year of non-enrollment, the academic record will be evaluated for satisfactory progress under these standards as the record stood at the end of the last term of attendance.

### **CUNY Policy on Withholding Student Records for Financial Reasons**

Students who are delinquent and/or in default in any of their financial accounts with the College, the University or an appropriate state or federal agency for which the University acts are not to be permitted to complete registration, receive a copy of their transcript, certificate or degree.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS**

### **Bronx Center for Scholarship Information**

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The Bronx Center for Scholarship Information assists students of all socio-economic backgrounds and levels of financial need to research and apply for scholarships; develop essential writing skills for essays, resume and professional letters; and assist students in finding financial assistance for paying the cost of higher education.

### **Bronx Community College Based Scholarships**

Many CUNY colleges have scholarship programs that are available for their students. Information about these scholarships can be found in the BCC Center for Scholarship Information located in Loew Hall, Room 428; on the BCC website; and in the campus offices of admissions and financial aid.

### **Emergency Loan Funds**

1. The H.W. Wilson Emergency Loan Fund and the Edna and Albert Goldman Emergency Loan Fund are revolving funds which provide small, short-term loans for emergencies.
2. The Dean's Confidential Loan Fund is a short-term loan for students with extraordinary emergency needs which cannot be met by other loan funds. It is administered by the Dean of Enrollment Management.

### **Prestigious Scholarships**

#### **Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship Program**

Must be a current student at an accredited U.S. community college or two-year institution with sophomore status OR a recent graduate. Have a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.5 or better. Plan to transfer to a four-year college or university to begin studies in the fall. Be nominated by his/her two-year institution and have an unmet financial need.

#### **Kaplan Leadership Program**

Student must be enrolled in an accredited associate's degree program in the New York City area.

Minimum G.P.A. of 3.25 (on a 4.0 scale). Have completed 12 to 30 non-remedial college credits at time of application. U.S. citizen or permanent resident. Current recipient of federal and/or state financial aid. Be a member of an underserved or underrepresented population. Have the desire to transfer to a bachelor's program immediately upon completion of associate's degree.

### **College Awards**

Listed below are some awards for which a student can self-nominate if she or he meets the criteria. These scholarships usually are at or above \$300. Applications are available for each scholarship on the College's website or at the office of the Scholarship Coordinator, Loew Hall, Room 428. A Scholarship Committee reviews all applications and selects the student(s) who meet(s) the criteria.

#### **Presidential Academic Excellence Scholarship**

Presented to the valedictorian and salutatorian of the graduating class. No nomination forms. Selected by the Registrar's Office based on grade point average. \$500-\$1,000.

#### **Bronx CUNY Scholars Award**

Awarded to 10 - 15 students with a G.P.A. of 3.0 or better, with financial need and have at least 6 degree credits. Awards up to \$1,000, Fall-Spring.

**Carl J. Polowczyk Memorial Scholarship**

Presented to a student in science who will transfer to a senior college and plans to major in a scientific field. \$300.

**Dr. James A. Colston Memorial Award**

Given to a student with a superior academic record who intends to pursue a career in higher education.

**Wayne D. Cooper Memorial Award**

Awarded to a student who has exhibited a concern for others and who inspires in others academic and social progress, excellence in scholarship and high moral character. Self-nominations accepted.

**Harry Lesser Memorial Award**

Given to a student who is a resident of the Bronx who has demonstrated outstanding service to the College community, has a G.P.A. of 2.5 or better, and a financial need.

**Virgil H. Logan, Jr., Memorial**

Presented to a student who has demonstrated superior scholarship and outstanding service to the College community.

**The Dr. Joe Louis Rempson Scholarship**

Presented by Unity and Strength Minority Faculty and Staff Association to students exhibiting academic excellence, high moral character, and leadership ability.

**Mel Winter Memorial Award**

Presented to a student who has shown outstanding qualities of leadership in an official position in student government and/or in a chartered student organization.

**Association of Latino Faculty & Staff Scholarship**

Given to a student from Hispanic or Latino origin who has excelled academically in his or her chosen major at BCC and has made a contribution to the College or the community.

**Bronx Rotary Scholarship**

Given to four students who have made a contribution to BCC or the Bronx with a G.P.A. of 3.0 or better and 30-degree credits.

**Barnes and Noble Scholarship**

Awarded to a student with financial need and a 2.7 G.P.A. with 15–20 degree credits. It is to be used for books and other educational expenses.

**Amadou Diallo Foundation Inc. Scholarship**

Awarded to a student of African descent, majoring in Liberal Arts or Business with a G.P.A. of 3.0 or better with at least 15-degree credits. Five \$1,000 scholarships are awarded.

### **Departmental and Curricula Awards and Scholarships**

The following scholarships and/or awards are awarded annually to graduating students. Most are departmental awards that are based upon recommendations by the Chairperson of the Department and academic achievement. The amounts vary from year to year. Some awards do not have a monetary value. Contact the Office of the Bronx Center for Scholarship Information at (718) 289-5903 for details regarding these scholarships and awards.

### **Art & Music**

**Harvey L. Bass Memorial Scholarship:** For excellence in Art (varies each year and given to Art majors). Departmental review and determination.

**J. Kling Scholarship:** For excellence in Art.

**Art Award:** For excellence in Art.

**Music Award:** For excellence in Music.

### **Biology and Medical Laboratory Technology**

**Bernard Bates Memorial Scholarship:** To a Microbiology student demonstrating perseverance.

**Biology Faculty Memorial Scholarship:** To the student with the highest overall grade point average in the Liberal Arts and Sciences Biology Option.

**Dr. and Mrs. Israel Gottesman Memorial Scholarship:** For competence in Medical Laboratory Technology.

### **Business and Information Systems**

**Accounting Award**

**Business Administration Award**

**Programming and Systems Award**

**Marketing, Management, Sales Award**

**Benjamin Cutler Memorial Scholarship:** For Academic Excellence.

**Marilyn Flood Memorial Scholarship:** For Academic Excellence.

### **Office Administration and Technology and Medical Assistant Programs Awards**

**Stella H. Kubis Memorial Scholarship:** For academic excellence in a Major Area.

**Edith White Rosenfeld Memorial Scholarship**

### **Paralegal Studies Awards**

**Peter Morganti Paralegal Studies Scholarship**

### **Chemistry and Chemical Technology**

**Chemistry Award**

**Pre-Pharmacy Award**

**Patricia Babnis Memorial Award:** For outstanding academic achievement in the field of Chemistry.

**William Hodge Scholarship**

### **Communication Arts and Sciences**

**Communication Arts and Sciences Award**

**Media Technology Award**

**Performing Arts Award**

### **Education and Reading**

**Education Associate Award**

**Mary and Ika Goodwin Memorial Scholarship:** To the student continuing at CUNY or SUNY to complete a B.S. in Special Education.

### **English**

**English Award:** For outstanding performance in the study of English.

**Eleanor Corrigan-Gosselin Memorial Award:** For showing demonstrable success in the study of English Literature and Liberal Arts.

**Marsha Cummins Award:** For a Liberal Arts or Media Studies student transferring to a four-year Liberal Arts program.

### **Health, Physical Education and Wellness**

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**Physical Education and Wellness Award**

### **History**

**Mark D. Hirsch Award:** For excellence in History.

### **Mathematics and Computer Science**

**Michael E. Bennett Memorial Scholarship:** To a non-Mathematics, Computer Science or Engineering Science major who excelled in Mathematics.

**Irving Handel Memorial Scholarship:** To a student who demonstrates promise.

**Gerald S. Lieblich Memorial Scholarship:** For achievement in Mathematics, leadership service to the College and community and humanitarianism. \$500 (Amount varies per year depending on availability of funds.)

### **Modern Languages**

**Professor John E. D'Andrea Award:** To a student whose first language is not Spanish.

**French Award**

**Italian Award**

### **Nursing and Allied Health Sciences**

**Spirit of Nursing Award:** For excellence in nursing from the U.S. Army nurse corps.

**Gertrude L. Dourdounas Certificate of Achievement:** For outstanding academic achievement in Radiologic Sciences.

**Radiologic Technology Faculty Award:** For academic and clinical achievement .

**Nursing and Allied Health Sciences Award:** To the student with the second highest index.

**Allstate Excellence in Nursing Scholarship**

**Maxine Church Memorial Scholarship:** To the student demonstrating caring in maternal child health.

**Beatrice Perlmutter Memorial Scholarship:** In memory of Dr. Beatrice Perlmutter, Chairperson, Department of Nursing 1965-77. Given to the student with the highest overall grade point average in nursing. \$300

### **Physics and Technology**

**Electrical Technology Award**

**Engineering Award**

**Automotive Technology Award**

**Lewis Carlin Memorial Award:** For scholarship in Electrical Technology.

**Morris Meister Memorial Award:** For scholarly achievement in the field of science.

**Telecommunications Technology Award**

**Nuclear Medicine Award**

**Yonny Segel Memorial Award:** To a student who intends to continue studying in the field of Engineering Science and Technology.

**Union Carbide Mechanical Scholarship:** For a student who demonstrates excellence in Mechanical majors. \$500

### **Social Sciences**

**Human Services Award:** To the Human Services student with the highest grade point average.

**Psychology Award:** Most outstanding student in Psychology.

**Economics Award:** To the Economics student with the highest grade point average.

**David M. Gordon Memorial Award:** To an outstanding student in Economics.

**William Wahlin Memorial Scholarship:** To an outstanding student in Psychology.

### **Student Development**

**Dr. Warren Baron Memorial Scholarship:** To a graduate who participated in the Freshman Initiative Program and excelled academically.

**Rosario Santa Rita Memorial Scholarship:** To the graduating international student with the highest grade point average who will transfer to a senior college. \$500

### **Peter F. Vallone Academic Scholarship**

Established by the New York City Council, the Vallone Scholarship rewards high school graduates who have proven their ability to succeed academically while in high school. All students who apply to CUNY are automatically considered for a Vallone Scholarship. To qualify for a Vallone Scholarship you must:

- Graduate from a New York City high school with at least an 80 average; pass at least twelve college preparatory courses in high school;
- Enroll at a CUNY college as a full-time student within one year of graduating from high school;
- Attend CUNY before attending any other post-secondary institution;
- Complete and submit a FAFSA to continue to receive the award;
- Maintain continuous full-time enrollment at a CUNY college;

- In your first semester, at least six credit hours of your full-time enrollment must be college credit bearing course-work;
- Maintain a cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.0 or higher;
- Earn at least 39 credits by the end of your fourth semester; and
- Complete and submit a FAFSA every year.

You may receive a Vallone Scholarship for a maximum of six semesters.

**Appeals Process:** If you are unable to meet the terms outlined above, your award is ended and it cannot be restored. However, if a student loses eligibility for a Vallone Scholarship due to extenuating circumstances, the student can appeal. Please check with the Financial Aid Office for the appeal procedures.