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THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT  
Office of Postsecondary Access, Support and Success (OPASS)  
Scholarships Unit  
EBA, Room 960  
Albany, New York 12234  
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<http://www.nysed.gov/postsecondary-services/postsecondary-access-support-success>



## 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

This bulletin provides information about the Scholarships for Academic Excellence (SAE) to be awarded in 2024 for the 2023-2024 academic year. *Pending the appropriation of State funds during the 2024 session of the New York State Legislature*, 8,000 scholarships will be awarded. Of the 8,000 awards, 2,000 scholarships will have a value of \$1,500 each and 6,000 scholarships will have a value of \$500 each. Winners of this scholarship may concurrently receive any other New York State academic or general award for which he or she may be eligible. However, winners cannot be awarded a Scholarship for Academic Excellence in any amount when the combination of all awards would exceed their cost of attendance.

***Scholarship winners must attend a college or university (SAE's cannot be used for trade schools) in New York State. Those who do not attend a college or university in New York State forfeit the award.*** Cost of attendance includes

tuition, required fees, laboratory and other institution-related expenses, books, transportation, and room and board.

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2. The student's permanent home is outside of NYS and the student is or has **ONE** of the following:
  - a. U.S. citizen
  - b. Permanent lawful resident
  - c. Of a class of refugees paroled by the attorney general under his or her parole authority pertaining to the admission of aliens to the U.S.
  - d. [U-Visa](#)
  - e. [T-Visa](#)
  - f. [Temporary protected status](#), pursuant to the Federal Immigration Act of 1990
  - g. [Without lawful immigration status](#) (including those with DACA status)
  - h. AND you meet ONE of the following criteria:
    - i. You attended a NYS high school for 2 or more years, graduated from a NYS high school, and are applying for an award for undergraduate study at a NYS college within *five* years of receiving your NYS high school diploma *OR*
    - ii. You attended a NYS high school for 2 or more years, graduated from a NYS high school, and are applying for an award for graduate study at a NYS college within *ten* years of receiving your NYS high school diploma *OR*
    - iii.

To avoid forfeiture, a written request for a leave of absence must be submitted to the:

**Higher Education Services Corporation  
Division of Grants and Scholarships  
99 Washington Avenue, Room 1300B  
Albany, New York 12255-0001**

**4. ALLOCATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE HIGH SCHOOLS**

- A. Each registered high school in the State, as defined in the Regulations of the Commissioner, will be allocated a single scholarship of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.)
- B. The remaining \$1,500 scholarships will be allocated to the high schools in the same ratio that the number of students enrolled in the twelfth grade at each high school in the prior school year (2022-2023) bears to the total number of students who were.

single approved alternative assessment

**Method C: Locally developed examination of English and mathematics**

or





**PROCESSING. FORMS RECEIVED WITHOUT THIS INFORMATION WILL BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL FOR COMPLETION.** Enter

the student's date of birth and fill in the appropriate circles with a number 2 pencil.

- 8a. **Ethnicity (Optional):** Fill in the appropriate circle.
- 8b. **Race (Optional):** Fill in the appropriate circle(s).
9. **District Number (Optional):** The Assembly and Senatorial District numbers for each student's residence. Your local Board of Elections and/or League of Women Voters can provide this information. This information is also available on the Internet at <http://www.elections.ny.gov/district-map.html>.
10. **High School Information:** The high school's 12-digit BEDS code must be listed on the form along with the school's name and address in the spaces provided. **(Your BEDS code is listed on the label on the Nomination Summary Form.)**
11. **School Phone Number:** Enter the telephone number of the person completing this form.
12. Fill in the appropriate gender.
13. **Status:** Indicate here the correct monetary award. The number of \$1500 and \$500 awards is indicated on the label on the Nomination Summary Form. ***\$1500 awards must be made to the highest ranking students.***
14. **Student's Phone Number:** Enter the student's telephone number.
15. **High School Principal:** This area must be completed and signed by the appropriate school building leader with a number 2 pencil.

## Term Definitions

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS):** allow foreign national to remain in the U.S. if during the time they were in the U.S. something catastrophic happened in their country of origin preventing their safe return – for example war, famine, natural disaster, or epidemic. TPS allow people to work legally and be protected from deportation.

**T-Visa:** allows the granting of lawful status to noncitizen victims of human trafficking, as well as their immediate family members, who assist in the prosecution of the trafficking. It allows people to remain and work temporarily in the U.S.

**U-Visa:** allows for the granting of lawful status to noncitizen crime victims who suffered significant physical or mental abuse (and their immediate family members) who assist in the prosecution of the crime. It allows people to remain and work temporarily in the U.S.

**Without Lawful Immigration Status:** living in the U.S. unlawfully either because lawful status never existed (including those with DACA status) or have ended.

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**2024 Scholarships For Academic Excellence  
Nomination Summary Form**

**Indicate Method Used: (Check One)**

- A. Regents Scores \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Local Exam \_\_\_\_\_ (Must have been given by June 30, 2023.)

**Nominees in Rank Order**

(Fill out one application form for each nominee and attach to this summary form.)

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Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Return form and completed applications to:  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ NYS Education Department  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarships and Grants Administration Unit  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ EBA, Room 960  
Albany, NY 12234

PRIVACY NOTICE

(Section 94 of the New York Public Officers Law requires this notice to be provided when collecting personal information from individuals.) Information provided for the scholarships listed above will be maintained by the Executive Director of the Office of K-16 Initiatives and Access Programs, Scholarships and Grants Administration Unit, New York State Education Department, Albany, New York 12234, telephone number (518) 486-1319. The information collected on the application for the Scholarships for Academic Excellence is required to determine the winners of the scholarship and will be released to the New York State Higher Education Services Corporation and the New York State Legislature. Failure to provide a complete application may result in the denial of an award. The information on the scholarship application is collected under the authority of the New York State Education Department Law 605 and Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, subpart 145-1. Each individual has the right to review personal information maintained by the Office of K-16 Initiatives and Access Programs, unless exempted by law.