

GET MONEY

Apply for financial aid. Fill out the **FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)**.

Forms are available at www.FAFSA.ed.gov. Ask a guidance counselor or a friendly adult to help! Within 6 weeks you'll get your Student Aid Report (SAR). It will show the amount of federal aid you are eligible for in the form of grants, loans, or work study programs. This form is also required for non-federal grants and loans.

Check out the New York State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)

If you live in New York State, the TAP program covers your tuition costs at New York colleges and schools. You must file a FAFSA form and say which New York State school or college you will attend. HESC (Higher Education Services Corporation) is the state agency that administers the TAP. Go to www.hesc.com/bulletin.nsf or call toll free 1 888 697-4372.

Learn about federal grants and loans.

• **Federal Pell Grants**

Pell Grants are awarded only to undergraduate students. Unlike a loan, they do not have to be repaid. The maximum is usually \$4000 per year.

• **Federal Perkins Loans**

These are low interest (5%) loans. Your college loans you money that comes partly from the government and partly from the school itself. The loan must be repaid to the school. Depending on when you apply, your level of need, and how much money the school has to give, you can borrow up to \$4000 for each year of undergraduate study, up to a maximum of \$20,000.

• **Federal subsidized Stafford Loans**

These loans are awarded on the basis of financial need. You won't be charged any interest as long as you are in college at least half time.

To learn if you are eligible for a federal grant or loan, and to get applications for Pell Grants, Perkins Loans, and Stafford Loans, go to the Student Guide for Financial Aid put out by the U.S. Department of Education. Get it online at:

www.studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/student_guide/2003_2004/english/types.htm
or call 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243)

GET TO SCHOOL

Find out about 4-year and 2-year programs at New York State and New York City colleges:

Think about SUNY

The State University of New York has 64 campuses, and 75% of its students get some form of financial aid. SUNY has a Metropolitan Recruitment Center (MRC) in Manhattan where SUNY staff can answer your questions about scholarships and financial aid, offer one-on-one college search counseling, and help you fill out an application.

SUNY Metropolitan Recruitment Center
420 Lexington Ave. 16th Floor, Suite 1640
New York, New York 10017 Telephone: 212-818-1204 E-mail: mrc@suny.edu

Think about CUNY

The City University of New York has 11 senior colleges and 6 community colleges, and two programs — SEEK and College Discovery — designed specifically to help students with financial need. For more information, go to www.cuny.edu, or call the Admissions Office at (212) 997-2869.

Think about NYC Technical and Vocational Schools

NYC Technical College

City Tech, a CUNY campus located at 300 Jay Street in downtown Brooklyn, offers a wide range of degree and certificate programs in areas like art and design, business, computer programming, engineering, health care, human services, and law-related professions. For info on admissions, call Rudy Maurizio at (718) 260-5250. To find out about financial aid, call Sandra Higgins at (718) 260-5700. For general info, go to www.citytech.cuny.edu. To find out about other technical, vocational, and community colleges in NYC, go to www.50states.com/cc/newyork.htm.

To check out SUNY campuses on or near Long Island, go to www.suny.edu.

FOR MORE ON FUNDING & SCHOLARSHIPS:

- Go to **www.hesc.com** for info on how to pay for college in New York state (con información en español también).
- Go to **www.nymmentor.edu** and visit the “financial aid steps” and “scholarship search” sections.
- Talk to your **guidance counselor**—there are scholarships available that most people don't even know about!

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Undocumented immigrants ARE eligible to attend any college or university in New York state. They can also apply for academic scholarships and other volunteer opportunities available to US citizens.

NOT READY FOR COLLEGE? VOLUNTEER!

1. **AMERICORPS* STATE AND NATIONAL** 800-942-2677 or www.americorps.gov

Americorps sponsors service programs around the country. You'll work with others in non-profit organizations for up to one year. For full time service you'll receive a modest living allowance and health benefits. On completion of your time you'll also earn an education award of \$4,725. You might tutor or mentor youth, assist crime victims, build homes or restore parks. You can apply if you are 17 or over.

2. **AMERICORPS* VISTA**

VISTA will place you in community organizations that help meet the needs of low income people nationwide. You'll receive the living allowance, health benefits and the education award described above. You may choose to receive the end of service stipend of \$1,200 instead of the education award.

3. **AMERICORPS* NATIONAL CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS**

You'll receive training in CPR, first aid, leadership and team building and you will work on projects in public safety, public health and disaster relief. Housing and meals will be provided - as well as the living allowance. When you complete your term you'll get an education award of up to \$4,725. You can apply if you are between 18 and 24.

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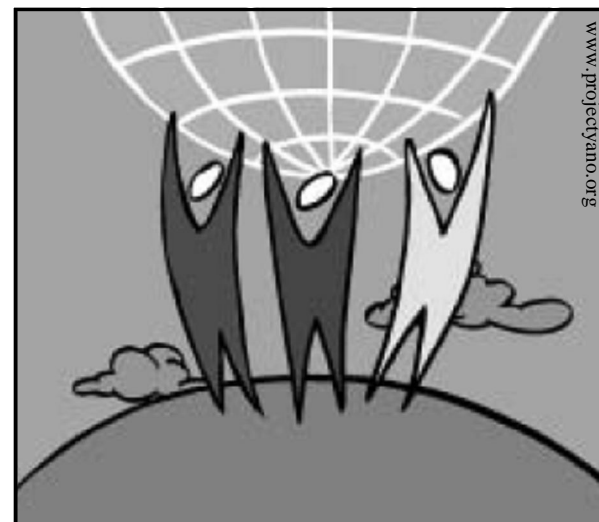
MORE CAREER & VOLUNTEER OPTIONS:

CHECK OUT
Public Allies
www.publicallies.org
212-566-0710

Public Allies New York is looking for passionate young adults ages 18-29 who have the desire and talent to become community leaders. During a ten-month apprenticeship program, Allies perform leadership service four days a week at a non-profit organization such as Food-Change or the Bronx Charter School for the Arts. Sites change yearly. Allies receive a living allowance of \$16,000 for the ten-month period, health and child-care benefits and a \$4,725 Americorps educational award upon completion of the program.

- Go to **www.nymmentor.edu** for comprehensive information on higher education and career planning in New York state.
- Many public libraries offer free counseling for anyone looking to find a job or start a career. For one example on Long Island, check out Connetquot Public Library in Bohemia (website at **www.connetquot.lib.ny.us**).
- Check out **BOCES** programs in your area. BOCES provides career and technical education, with courses that offer college credit or industry/trade certification upon completion. Go to **www.monroe2boces.org**.
- To take the New York state **GED** test, go to **www.emsc.nysed.gov/ged**.

GO TO COLLEGE, NOT WAR!



HOW TO ATTEND COLLEGE OR GET A JOB WITHOUT JOINING THE MILITARY

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