



It is time to fill the **GAP** in **TAP**

It's unfair that **CUNY** and **SUNY** must fund the tuition shortfall for all students receiving TAP grants.

Increasing the Maximum TAP Award **WILL NOT FIX** this GAP

2019-2020 Tuition:

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| CUNY | |
| Tuition:..... | \$6,930 |
| TAP:..... | \$5,165 |
| TAP GAP:..... | \$1,930 |
| Cost to Student:..... | \$0 |
| CUNY Receives:..... | \$5,000 |
| Only 72% of total tuition | |

Per state law, CUNY and SUNY four-year campuses must fund the difference between TAP awards (\$5,000) and the full tuition rates of \$6,730 (CUNY) and \$6,870 (SUNY) out of their own operating revenue. The cost for 2018-19 is

\$150 million
and will be more in 2019-20.

2019-2020 Tuition:

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| SUNY | |
| Tuition:..... | \$7,070 |
| TAP:..... | \$5,165 |
| TAP GAP:..... | \$2,070 |
| Cost to Student:..... | \$0 |
| SUNY Receives:..... | \$5,000 |
| Only 71% of total tuition | |

New York has invested heavily in making college affordable for students. The Tuition Assistance Program spends \$900 million a year to support more than 300,000 students. However, SUNY and CUNY must fund, or "eat," the difference as the "gap" between TAP awards and actual tuition costs grows with every annual tuition increase. It is unfair that campuses must cover it with their own operating revenue. The TAP GAP has cost public colleges nearly \$850 million since 2012.



New York's Public Colleges and Universities deserve a better plan for college accessibility.