

## 2012-13 SUNY Fredonia Scholarship Opportunities Information

SUNY Fredonia offers approximately \$2 million in merit- and need-based scholarships to academically qualified students each year. For scholarship application procedures, go to [www.fredonia.edu/finaid/ScholarshipLandingPage.asp](http://www.fredonia.edu/finaid/ScholarshipLandingPage.asp).

Scholarship recipients will be notified on a rolling basis beginning February 15, 2012 with a response date of May 1, 2012. Scholarship review continues until all awards are offered and accepted.

### Scholarships awarded and minimum criteria for consideration

#### *Freshman Scholarships*

##### **Fredonia Distinguished Scholar Award (2 awards)**

Renewable \$5,000 award. Minimum requirements for consideration are a 96% unweighted high school average and a 1250 SAT or 28 ACT score. Typically, this scholarship is awarded to a student at the valedictorian or salutatorian level. Once enrolled, the student must achieve a minimum 3.25 overall GPA to retain this award. Students must also live in a college residence hall.

##### **President's Award of Excellence (12 awards)**

Renewable \$3,000 award. Minimum requirements for consideration are a 94% unweighted high school average, 1250 SAT or 28 ACT score and once enrolled, student must achieve a minimum 3.25 GPA to retain this award. Students must also live in a college residence hall.

##### **Foundation Scholar Award (15 awards)**

Renewable \$2,000 merit-based scholarship. Minimum qualifications for this merit award are a 92% unweighted high school average, 1250 SAT or 28 ACT score and a strong academic high school program. Once enrolled, the student must achieve a minimum 3.25 GPA to retain this award. Students must also reside in a college residence hall.

##### **Fredonia Science Achievement Award (1 award)**

This \$8,000 high quality science scholarship will be offered to students entering as freshmen in the Fall of 2012 – renewable up to three additional years for full-time students maintaining a 3.25 GPA. Available to one Biology major and two Chemistry majors. Minimum qualifications are a 90% unweighted high school average, 1250 SAT or 28 ACT score, and strong Regents test scores in Science and Math. Top applicants will also be required to write an essay that discusses career plans and dreams. Summer research opportunities may be available.

##### **Dean's Scholar Award (80 awards)**

Renewable \$2,000 scholarship awarded to entering freshmen for Fall 2012 who plan to live on campus. Recipients are selected based upon academic achievement and participation in school and community activities. To be eligible for consideration as a freshman, a student must present an unweighted high school average of at least 90%

and a minimum SAT score of 1150 or 25 ACT score. Once enrolled, the student must achieve a minimum 3.25 GPA to retain this award.

Note: The \$2,000 renewable award is for new Fall 2012 recipients.

##### **Foundation Academic Scholarship (50 awards)**

This scholarship targets new freshmen students who are majoring in the Math and Science areas and have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement. This is a one-time \$1,000 merit award. The funds will be split between the Fall and Spring semesters and applied as a credit on your college bill towards your direct educational expenses. Minimum requirements are a 90% unweighted high school average, 1100 SAT or 24 ACT score, and you must be a full-time student. This award has been made possible through the Fredonia College Foundation to recognize students demonstrating outstanding academic achievement.

##### **Alumni Scholar Award (for out-of-state students only) (2 awards)**

Renewable \$5,000 award given to students that are non-New York State residents and are a child or grandchild of a SUNY Fredonia graduate. Recipients must be involved in extra-curricular activities and live in the college residence hall. Minimum requirements are a 90% unweighted high school average, 1150 SAT or 25 ACT score and once enrolled, they must achieve a minimum 3.00 GPA to retain this award. Early application is recommended, as a limited number of these competitive awards are available.

##### **Keeper of the Dream Scholarship (4 awards)**

Renewable \$4,000 award given to high school students who graduate in the top 10% of their class. Minimum requirements are an 87% unweighted high school average, 1100 SAT or 25 ACT score, involvement in multicultural activities, and demonstration of leadership and community service, as well as a commitment to pluralism. Students must also live in a college residence hall. Once the student is enrolled, they must achieve a minimum of 3.00 GPA to retain this award. For more information and an application, contact the Office of Multicultural Affairs at (716) 673-3398. A separate application and essay is required.

##### **President's Out-Of-State Scholar Award**

Renewable \$5,000 per year award (equally distributed \$2,500 each semester) offered to non-New York State residents.

Incoming non-New York State residents admitted as undergraduate freshmen are eligible. In order to receive this award, students are required to enroll as full-time students, maintain residence outside of New York State, and live in a college residence hall.

The scholarship is renewable for up to four years for an entering freshman, provided the student maintains the required 3.00 GPA, makes normal academic progress toward graduation, maintains a record of good student conduct, lives on campus and stays enrolled full-time.

Selection: Award recipients are chosen based on their admissions application, SAT scores and high school grades. There is no separate application required. Students will be informed of the award in writing shortly after being admitted.



**Even if you don't qualify for need-based financial aid, you must still complete a FAFSA to be considered for most Federal student loans. Undergraduate and graduate students must complete and submit a new FAFSA each school year to be considered for most forms of financial aid.**

##### **President's International Scholar Award**

This scholarship is a renewable \$5,000 per year award (equally distributed \$2,500 each semester) offered to incoming non-resident undergraduate international freshmen or transfer students.

Incoming non-resident undergraduate international freshmen or transfer students with a minimum high school average of 90%, 24 ACT or 1100 SAT score or a college GPA of 3.25 are eligible to be reviewed for this award.

In order to receive this award, students are required to enroll as full-time students, maintain residence outside of New York State and international student status, maintain normal academic progress, live in a university residence hall (freshmen for three years, transfers until they reach senior standing), and maintain a 3.00 GPA.

The scholarship is renewable for up to four years for entering freshmen, and less for transfers, depending on their entering status. Scholarship recipients must maintain the required 3.00 GPA, make normal academic progress towards graduation, maintain a record of good student conduct, and stay enrolled full-time.

Selection: The Director of International Education will choose the award recipients based on their admissions application and transcript. There is no separate application. Students will be informed of the award in writing shortly after admission.

#### *Other available scholarships*

##### **Fredonia Transfer Scholar Award (20 awards)**

There are a number of transfer scholarship awards available, ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,000. Scholarships are offered only to transfer students who have received an Associate's Degree from an accredited 2-year college.

For consideration, students should have a 3.50 cumulative average and must live in the college residence halls. Students must maintain an overall cumulative 3.25 GPA to retain the scholarship for the second year and maintain the college residency requirement. USA and Seager Scholars from Jamestown Community College may also be eligible for this award and must meet the same criteria as referenced above.

##### **SUNY Empire State Diversity Honors Scholarship**

This scholarship is a renewable \$1,000 award offered to students who will make a contribution to the diversity of the student body in their program or school, primarily by demonstrating that they have overcome a disadvantage or other impediment to success in higher education. Student must be a U.S. citizen and NYS resident. Minimum qualification for application is an 87% unweighted high school average. Once the student is enrolled, they must achieve a minimum GPA of 2.75 to retain this award.

### Carnahan-Jackson Scholarship

This scholarship is a one-time \$4,000 award offered to incoming freshmen and transfer students who demonstrate academic promise with preference given to qualified students from the Jamestown, NY area. Students who have a minimum unweighted high school average of 92% and a minimum 1250 SAT or 28 ACT score, or a transfer GPA of 3.50 are eligible to apply.

### Enrolled students

In February of each year, returning students with a minimum 3.50 cumulative GPA are automatically invited to apply for scholarships. The awards range from \$100 to \$1,500 and are based on academic achievement.

### Alumni scholarships

The Fredonia Alumni Association awards scholarships yearly to students who are children or grandchildren of Fredonia Alumni. Interested persons should contact the Alumni Affairs Office at (716) 673-3553 for more information.

### Departmental scholarships/awards

Following is a list of departments that currently offer scholarships. The awards are based on academics, talent and particulars within the discipline. Interested persons should contact the department in their major directly to obtain specific requirements and application procedures for these awards.

- Art
- Athletics
- Biology
- Business Administration
- Chemistry
- Communication
- Computer Science
- Cooperative Engineering
- Dance
- Economics
- Education
- English
- Geosciences
- History
- Mathematics
- Modern Languages
- Music\*
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Speech Pathology & Audiology
- Theatre Arts

\* **School of Music Scholarships** are awarded to qualified new and returning students. Factors considered in awarding scholarships are musical talent and accomplishments, academic achievement, service to the School of Music and financial need. Students wishing to be considered for scholarship assistance must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Prospective students must also audition prior to March 15 for Fall semester scholarship consideration. Questions regarding music scholarships should be directed to: Director, School of Music, Mason Hall, SUNY Fredonia, Fredonia, NY 14063 or contact (716) 673-3151.

### Scholarships open to all majors

Scholarships are awarded to incoming students and continuing students who demonstrate outstanding academic aptitude, financial need and/or personal qualifications, and who have been recommended by the College Scholarship Committee. Separate applications are not required, as qualified students are automatically considered for these scholarships and awards based on pre-established criteria.

For information on scholarships open to all majors, contact the University Scholarship Committee, Office of Student Affairs, Sixth Floor, Maytum Hall at (716) 673-3271. For departmental scholarships for specific majors, students may contact the appropriate department.

### Private Scholarships

You must search for private scholarships on your own. Check with any public library for scholarship listings.

FastWEB (Financial Aid search through the WEB) is the largest and most complete scholarship search on the Internet. It provides access to a searchable database of over 400,000 private sector scholarships, fellowships, grants, and student loans. Used by colleges across the United States, fastWEB is now available to you FREE through the World Wide Web, courtesy of Fredonia and fastWEB.com, L.L.C.

### Hispanic College Fund (HCF)

HCF has a variety of scholarship programs available for undergraduate and graduate students, including the Google Scholarship Program, MasterCard® Scholarship Program, Ford Mi Fuerza Program, and the Lockheed Martin Scholarship Program. More information and application procedures are available on the HCF scholarship Web page. The application deadline is March 1 of each year.

## Federal Grants

### Pell Grant

#### What is a Federal Pell Grant?

A Federal Pell Grant, unlike a loan, does not have to be repaid. A Pell Grant is generally awarded to undergraduate students – those who haven't earned a bachelor's or graduate degree.

#### How does one qualify?

The U.S. Department of Education uses a standard formula to determine if students are eligible. This formula, calculated once a student completes the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), determines the EFC (Expected Family Contribution) and if it falls within a certain amount, the student is eligible for a Pell Grant.

#### How much money can one receive?

The maximum Pell Grant award for 2011-12 (July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012) was \$5,550. This maximum award amount is determined by Congress. How much an individual student receives is dependent on the EFC, the cost of attendance, full-time or part-time status and whether one attends school for a full academic year or less. You may not receive Pell Grant funds from more than one school at a time.

#### How does one receive the money?

SUNY Fredonia credits the funds to the student's account, writes the student a refund check, or combines these methods. SUNY Fredonia is required to notify students in writing how much they will be receiving.

### TEACH Grant

The Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program provides up to \$4,000 per year in grants for undergraduate and graduate students in eligible TEACH Grant majors who intend to **teach full-time in high-need subject areas for at least four years at schools that serve students from low-income families**. Students may receive up to \$16,000 for undergraduate study and up to \$8,000 for graduate study. Part-time students are eligible, but the maximum grant will be reduced. If you fail to complete the four year teaching obligation you will have to repay the grant with interest.

### Student eligibility requirements

To receive a TEACH Grant you must:

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Meet the eligibility requirements for Federal student aid listed at [www.fredonia.edu/finaid](http://www.fredonia.edu/finaid).
- Be enrolled in an eligible TEACH Grant major at SUNY Fredonia. For a list of eligible majors, go to <http://www.fredonia.edu/finaid/forms/Teach%20Eligible%20Majors.pdf>. Eligible programs are those that prepare a student to teach in a high-need area.
- Meet one of the following academic achievement requirements:
  - Score above the **75th percentile** on a college admissions test (e.g. SAT, ACT, GRE), **or**
  - Graduate from high school with a cumulative **GPA of at least 3.25** (on a 4.00 scale) to receive the grant as a freshman, **or**
  - Have a cumulative **GPA of at least 3.25** (on a 4.00 scale) on your college coursework to receive a grant for each subsequent term.
- Complete TEACH Grant Entrance counseling requirements.
- Sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve and respond to requests by the U.S. Department of Education confirming your continuing intention to meet the teaching obligation.

For further information, please visit [www.fredonia.edu/finaid/teachgrant.asp](http://www.fredonia.edu/finaid/teachgrant.asp).

### Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG)

The Federal SEOG is a more limited source of funding in which the college distributes government money to undergraduates with exceptional financial need. The SEOG award has a yearly maximum of \$4,000. Awards at Fredonia average \$800 per year. However, unlike a Federal Pell Grant, there is no guarantee that every eligible student will receive SEOG. **Since Federal SEOG is a Federal campus-based funding source, early application (FAFSA) is critical in determining eligibility for this grant.**

### Veterans' Benefits

The Veterans Affairs Office on campus is located in Nixon Hall, and can be reached at (716) 673-3423 or at [www.fredonia.edu/veteransaffairs](http://www.fredonia.edu/veteransaffairs).

### SUNY Fredonia Scholarships Offered to Students Receiving Veterans' Educational Entitlements

#### Veterans Scholarship Fund

The SUNY Fredonia Veterans Scholarship Fund will provide financial support to academically meritorious students receiving veterans-related entitlements. The Scholarship will celebrate excellence of our students and the freedoms secured through the sacrifices and patriotism of our veterans. Applications are available on the Web at: [www.fredonia.edu/foundation/veterans/](http://www.fredonia.edu/foundation/veterans/).

#### Robert E. Rie Scholarship [www.fredonia.edu/finaid/scholarships.asp](http://www.fredonia.edu/finaid/scholarships.asp)

The Office of Student Affairs is pleased to announce the availability of the Robert E. Rie Scholarship for children of Vietnam Veterans attending the State University of New York at Fredonia. With funds provided through the estate of Dr. Robert E. Rie, Professor in the Foreign Languages Department from 1963-1975, the University Scholarship Committee will be awarding several \$500 scholarships to students



enrolled full-time. Recipients will be selected by the Committee following a thorough review of all submitted applications and an evaluation of your academic achievement as a student at Fredonia.

### Smith-Viggiani Veterans Scholarship

The Smith-Viggiani Veterans Scholarship will benefit four veterans who are undergraduate students at SUNY Fredonia annually. Each student will receive a non-renewable \$5,000 scholarship for the academic year, with the funds applied to the cost of attending SUNY Fredonia. To be eligible for the Smith-Viggiani Veterans Scholarship, the student must be a veteran or a dependent of a veteran, be receiving Federal veterans' educational entitlements, and exhibit academic merit and financial need as determined by the student's FAFSA. Minimum academic requirements for consideration are a 90% unweighted high school average, and an 1150 SAT or 25 ACT score. Please note that this is a non-renewable scholarship which may be renewed pending the annual verification of funds received from the donor and provided the academic and financial criteria are met by the scholarship recipient. The scholarship recipients may be encouraged by the Veterans Affairs Coordinator to reapply annually as long as they are a full-time student, maintain a 3.25 GPA, and are making normal academic progress towards graduation. The ideal recipient of this scholarship would be an incoming freshman with academic ability, and with financial need that is not adequately covered by veterans' educational entitlements. Prospective students must apply through the SUNY Fredonia Veterans Affairs Office.

### New York State Programs

Veterans Tuition Awards (VTAs) are awards for full-time study and part-time study for eligible veterans matriculated at an undergraduate or graduate degree-granting institution or an approved vocational training program in New York State.

For eligibility for this award and for other state veterans' educational entitlement programs available, please visit the HESC website at [www.hesc.com](http://www.hesc.com) for more information.

### Federal Programs

The SUNY Fredonia Veterans Affairs Office facilitates the following Federal veterans' entitlement programs: POST 911 GI Bill (Ch33 & TEB), Montgomery GI Bill (Ch30), Vocational Rehabilitation Program (Ch31) Montgomery GI Bill Select Reserve (1606) and REAP (1607), Dependents

Education Assistance Program (Ch35), MYCAA and GoArmyEd.

VA Work Study Program – The SUNY Fredonia Veterans Affairs Office participates in the Federal VA Work Study Program. If you're a full-time or 3/4-time student in a college degree program, or a vocational or professional program, you can "earn while you learn" with a VA Work Study allowance. For more information please visit [www.gibill.va.gov/pamphlets/wkstud.htm](http://www.gibill.va.gov/pamphlets/wkstud.htm).

For eligibility for the numerous Federal veterans' educational entitlement programs available, please visit the Veterans Affairs website at [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov).

## *New York State Grants*

### **New York State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)**

The New York State Higher Education Services Corporation (NYSHESC) administers the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) for New York State residents who are enrolled full-time at post-secondary institutions. The TAP award is a state grant that is based on prior year state "Net Taxable Income" as verified by NYSHESC. The minimum award, if eligible during 2011-12, was \$500 and the maximum is \$4,995.

The 2012-13 Express TAP Application (ETA) will be available online at [www.tapweb.org](http://www.tapweb.org) following the submission of the 2012-13 FAFSA data. Once the ETA is processed and the New York State budget is passed for the subsequent year, NYSHESC will mail a TAP Award Certificate to your attention. You can also view the status of your TAP award at [www.hesc.com](http://www.hesc.com).

### **SUNY Tuition Credit**

In late June 2011, the New York State Legislature passed Governor Cuomo's NY-SUNY 2020 Plan, which enacts a rational tuition plan for the State University of New York (SUNY). As set forth in the Plan, tuition credits will be calculated by the New York State Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC) for TAP eligible students enrolled at a SUNY college or university, whose annual resident undergraduate tuition rate exceeds \$5,000.

### **State University Student Assistance (SUSTA)**

SUSTA (State University Student Assistance) is a state grant that is based on a full-time student's TAP grant eligibility and financial need. This grant is based on continued funding by the New York State Division of the Budget and is allocated to SUNY Fredonia on an annual basis. SUSTA is a grant and does not have to be repaid. Amount of awards can range between \$200 and \$800 per academic year.

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

Eligibility for this program is determined by the Financial Aid Office based on the following criteria:

- The completion of a separate APTS Application available at the Financial Aid Office prior to the start of the academic year
- Student must be an undergraduate enrolled between 3-11 credit hours per semester
- Student must meet the income limits prescribed by the program; \$50,500 or less if dependent or independent with dependents, and \$34,250 or less if independent

## *Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)*

Eligibility for this program is determined by the SUNY Fredonia Admissions Office. Participation is limited to students who are both economically and educationally disadvantaged. Only students admitted to this program by the Admissions Office are eligible to receive funding. Award amounts depend on New York State funding allocations and vary from year to year.

## *Federal Work Study Program*

The Federal Work Study Program is a Federally-funded source of financial assistance used to offset education costs. A student can expect to work up to eight hours a week at a salary based on local market conditions, years employed in the program, and current minimum wage standards. At SUNY Fredonia, assignments are made by the Financial Aid Office based on information provided by the student on a survey. Work Study earnings are paid bi-weekly directly to the student. Students must pay attention to deadlines and instructions or the award is canceled.

**Since the Federal Work Study Program is a Federal campus-based funding source, early application (FAFSA) is critical in determining eligibility for this work-based program. Eligibility is determined each year based on the results of the FAFSA.**

The "Reading First" program allows students who meet certain Work Study eligibility and tutor/training criteria to be assigned as tutors to area public school districts. The "Math and Science Partnership Program" allows students with a concentration in mathematics to serve as math tutors in grades K-9. Interested students should contact both the Financial Aid Office and the School of Education at (716) 673-4830 or Mathematics Department at (716) 673-3246 to see if they qualify.

Notification of a Work Study award is made through an award letter from the Financial Aid Office. If a Work Study award is listed, and it is your first year in the program, you must complete the online survey by the deadline. If a Work Study award is not listed, it means you are not eligible or funding has been depleted. If you are still interested, you can request to be added to the Work Study Waiting List. If a position becomes available, the waiting list is used to fill that position and the student is contacted by our office.

## *Federal Loan Options For Students*

Once all sources of gift aid have been explored, you and your financial aid administrator can consider a number of education loans available through the Federal government or private lenders. Unlike scholarships, grants or Work Study programs, loans must be repaid, including their interest. Federal loans include the Perkins Loan, the Stafford Loan (subsidized and unsubsidized), the Graduate PLUS Loan and the Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS). Please note that all Federal Stafford and PLUS Loan processing will take approximately 2 to 3 weeks from the time the student/parent has completed all the necessary requirements. Please refer to the specific borrower instructions listed under *Federal Loan options for students*.

### **Federal Perkins Loan**

The Federal Perkins Loan is based on a combination of Federal funds and collections from past borrowers. SUNY Fredonia selects recipients and administers the funds ranging from \$1,000 - \$1,500 per year.