SUNY Smart Track Financial Aid Plan



What is it?

- SUNY's tool to assure financial aid transparency.
- Used by all 64 institutions.
- Provides a **complete picture** of the cost to attend UB.

Key takeaways:

- Lists all potential costs, not the actual amount you will be billed.
- Presence of an award estimate does **not** mean you have it yet. An additional application may be required.

Section 1: Estimated Cost of Attendance (COA)

Estimated Cost of Attendance in the 2023 - (This is not a bill and is subject to legislative and/or institution		c Year
	Direct Costs (billable)	Indirect Costs (non-billable)
Tuition and fees	\$10,784	
Housing and meals Books and supplies		\$14,672 \$1,500
Transportation		\$2,576
Other educational costs		\$2,178
Estimated Cost of Attendance		\$31,710 / yr

Key takeaways:

Direct costs

- Tuition, fees, room & board for on-campus students.
- Student Accounts sends student e-Bill via email each semester.

Indirect costs

- Expenses you **may** incur while enrolled (e.g., living allowance, books/supplies, transportation).
- Do not appear on your bill.
- Vary from student to student.

Section 2: Estimated Gift Aid

Aid is subject to change based upon verification	on, enrollment confirmation	n, and legisla	ative changes
	Fall	Spring	Tota
Federal PELL Grant	\$3,698	\$3,697	\$7,39
Federal SEOG	\$250	\$250	\$50
NY State TAP Estimate	\$2,832	\$2,832	\$5,66
SUNY Tuition Credit Estimate	\$798	\$798	\$1,59
Total Grants and Scholarships			\$15,155 / y

Key takeaways:

- **Pell** is a federal grant.
- **TAP** (Tuition Assistance Program) is a NYS grant.
- Other NYS Awards would be listed here.

NYS funds are estimates.

Section 3: Estimated Net Cost

Estimated Remaining Cost After Grants and Scholarships (Cost of attendance minus total grants and scholarships.)	
Net Cost	_ \$16,555

Key takeaways:

- Net cost provides an idea of how much you will need to pay toward the total cost of attendance after factoring in grants and scholarships.
- **Remember!** Indirect costs are included in this number.

Section 4: Options to Pay

ederal Work-Study			\$2,500
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Options to Pay Net Cost - Loans Offer	ed		
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		Spring \$1,750 \$1,000	Total \$3,500 \$2,000

Expected Family Contribution (EFC) as calculated by FAFSA \$0/yr

Your EFC is not the amount of money your family will have to pay for college. It is a number used by your campus to calculate the amount of federal student aid you are eligible to receive. Your balance will be the difference between direct costs, and the amount of aid you receive.

Other Options to Pay Net Costs

University at Buffalo Payment Plan

- Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan
- Military and/or National Service Benefits
- Private Education Loans

Key takeaways:

- **Federal Direct Loans** (subsidized/unsubsidized).
- **PLUS** (Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students). ۲
- Alternative/private loans.

- Federal Work-Study.
- UB's Payment Plan.
- Outside scholarships.

Section 5: College Overview



Key takeaways:

- High graduation rate.
- Lower default rate than the national average.
- Median borrowing for a typical UB student.
- Loan repayment information.

Choosing UB is how you make a smart investment in your future!



Financial Aid Advisors

--> We're here to help!

Our goal is to **give personalized attention** to students and their families by providing advisement and guidance throughout the financial aid process.

This includes:

- Assisting with FAFSA and/or TAP questions.
- Reviewing your financial aid offer letter.
- Discussing special circumstances.
- Communicating requirements to maintain federal/state aid every semester.



Next Steps:

- Review your SUNY Smart Track Financial Aid Plan.
- Log in to the HUB Student Center using your UBIT name and password.
- Accept or decline Federal Direct Loans.
- Submit any items that may appear on your HUB Student Center To-Do List.
- First-time federal student loan borrowers need to complete Entrance Counseling and Master Promissory Note (MPN) at <u>studentaid.gov</u>.
- Submit TAP application and make sure our school code (1010) is listed.
- Submit other NYS scholarship applications, such as Excelsior, at <u>hesc.ny.gov</u> when they become available.



Next Steps (continued):

- Submit your final high school transcript and any college transcripts to the Office of Admissions prior to the first day of classes.
- If you are awarded Federal Work-Study and wish to accept it, you would do so in the HUB Student Center Financial Aid section.
- We will email you more information on how to secure a Work-Study position, supporting documents you need to bring to campus and an appointment form to submit.
- After July 1, you can apply for and consider other loan options to bridge the gap, if needed.
 - Parents: Federal Direct Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS), at <u>studentaid.gov</u>. If approved, submit a MPN.
 - Students: Private/Alternative loans. Lender Comparison List tool found on our website, <u>financialaid.buffalo.edu</u>.

