

## The Say Yes Buffalo Tuition Scholarship

### About Say Yes Buffalo and Buffalo State

Say Yes to Education has partnered with 20 colleges and universities in Western New York aimed at making higher education a reality for Buffalo Public and Charter school students. Buffalo State is a proud participating college whose core value is to provide access to quality public higher education. Say Yes and Buffalo State both strive to inspire lifelong learning and to enhance and invest in the Buffalo community. Say Yes Buffalo is a **tuition-only** guarantee. Eligibility for Say Yes is determined after all other grants and scholarships are applied to the tuition component of the student's bill. Books, supplies, housing, and meal plans are **not** covered by the Say Yes Tuition Scholarship.

### Eligibility

1. Reside in the City of Buffalo.
2. Graduated from a Buffalo Public or Charter School in **June 2013** or after.
3. Continuous enrollment in a Buffalo Public or Charter high school through at least 9th-12th grades.
  - a. Or be legally designated as having refugee status on an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) or be an otherwise eligible noncitizen.
4. Enroll full-time at a Say Yes college within 15 months of high school graduation.
5. Apply for federal ([FAFSA](#)) and New York State financial aid ([TAP](#)), register with [Selective Service](#), and remain eligible for financial aid each year.
6. Complete and submit a Say Yes Buffalo Tuition Scholarship Application and all other required documentation of residency and public school attendance.

### Tuition Scholarship

Say Yes Buffalo will cover remaining tuition charges after all federal, state, and institutional grants and scholarship are applied. The amount of the tuition scholarship is dependent on the number of consecutive years a student has attended a Buffalo Public or Charter school through grade 12 (refer to the chart at right).

Entry Grade	% of tuition
Kindergarten	100%
1, 2, 3	95%
4, 5, 6	80%
7, 8, 9	65%

### Opportunity Grant

An Opportunity Grant *may* be awarded to students who receive the maximum Federal Pell Grant (EFC on FAFSA = 0), live on-campus, and have a large amount of unmet need. The maximum Opportunity Grant is \$2,000 per year and can be used toward books, fees, or room and board. The Opportunity scholarship may not cover all expenses.

### Say Yes Timeline



\* The above dates represent recommended filing times, but the applications can be submitted after the dates indicated.

### Additional Resources to Keep New Students On-Track at Buffalo State

- ✓ [Financial Aid Timeline](#) – A comprehensive timeline of the financial aid process.
- ✓ [Accepted Students Checklist](#) – Additional information for first-year students.

### Example 1: Entering a Buffalo Public or Charter School in 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

Matthew began attendance in a Buffalo Public School in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. He will graduate in June and plans to attend Buffalo State. He will not live on-campus. He filed the FAFSA and TAP applications but did not qualify for grant aid. He received a \$1,000 [Provost Scholarship](#) based on his high school GPA and SAT scores. Matthew would first determine his expected Say Yes Tuition Scholarship and then determine his out-of-pocket cost.

#	Charge / Award	Amount	
1	Tuition (estimated)	\$6,170	} <b>Step 1:</b> Calculate Say Yes Tuition Scholarship
2	All Scholarships and Grants	- \$1,000	
3	<b>Remaining Tuition</b> (Line 1 - Line 2)	<b>\$5,170</b>	
4	Say Yes Percentage	x 65%	
5	<b>Say Yes Tuition Scholarship</b> (Line 3 x Line 4)	<b>\$3,361</b>	
6	Tuition (estimated)	\$6,170	} <b>Step 2:</b> Calculate Out-of-Pocket Cost.
7	Fees (estimated)	+ \$1,176	
8	<b>Total Charges</b> (Line 6 + Line 7)	<b>\$7,346</b>	
9	Say Yes Tuition Scholarship	- \$3,361	
10	Provost Scholarship	- \$1,000	
11	<b>Out-of-Pocket Cost</b> (Line 8 - 9 - 10)	= <b>\$2,985</b> + books	

### Discussion

Matthew's out-of-pocket expense for the academic year would be \$2,985 plus money for textbooks. Matthew would be billed in August for the fall semester and in January for the spring semester. Each semester he would owe \$1,492.50 ( $\$2,985 \div 2$ ).

### Example 2: Entering Buffalo Public or Charter School in Kindergarten

Emily is a senior at Bennett High School, a Buffalo Public School, and will graduate in June. She attended Buffalo Public Schools continuously since kindergarten. In February, she completes the FAFSA and TAP applications and is accepted to Buffalo State for the upcoming fall semester. Her financial aid award contains a Pell grant for \$1,000, a TAP grant for \$965, and a SUNY Tuition Credit for \$172. In total, Emily has \$2,137 in grants and scholarships.

#	Charge / Award	Amount	
1	Tuition (estimated)	\$6,170	} <b>Step 1:</b> Calculate Say Yes Tuition Scholarship
2	All Scholarships and Grants	- \$2,137	
3	<b>Remaining Tuition</b> (Line 1 - Line 2)	<b>\$4,033</b>	
4	Say Yes Percentage	x 100%	
5	<b>Say Yes Tuition Scholarship</b> (Line 3 x Line 4)	<b>\$4,033</b>	
6	Tuition (estimated)	\$6,170	} <b>Step 2:</b> Calculate Out-of-Pocket Cost.
7	Fees (estimated)	+ \$1,176	
8	<b>Total Charges</b> (Line 6 + Line 7)	<b>\$7,346</b>	
9	Say Yes Tuition Scholarship	- \$4,033	
10	Pell, TAP, and SUNYTC	- \$2,137	
11	<b>Out-of-pocket cost</b> (Line 8 - 9 - 10)	= <b>\$1,176</b> + books	

### Discussion

Emily's out-of-pocket expense for the academic year would be \$1,176 plus money for textbooks. Emily would be billed in August for the fall semester and in January for the spring semester. Each semester she would owe \$588 ( $\$1,176 \div 2$ ).