

NYSFAAA SCHOLARSHIP FACT SHEET

2011 marks the 21st year that NYSFAAA has awarded scholarships to students from member institutions.

The Annual NYSFAAA Scholarship Program will award five non-renewable scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 for the 2011-2012 academic year. These scholarships will be awarded to students attending member institutions who have been nominated by NYSFAAA members. They are awarded in the following categories:

1. Public 2-year
2. Private/Proprietary 2-year
3. Public 4-year
4. Private/Proprietary 4-year
5. Graduate/Professional

SELECTION PROCESS: Any institution with active NYSFAAA members may nominate **one** qualified student in each category for the scholarship. The nomination may only be made by active members. **Institutions offering multiple levels of degree programs may nominate one candidate from each program.** For example, a school offering Associates, Bachelors and Graduate degrees may nominate one student from each category for a total of three nominees.

A NYSFAAA Scholarship Application with the completed Financial Aid Administrator verification form attached must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee with a typed, one-page essay from the student.

Recipients will be selected by the Scholarship Committee based on the following criteria, including, but not limited to:

1. **Cumulative GPA**
2. **Relative Financial Need**
3. **Student's cumulative educational indebtedness**
4. **Content of student essay**

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY: All students considered for the NYSFAAA Scholarship must meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. All undergraduate nominees must have completed the equivalent of one year of full-time study by June 1, 2011. Graduate students must have completed one-half year of study by June 1, 2011.
2. Must have minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a scale of 4.0.
3. Must be a matriculated student enrolled in a minimum of 6 credits (half-time) during the Fall 2011 semester in the sector for which the student was nominated. Students completing their program of study before Fall 2011 and moving from a two-year to a four-year program, or from an undergraduate to a graduate program may be nominated by their former school.
4. Demonstrate "UNUSUAL HARDSHIP," have evidence of financial need, authorize the scholarship committee to access information about educational indebtedness, and indicate other forms of self-help.

Please enter your institutional deadline on the student application which should be in advance of the September 25th deadline for applications to be received for review.

AWARDS: Winners will be announced at the NYSFAAA Annual Conference in October.

NYSFAAA will distribute co-payable checks to the scholarship recipient's school to be credited to the student's account during the Fall 2011 semester.

At the time of disbursement, the Financial Aid Officer must verify that the student is enrolled at least half-time and is in good academic standing. Coordination of the NYSFAAA Scholarship with other funds will be at the discretion of campus policy. If the student withdraws from the school, any remaining scholarship funds must be returned to the NYSFAAA Scholarship Fund.