



**Monroe Community College**  
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

## Excelsior Scholarship Advising Guidelines

Use with students who have completed the application process at [www.hesc.ny.gov](http://www.hesc.ny.gov).

### To qualify in an individual semester:

- Is the Student in 12+ credit bearing courses (excluding non-credit)?
- Do at least 12 credits apply directly towards the degree (E.g. COS class must fall into an elective category to count)?
- ADA students are an exception.

### To qualify at year's end:

- Is the student on pace to graduate on time (end of 2<sup>nd</sup> year)? What does that mean??
- Will the student be able to have 30 credits applied towards degree at end of 1<sup>st</sup> year and 60 credits at end of 2<sup>nd</sup> year (Fall, Intersession, Spring & Summer or Spring/Summer/Fall/Intersession)?
- AP, IB, & Dual Enrollment credits can count towards 30 in a year

### Intermittent Qualification requirements:

- If student did not qualify in their 1<sup>st</sup> semester, but after 1<sup>st</sup> semester had 15+ credits from dual enrollment, AP and 1<sup>st</sup> semester courses towards the degree they may be eligible to receive in 2<sup>nd</sup> semester
- If student did not qualify in 1<sup>st</sup> academic year, but has accumulated 30+ college credits towards the degree may reapply to receive excelsior in 2<sup>nd</sup> year.
- If a student changes their major and is now off pace to graduate within 2 years from their initial semester, they will lose their scholarship.
- During a semester if a student drops below 12 college credits, they will not receive the excelsior scholarship for that semester, except in their first semester. This means that they will owe the college the money that Excelsior would have paid.

### Financial Components:

- Excelsior only covers Tuition (not student or lab fees, textbooks, or housing charges)
- Tap, Pell, Scholarships and other third party payments (e.g. AccessVR, Vet VocRehab, Tuition Waiver, etc) get applied to bill PRIOR to Excelsior (this means that they may be eligible to receive the Excelsior Scholarship, but may not get it because other grants and scholarships cover all of the Tuition Cost).
- Excelsior will not pay in Intersession or Summer, but other forms of aid could
- The Excelsior Scholarship pays to a student's account the end of the semester. Lack of successful completions could affect the payment of Excelsior.

\*\* Information is subject to change as the state implements the Excelsior Scholarship \*\*