



SUNY Student Assembly

Legislative Agenda 2012

State Agenda

- Work with the New York State governor and legislature to implement a “Maintenance of Effort” agreement for community colleges.
- Increase the maximum Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) award, introduce TAP for graduate students, and ensure that it remains above State University of New York tuition to close the gap between maximum TAP awards and tuition increases under Rational Tuition.
- Secure greater investment by the state in the success of the State University of New York through a “matching funds” program that matches 1:1 every dollar that SUNY diverts from administration to student services and faculty hiring and retention.

Federal Agenda

- Maintain and expand Pell Grants and both subsidized and unsubsidized federal direct loan programs for undergraduate and graduate students.
- Ensure that federal lawmakers hear the voice of State University of New York students and provide the state with the resources needed to preserve a quality public higher education system.