

Alfred University to participate in New York State programs to make college more affordable

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The unique character of Alfred University means it is one of only two universities in New York State that can participate in both of the new financial aid programs aimed at helping students from families with incomes of \$100,000 or less.

“We agree with Governor (Andrew) Cuomo’s intent to make college more affordable for New Yorkers,” said Alfred University President Mark Zupan. “Even before the Excelsior and Enhanced Tuition Assistance Programs were developed, Alfred University was committed to providing as much, if not more, aid to cover financial need for our students as the new state programs do.”

Alfred University is able to participate in both programs because it is home to one of only five statutory colleges in the state; the other four are at Cornell University. The New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University was created in 1900, nearly 50 years before the SUNY system was founded. Students enrolled in the School of Art & Design, as well as the materials-based engineering programs—biomedical materials engineering, ceramic engineering, glass science engineering and materials science are eligible to apply.

All other students those enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences and the College of Professional Studies, as well as those who are mechanical, renewable energy or undecided engineers are eligible to apply for Enhanced Tuition Assistance Program aid, which is aimed at students who attend private colleges and universities.

“The public-private partnership that makes Alfred University so unique has served us well,” said President Zupan. “It has allowed us to develop the world’s leading ceramic art and engineering program, top glass art and glass science programs, an art school that is ranked among the top 10 in the country, along with one of the top engineering schools for materials sciences, particularly glass and ceramics.”

The Excelsior Program is aimed at students attending State University of New York or City University of New York schools, but students enrolled in majors in the New York State College of Ceramics may qualify for Excelsior funding of up to \$6,470 for the 2017-18 academic year, depending upon what other sources of aid they are already receiving.

The [Higher Education Services Corporation](#) will make the final determination about who receives the Excelsior aid.

Excelsior Scholarship recipients attending Alfred University will be subject to the same rules as all other recipients, including completing 30 credit-hours each calendar year, completing their degree in four years, and agreeing to remain in the state after graduation for the same number of years as they received assistance.

Students enrolled in majors offered through the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, the College of Professional Studies, as well as mechanical and renewable energy engineering majors must first apply through the Higher Education Services Corporation, which again will determine eligibility. The maximum award will be \$6,000, after other sources of aid are factored in. Half of the resulting award will come from the State and the other half will be awarded by the University.

Those who have been granted eligibility will be competing for one of 25 slots available at Alfred University this year.

Recipients of the Enhanced Tuition Assistance Program funding will be subject to the same requirements completing 30 credit-hours in a calendar year; earning a degree in four years; and residing in New York State after graduation for as many years as aid was awarded.

For more information, please contact the Admissions Office or the Office of Financial Aid at Alfred University.