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[CUNY Start](#)

Category: **Education | Academic Preparedness and Success Tools**

CUNY Start is a college success program that helps students address their remedial needs while they prepare for college-level coursework. In one semester, CUNY Start offers academic instruction in reading/writing and/or math, as well as academic advisement to help incoming CUNY students get a strong start in college. Students can enroll in CUNY Start in either the fall or spring semester on a full-time (25 hours/week) or part-time (12 hours/week) basis.

WHO DOES THIS PROGRAM AIM TO SERVE? The program enrolls prospective CUNY students who have been accepted to college because they have a high school or high school equivalency diploma, but are not ready for college-level work based on their scores on the CUNY Assessment Tests (CAT). For more information, please see [CUNY Assessment Test \(CAT\) Preparation Resources](#).

Students who have enrolled in CUNY Start re-take the required CUNY Assessment Tests. Past students have shown significant skill gains when they re-test; many have bypassed required remedial coursework entirely.

HAS THIS PROGRAM BEEN SUSPENDED DUE TO COVID-19? Due to COVID-19, in-person classes, meetings and appointments have been suspended or moved online. For updates on CUNY's response to COVID-19, please visit www.cuny.edu/coronavirus. For additional resources to support students impacted by COVID-19, CUNY has provided "[CUNY Continuity for Students](#)."

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The University's seven community colleges provide a high-quality education through associate degree programs that prepare students for transfer to senior colleges or entry into professional careers. The CUNY Graduate Center offers more than 30 doctoral programs. CUNY School of Public Health and Health Policy, a collaboration of four CUNY institutions, offers master's and doctoral degrees. The CUNY School of Law is recognized as the nation's premier public-interest law school.

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[CUNY TechWorks](#)

Category: **Education | Vocational Training/Trade Schools**

Launched in January 2017, CUNY Techworks is a US Department of Labor federally funded initiative of CUNY's Office of Continuing Education and Workforce Programs (CEWP). CUNY TechWorks' is to connect underrepresented and low-income New Yorkers to the growing number of opportunities in New York City's thriving tech sector via no-cost, applied skills education and training in tech areas including, but not limited to the following:

• Software application development

• Web design and development

• IT systems administration

For more information, contact Nakisha Evans, Director of Office of Workforce Partnerships.

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Day Care Council of New York, inc. (DCCNY)

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The Day Care Council of New York, Inc. (DCCNY) is a diverse membership organization of 93 non-profit sponsoring boards that operate more than 200 publicly-funded child care centers and family child care programs in New York City. DCCNY's mission is to seek support for and assist in the development of quality child and family care services which are designed to promote the sound growth and development of children and their families. The Council offers information and advice on child care, including information on accessing subsidized child care (e.g., free or low cost child care based on family income and reason for requiring child care).

HAS THIS PROGRAM BEEN SUSPENDED DUE TO COVID-19? Due to COVID-19, the offices of DCCNY have been closed and all scheduled training and technical assistance visits have been canceled. DCCNY continues to monitor emails and voicemail messages to provide support remotely.

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Disability Resources at School of Visual Arts (SVA)

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Disability Resources assists in creating an accessible campus environment at the School of Visual Arts (SVA) where students with disabilities have equal access to educational programs and the opportunity to participate fully in all aspects of campus life. Through partnerships with students, faculty and staff members, Disability Resources works to promote students' independence, self-advocacy, and development and ensures that students are recognized for their abilities – not their disabilities. Services and resources offered include, but are not limited to the following:

• Accommodation Determination Decisions

• Arrangement of Accommodations

• Weekly or Bi-weekly individual counseling/coaching on issues pertaining to: adjusting to college life, academics, adjusting to disability, stress management, time-management, anxiety management, study skills, communication skills, self-advocacy skills, and socialization skills.

• Drop-in Counseling or Crisis Intervention

• Exam Proctoring/Distracted Testing Environment

• Arrangement of American Sign Language (ASL) interpreting or CART services

• Captioning Services (in collaboration with the Office of Learning Technology)

â€¢ Consultation with Faculty/Staff

HAS SVA SUSPENDED DISABILITY RESOURCES DUE TO COVID-19? All of SVA's academic buildings and administrative offices have been closed to students, faculty and nonessential staff until further notice. For updates to SVA's response to COVID-19, please visit sva.edu/features/message-from-sva-about-covid-19-novel-coronavirus.

ABOUT SCHOOL OF VISUAL ARTS: School of Visual Arts (SVA) has been a leader in the education of artists, designers and creative professionals for more than six decades. With a faculty of distinguished working professionals, dynamic curriculum and an emphasis on critical thinking, SVA is a catalyst for innovation and social responsibility. Comprised of more than 7,000 students at its Manhattan campus and 38,000 alumni in 100 countries, SVA also represents one of the most influential artistic communities in the world.

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[Disability Services at Wagner College](#)

Category:

Wagner College's goal is to encourage students to become independent learners, to take advantage of campus services and to engage in all phases of campus life. Disability Services at the Center for Academic and Career Engagement (CACE) is committed to providing support and reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities to ensure that they can develop to their full potential. Accommodations offered include, but are not limited to the following:

â€¢ Advocacy to college administration

â€¢ Testing accommodations, including proctors and/or extended time in a separate, distraction-reduced room.

â€¢ Learning disabilities-related advisement

â€¢ Preferential registration and advisement

â€¢ Provision of information to professors

â€¢ Paid membership in Learning Ally (formerly RFB&D)

â€¢ Assistive technology

â€¢ Referrals

Dina Assante is the Associate Dean of Disability Services at Wagner College (dassante@wagner.edu, (718) 390-3278).

HAVE DISABILITY SERVICES BEEN SUSPENDED DUE TO COVID-19? Wagner College reduced on-campus visitors to critical personnel only. All courses have been moved to remote delivery with plans to return to in-person classes in the fall. Disability Services continues to support students remotely. For updates to Wagner College's response to COVID-19, please visit wagner.edu/covid19.

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[Disability Support Services \(FIT-ABLE\) at Fashion Institute of Technology \(FIT\)](#)

Category: **Disability/Acessibility Services**

The Office of Disability Services (FIT-ABLE) at the Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT), ensures equal access for students with disabilities in their curricular as well as co-curricular college experience through accommodations that contribute to a holistic learning and development experience. Through thoughtful educational programming, FIT-ABLE strives to enhance community awareness on disability issues so as to promote a deeper understanding of student needs thus improving the overall quality of the student engagement experience. Accommodations offered include, but are not limited to the following:

â€¢ Assistive Technology

â€¢ Audio Books and Electronic Text

â€¢ Interpreter Services

â€¢ Note-Taking Services

â€¢ Registration Assistance

• Scribe Services

• Tutoring

• Services for Prospective Applicants

• Services for Newly-Admitted Students

HAS THIS PROGRAM BEEN SUSPENDED DUE TO COVID-19? No. However, due to COVID-19, FIT-ABLE staff are working remotely and are monitoring emails and telephone messages.

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Disability Support Services at Cooper Union

Category:

Cooper Union is an equal opportunity institution that admits students without regard to their disabilities. Cooper Union makes reasonable accommodations and modifications to policies, practices and procedures and provides auxiliary aids and services necessary to meet the needs of students with disabilities on campus. Students with disabilities seeking any accommodations, modifications or auxiliary aids or services regarding any aspect of the full Cooper Union experience—including anything pertaining uniquely to one of the Cooper Union's distinct schools—should contact the Dean of Students for assistance.

Accommodations are designed to allow a student additional time, tools, and/or resources to fulfill the obligations of a course and degree program. An accommodation is not designed or intended to alter pedagogy. As each class and each student's needs are unique, it is important that there be a dialogue between faculty and student. While accommodations may seem generic, their implementation is certainly not. Additional time on projects and exams in a chemistry class will look very different than extra time in studio courses. It is between the faculty member and the student to determine how accommodations can reasonably be realized in each specific course.

The Cooper Union Self-Identification Form for students with disabilities can be downloaded [here](#). Christopher Chamberlin is the Dean of Students at Cooper Union.

HAS DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES SUSPENDED OPERATIONS DUE TO COVID-19? Cooper Union's campus remains closed with all summer courses being conducted online and staff working remotely. Classes will resume on August 31, 2020 for the fall semester. For updates to Cooper Union's response to COVID-19, please visit cooper.edu/about/safety/coronavirus-covid-19.

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edX: Online Courses

Category: **Academic Preparedness and Success Tools**

Founded by Harvard and MIT in 2012, EdX is a non-profit library of massive open online courses (MOOC). Learners can take free courses from more than 130 of the world's best universities and institutions in subjects such as:

• Computer Science

• Language

• Data Science

• Business & Management

• Engineering

• Humanities

edX's [Help Center](#) provides assistance on courses, programs, certificates, credit, payments and refunds and other issues.

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EmblemHealth Neighborhood Care Harlem

Category: **Mental Health and Wellness | - Community-based**

EmblemHealth Neighborhood Care provides free in-person customer support, access to community resources, and programming to help the entire community learn healthy behaviors. Services include:

• IN-PERSON CUSTOMER SUPPORT (e.g., assistance with making doctor's appointments, translating health information into a preferred language, answer member-specific claims and billing questions, etc.)

• COMMUNITY EVENTS AND RESOURCES (e.g., fitness classes, food and transportation services, temporary housing, cell phone literacy, art therapy, etc.)

• HEALTH & WELLNESS CLASSES (e.g., classes on physical, financial, social and emotional wellness, chronic disease management, etc.)

For contact information of Neighborhood Care centers throughout NYC, please visit www.emblemhealth.com/about/neighborhood-care.

HAS THIS PROGRAM BEEN SUSPENDED DUE TO COVID-19? Yes. All Neighborhood Care locations have been temporarily closed. For resources and updates to EmblemHealth's response to COVID-19, please visit www.emblemhealth.com/covid19.

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[Excelsior Scholarship](#)

Category: **Education**

The Excelsior Scholarship provides tuition awards to eligible students attending New York State's public colleges and universities (SUNY and CUNY). This scholarship, in combination with other student financial aid programs, allows students to attend a SUNY college tuition-free to families making up to \$125,000 per year. The Excelsior Scholarship applies to tuition only and does not cover the other costs of college. To learn more about other college expenses such as fees, room and board, textbooks, and more, visit SUNY's [Tuition and Fees page](#). Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) regarding the Excelsior Scholarship are available [here](#).

WHO DOES THIS PROGRAM AIM TO SERVE? To meet eligibility requirements, an applicant must:

• be a resident of NYS and have resided in NYS for 12 continuous months prior to the beginning of the term;

• be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen;

• have either graduated from high school in the United States, earned a high school equivalency diploma, or passed a federally approved "Ability to Benefit" test, as defined by the Commissioner of the State Education Department;

• have a combined federal adjusted gross income of \$125,000 or less;

• be pursuing an undergraduate degree at a SUNY or CUNY college, (includes statutory colleges at Cornell University and Alfred University);

• be enrolled in at least 12 credits per term applicable toward your degree program and earn at least 30 credits each year, applicable toward your degree program;

• if attended college prior to the academic year for which an award is sought, have earned at least 30 credits each year (continuously enrolled), applicable toward your degree program prior to applying for an Excelsior Scholarship;

• be in a non-default status on a student loan made under any NYS or federal education loan program or on the repayment of any NYS award;

• be in compliance with the terms of the service condition(s) imposed by a NYS award that you have previously received; and

• execute a contract agreeing to reside in NYS for the length of time the award was received, and, if employed during such time, be employed in NYS.

HAS THIS PROGRAM BEEN SUSPENDED DUE TO COVID-19? Due to COVID-19, many in-person classes have been transitioned to distance learning education. Certain campus facilities remain open to service students with special circumstances who need to stay on campus. SUNY's community response under the #SUNYTogether campaign supports students and healthcare workers impacted by COVID-19. Updates are available here <https://www.suny.edu/health-alert>.

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[Federal Direct Loan Programs](#)

Category: **Financial Aid | - Federal Loans**

The Federal Direct Loan Programs help both undergraduate and graduate students cover the cost of education with loans borrowed directly from the U.S. Department of Education (ED). A subsidized loan is awarded on the basis of financial need. Borrowers won't be charged any interest before beginning repayment or during authorized periods of deferment because the federal government "subsidizes" the interest during these periods. Unlike a subsidized loan, an unsubsidized loan is not based on financial need. Borrowers will be charged interest from the time the loan is disbursed until it is paid in full as determined by the borrower's Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). For more information on FAFSA, please visit [here](#). For more information on Federal Direct Loan Program, please visit [here](https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans).

WHO DOES THIS PROGRAM AIM TO SERVE? Students enrolled in an eligible program at least half time may receive a Federal Direct Loan. Students must meet other general eligibility requirements as well.

HAS THIS PROGRAM BEEN SUSPENDED DUE TO COVID-19? No. Students concerned about their studies or loan repayment can visit "[Coronavirus and Forebearance Info for Students, Borrowers and Parents](#)."

ABOUT FEDERAL STUDENT AID: Federal Student Aid, a part of the U.S. Department of Education, is the largest provider of student financial aid in the nation. At the office of Federal Student Aid, 1,200 employees help make college education possible for every dedicated mind by providing more than \$120 billion in federal grants, loans, and work-study funds each year to more than 13 million students paying for college or career school.

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[Federal Direct PLUS Loans](#)

Category: **Financial Aid**

Federal Direct PLUS loans are federal loans that graduate or professional degree students and parents of dependent undergraduate students can use to help pay education expenses not covered by other financial aid. The U.S. Department of Education (ED) makes Direct PLUS Loans to eligible borrowers through schools participating in the Direct Loan Program. Applications for Parent PLUS Loan can be completed online by parents [here](#). Applications for Grad PLUS loans by graduate or professional students can be completed online [here](#). While most schools require applicants to apply for a PLUS loan online, students are encouraged to check with their school before applying online as some schools have different applications processes.

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[Federal Pell Grant](#)

Category: **Financial Aid | - Scholarships & Grants**

A Federal Pell Grant, unlike a loan, does not have to be repaid. Federal Pell Grants usually are awarded only to undergraduate students who have not earned a bachelor's or a professional degree. (In some cases, however, a student enrolled in a postbaccalaureate teacher certification program might receive a Federal Pell Grant.) You are not eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant if you are incarcerated in a federal or state penal institution or are subject to an involuntary civil commitment upon completion of a period of incarceration for a forcible or nonforcible sexual offense.

"[Federal Student Grant Programs](#)" lists federal student grant programs with program details and award limits.

HAS THIS PROGRAM BEEN SUSPENDED DUE TO COVID-19? No. Students concerned about their studies or other federal loan repayments can visit "[Coronavirus and Forebearance Info for Students, Borrowers and Parents](#)."

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[Federal Perkins Loans](#)

Category: **Financial Aid**

A Federal Perkins Loan is a low-interest loan for both undergraduate and graduate students with exceptional financial need. The participating school is the lender and funding is subject to availability from the college. Payment is owed to the college that made the loan as determined by the borrower's Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). For more information on FAFSA, please visit [here](#).

IS THE FEDERAL PERKINS LOAN PROGRAM STILL AVAILABLE? No. The authority for schools to make new Federal Perkins Loans ended on September 30, 2017. Final disbursements were permitted through June 30, 2018. Borrowers who received a Perkins Loan can learn more about managing the repayment of the loan by contacting either the school that made the loan or the school's loan servicer. Students concerned about their studies or loan repayment can visit "[Coronavirus and Forebearance Info for Students, Borrowers and Parents](#)."

HOW LONG DO STUDENTS HAVE BEFORE PAYING BACK THEIR PERKINS LOANS? If attending school at least half-time, students have nine months after graduation, leaving school, or dropping below half-time status before repayment must begin. If attending less than half-time, students are encouraged to check with their college or career school to find out how long the grace period will be.

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Category: **Financial Aid | - More Info/Frequently Asked Questions**

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HAS FEDERAL STUDENT AID SUSPENDED SERVICES DUE TO COVID-19? No. Students concerned about their studies or other federal loan repayments can visit "[Coronavirus and Forebearance Info for Students, Borrowers and Parents](#)."

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[FinAid!](#)

Category: **Financial Aid**

FinAid!, established in 1994 by Mark Kantrowitz as a public service, is an award-winning site that has grown into the most comprehensive source of student financial aid information, advice and tools -- on or off the web. Access to FinAid is free for all users. FinAid! includes resources about:

• Loans

• Scholarships

• Savings

• Military Aid

• Other Types of Aid (e.g., grants, graduate school fellowships, education tax benefits, tuition payment plans, etc.)

• Financial Aid Applications

• Beyond Financial Aid (e.g., testing, college admissions, jobs, etc.)

HAS THIS PROGRAM BEEN SUSPENDED DUE TO COVID-19? No. For additional resources for students impacted by COVID-19, FinAid! directs students [here](#).

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[Find A Class](#)

Category: **Education**

Find a Class, an NYC Work Development's (WKDEV) online tool, helps find free adult education classes throughout NYC to learn English; strengthen math, reading, and writing skills; or find a High School Equivalency (HSE) program. Searches can be conducted by the following parameters:

• Borough

• Zip code

• Nearby subway lines

• Organization providing the education class

WHO DOES THIS PROGRAM AIM TO SERVE? All NYC residents. (US citizenship is not required to attend these classes.)

HAS FIND A CLASS BEEN SUSPENDED DUE TO COVID-19? The Find a Class tool is still available online. However, due to COVID-19, classes may be canceled or moved to remote learning. Please contact each organization for the desired class for up-to-date responses to COVID-19.

ABOUT WKDEV: Established in 2014, WKDEV is responsible to coordinate workforce with economic development in all five boroughs, to create a real time connection to businesses to ensure their needs are met, and to effectively connect those New Yorkers seeking workforce services to quality jobs with opportunities for advancement. This office replaces the former NYC Office of Human Capital Development (OHCD).

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[Finish Your Diploma](#)

Category: **Education | High School Equivalency**

Finish Your Diploma, funded by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation in 1993, provides free resources and information to find local classes to complete high school equivalency (HSE). Finish Your Diploma provides information on several HSEs including:

• General Educational Development (GED)

• High School Equivalency Test (HiSET)

• Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC)

Finish Your Diploma provides Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about HSEs here <https://finishyourdiploma.org/faq>.

HAS THIS PROGRAM BEEN SUSPENDED DUE TO COVID-19? Due to COVID-19, many in-person programs are offering remote options. Students are encouraged to contact the local center for more information on individual responses to COVID-19.

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[Fortune Society](#)

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Founded in 1967, the Fortune Society's vision is to create a world where all who are incarcerated or formerly incarcerated can become positive, contributing members of society. Fortune Society does this through a holistic, one-stop model of service provision. Fortune Society's continuum of care, informed and implemented by professionals with cultural backgrounds and life experiences similar to those of Fortune's clients, helps ensure their success. Fortune's programs include, but are not limited to the following:

• Court Advocacy

• Outreach

• Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI)

• Benefits Access (e.g., SNAP, Medicaid, cash assistance, unemployment, birth certificates, NYS ID, etc.)

• Case Management/Healthcare

• Creative Arts

• Drop In Center

• Education

• Employment (e.g., Soft Skills Job Readiness Training, etc.)

• Family Services

• Food and Nutrition

• Housing

• I-CAN (Prepare for Release)

• Mental Health Services at The Better Living Center

• Substance Use Treatment Services

HAS THIS PROGRAM BEEN SUSPENDED DUE TO COVID-19? In response to COVID-19, Fortune Society's offices are closed. Fortune is providing most services remotely. To access Fortune's remote programming during COVID-19, visit here <https://fortunesociety.org/accessing-services>.

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[Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#)

Category: **Financial Aid**

Federal Student Aid is responsible for managing the student financial assistance programs (e.g., scholarships, grants, loans, work-study funds, etc.) authorized under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965. To assist students with applying for federal financial aid for college, Federal Student Aid developed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Federal, state and college deadlines for FAFSAs are available [here](#). Federal Student Aid provide a preview of questions students and parents may be asked while completing the FAFSA form on "[FAFSA on the Web Worksheet](#)."

HAS THIS PROGRAM BEEN SUSPENDED DUE TO COVID-19? No. Students concerned about their studies or loan repayment can visit "[Coronavirus and Forebearance Info for Students, Borrowers and Parents](#)."

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