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GET MONEY

Apply for financial aid. Fill out the FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA).

Forms are available at www.FAFSA.ed.gov. Ask a guidance counselor or a friendly adult to help! Within 6 weeks you'll get your Student Aid Report (SAR). It will show the amount of federal aid you are eligible for in the form of grants, loans, or work study programs. This form is also required for non-federal grants and loans.

Check out the New York State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)

If you live in New York State, the TAP program covers your tuition costs at New York colleges and schools. You must file a FAFSA form and say which New York State school or college you will attend. HESC (Higher Education Services Corporation) is the state agency that administers the TAP. Go to www.hesc.com/bulletin.nsf or call toll free 1 888 697-4372.

Learn about federal grants and loans.

• Federal Pell Grants

Pell Grants are awarded only to undergraduate students. Unlike a loan, they do not have to be repaid. The maximum is usually \$4000 per year.

• Federal Perkins Loans

These are low interest (5%) loans. Your college loans you money that comes partly from the government and partly from the school itself. The loan must be repaid to the school. Depending on when you apply, your level of need, and how much money the school has to give, you can borrow up to \$4000 for each year of undergraduate study, up to a maximum of \$20,000.

• Federal subsidized Stafford Loans

These loans are awarded on the basis of financial need. You won't be charged any interest as long as you are in college at least half time.

To learn if you are eligible for a federal grant or loan, and to get applications for Pell Grants, Perkins Loans, and Stafford Loans, go to the Student Guide for Financial Aid put out by the U.S. Depart-ment of Education. Get it online at:

www.studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/ student_guide/2003_2004/english/types.htm or call 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243)

GET INFORMED

Go to Project Reach Youth (PRY) at Susan McKinney High School, 101 Park Place between North Portland and North Oxford in Fort Greene 718 694-0601.

They provide SAT tutoring, help with college applications, and take high school students to visit colleges.

Go to the main branch of the Brooklyn Public Library at Grand Army Plaza Subway: 2/3 to Grand Army Plaza or Eastern Parkway/Brooklyn Museum, or Q to 7th Avenue. Bus: B41, B69, B71 (B45, B48, B67 2-4 blocks).

The Education and Jobs

Information Center (718-230-2177) on the first floor has lots of information. Ask for the pamphlets about SAT tutoring, loans, and public and private scholarships. (There are scholarships for specific ethnic groups, for people of color, for union members, and other groups.) The Division Chief, Jan Maas, is very helpful.

GET TO SCHOOL

Find out about 4-year and 2-year programs at New York State and New York City colleges:

Think about SUNY

The State University of NewYork has 64 campuses, and 75% of its students get some form of financial aid. SUNY has a Metropolitan Recruitment Center (MRC) in Manhattan where SUNY staff can answer your questions about scholarships and financial aid, offer one-on-one college search counseling, and help you fill out an application.

SUNY Metropolitan Recruitment Center

420 Lexington Ave. 16th Floor, Suite 1640 New York, New York 10017 Telephone: 212-818-1204 E-mail: mrc@suny.edu

Think about CUNY

The City University of New York has 11 senior colleges and 6 community colleges, and two programs — SEEK and College Discovery designed specifically to help students with financial need. For more information, go to www.cuny.edu, or call the Admissions Office at (212) 997-2869.

Think about NYC Technical and Vocational Schools NYC Technical College

City Tech, a CUNY campus located at 300 Jay Street in downtown Brooklyn, offers a wide range of degree and certificate programs in areas like art and design, business, computer programming, engineering, health care, human services, and law-related professions. For info on admissions, call Rudy Maurizio at (718) 260-5250. To find out about financial aid, call Sandra Higgins at (718)260-5700. For general info, go to www.citytech.cuny.edu To find out about other technical, vocational, and community colleges in NYC, go to www.50states.com/cc/newyork.htm.

