

## OVERVIEW

The Tuition Assistance Program Initiative for TANF (TAPIT) provides financial scholarships to assist District residents participating in the TANF program achieve their education goals. These need-based scholarships, up to \$4,000 per academic school year, are available to TANF customers enrolled in an Associate's or Bachelor's degree program at a local accredited university or college.



## TAPIT SCHOLARSHIP PARTNER COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

Scholarships funds may be used to help cover tuition and fees, books, and meal plans at these local partner colleges and universities.

American University  
Bowie State University  
Catholic University  
Gallaudet University  
George Washington University  
Georgetown University  
Howard Community College  
Prince George's Community College  
Marymount University  
Montgomery College  
Northern Virginia Community College  
Trinity University  
University of the District of Columbia  
University of the District of Columbia – CCDC  
University of Maryland College Park  
University of Maryland University College

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## Tuition Assistance Program Initiative for TANF (TAPIT)

*Scholarships and  
Application Information*



DC Department of Human Services  
Office of Work Opportunity

2100 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue SE, Third Floor  
Washington, DC 20020

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## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

### TANF participants applying for a TAPIT Scholarship must:

- Be a District resident and a current TANF participant in good standing.
- Have a high school diploma OR a GED certificate, but cannot have a Master's degree or Ph.D.
- Be enrolled in a two or four-year accredited degree program and maintain at least a 2.0 GPA.
- Actively participate with a TANF Employment Program (TEP) Provider.
- Receive verification of academic program participation from a college/university official or professor (signature and contact information).
- Reapply for the TAPIT Scholarship each semester.
- Remain in good financial standing with student loan payments (if applicable).
- Not establish any new student loans for the designated semester of the scholarship.

## HOW TO APPLY

- Contact the Office of Work Opportunity to request a TAPIT Scholarship Application.
- Complete a 300-600 word essay (two-pages, double-spaced) sharing how obtaining your degree benefits you and why it is important.
- Obtain two letters of recommendation signed by a case-worker, employer/supervisor, clergy member, teacher or community-based leader.
- Obtain a copy of your High School Transcript or GED Certificate.
- Obtain a copy of a Letter of Acceptance from your degree program.
- Download and complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Download a copy of the application at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov).
- Complete the Office of Work Opportunity Student Financial Aid and Need Analysis form, which is available in the TAPIT Scholarship Application. The form must be completed by the financial aid office of the college/university.
- Submit your full TAPIT Scholarship application packet to: **DHS - Office of Work Opportunity, 2100 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE, Third Floor, Washington, DC 20020.**

## SAT FEE WAIVERS & APPLYING TO COLLEGE

Students interested in learning more about SAT fee waivers and the college application process, may visit the following online information pages:

SAT Fee Waivers: [collegereadiness.collegeboard.org](http://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org)  
Applying to College: [professionals.collegeboard.org](http://professionals.collegeboard.org)

*The **TAPIT Scholarship** supports you as you work to accomplish your **education, training and employment goals.***

