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Scholarships for Academic Excellence (SAE)

Pending the appropriation of State funds during the annual session of the New York State Legislature, approximately 8,000 scholarships are awarded by the State Education Department. Winners of this scholarship may concurrently receive any other New York State academic or general award for which he or she may be eligible. However, winners cannot be awarded a Scholarship for Academic Excellence in any amount when the contribution of all awards would exceed their cost of attendance. **Scholarship** winners must attend a college or university (SAEs cannot be used for trade schools) in New York State. Those who do not attend a college or university in New York State forfeit the award.

Awards are renewable for up to four academic years of undergraduate study or five academic years, if the program of study normally requires five years as defined by the Commissioner of Education. In an event when a scholarship is declined by the student or revoked by the Commissioner of Education, its benefits will lapse and no re-awards are made.

Each registered high school in the state is allocated a specific number of \$1500 and \$500 scholarships based on the number of students enrolled in the twelfth grade during that year. A ratio is calculated based on the number of scholarships available. The selection criteria for nominees for the Scholarships for Academic Excellence is chosen by the high school from a list of options provided by New York State. At Plainview-Old Bethpage John F. Kennedy High School the awards are based on academic performance. The highest achieving students representing the top 2% (at the conclusion of the 7th semester) of the graduating class, are submitted as scholarship nominees.