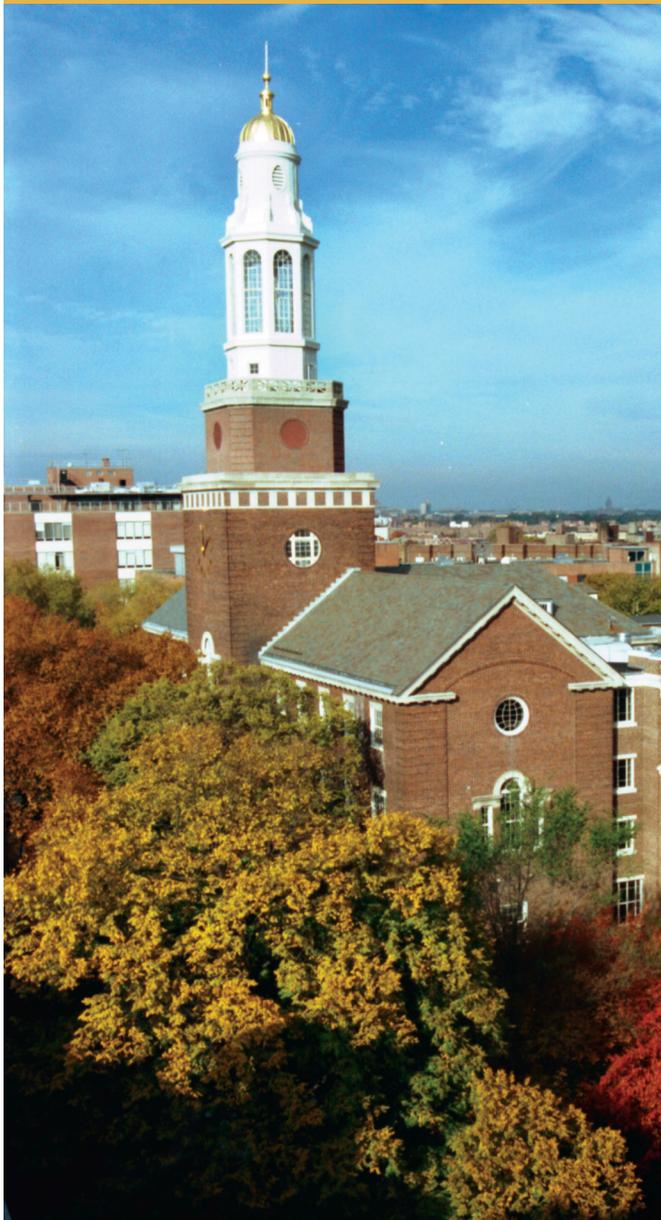


# Excelsior Scholarship

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### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The Excelsior application is a separate application and must be completed to determine eligibility. You must also file a FAFSA and TAP application every year and complete all required verification steps, as applicable.

You must enroll for a minimum of 12 credits every term, but we recommend 15 credits to keep you on track for graduation and meet the annual 30-credit requirement.

For Excelsior eligibility purposes, all partial credits are rounded down. For example, if you earned 11.5 credits, it will be rounded down to 11 credits; if you earned 29.5 credits for the year, it will be rounded down to 29 credits.

You must complete 30 credits within your degree requirements by the end of the spring term each year to remain eligible for the scholarship. Please review the Excelsior credit eligibility chart for further details.

If you completed College Now or AP credits in high school, you can use those credits to help meet the 30 credit yearly requirement, but these credits must be applicable to your current degree requirements. Check with an academic advisor if you have questions.

If you received a high school diploma from outside the United States, you must take and pass the Ability to Benefit (ATB) test to be eligible.

If you are not on track to complete 30 credits, you can make up credits by enrolling in the winter or summer terms, but Excelsior will not cover tuition for those sessions.

You may reapply for the Excelsior scholarship for the remainder of your undergraduate degree program, if you fall off track and subsequently complete credits to get back on track to completing your degree. However, the award cannot be applied retroactively.

**All the above general requirements must be met. See other side for additions and exemptions.**

For more details on the Excelsior scholarship, please visit [brooklyn.cuny.edu/financialaid](http://brooklyn.cuny.edu/financialaid), [hesc.ny.gov](http://hesc.ny.gov) or email [finaidexcelsior@brooklyn.cuny.edu](mailto:finaidexcelsior@brooklyn.cuny.edu).

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You can use the Financial Aid Eligibility and Certification System (FACTS) tool in CUNYfirst to review your State financial Aid eligibility, including the Excelsior Scholarship. For more information, visit [brooklyn.cuny.edu/financialaid/facts](http://brooklyn.cuny.edu/financialaid/facts)

**All the general requirements must be met (see other side). Below is a list of additions and exemptions.**

### IF YOU ARE A TRANSFER STUDENT

**Make sure that your transfer credits apply to the major and/or degree requirements** that you are currently pursuing.

**Log into DegreeWorks** to see if you have elective courses not allowed as those cannot be counted toward your eligibility. Check with an academic advisor if you have questions.

### IF YOU ARE A SEEK STUDENT

**You are required to complete 24 credits by the end of each year**, instead of 30.

**Credits taken for summer immersion can be counted toward your major/degree requirements.** However, that means the credits completed in the summer can count, but you must complete all 24 credits by the spring for the first year only.

**You are eligible for an additional year of Excelsior.**

### IF YOU ARE A STUDENT WITH A DISABILITY

**If you have a qualified disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act and attend less than full time**, you must register with the Center for Student Disability Services.

**There is no minimum enrollment requirement but you must complete all courses that you are enrolled in.** If you do not, you can catch up on credits that were not previously completed, during a summer and/or winter session(s).

### OTHER IMPORTANT DETAILS

**If your major requires 150 credits for completion**, you are eligible for an additional year of Excelsior.

**It is important to ensure that you are on track to complete the requirements of the program.** If you are found ineligible for any reason, you may have to reapply and you may owe money to the college for one or more terms in which you received the Excelsior award.

**The Excelsior scholarship does not cover student fees;** it is a tuition only program.

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