



Mayor's Scholarship Program

Mayor's Scholarship Program – Undergraduate Programs Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) 2026-2027 Scholarship Year

1. What is the Mayor's Scholarship Program for undergraduate degrees?

Building on the success of the Mayor's Graduate Scholarship Program, the program has been rebranded as the **Mayor's Scholarship Program** to now encompass both undergraduate and graduate scholarships. This launch of undergraduate scholarships provides civil servants the opportunity to pursue undergraduate bachelor's and associate degrees and receive financial assistance. All scholarship awards are determined and funded by the participating school.

2. How do I qualify for the undergraduate scholarship opportunities?

To qualify for a scholarship, you must:

- A. Be a full-time City government employee.
- B. Be actively employed by the City of New York at the time of application and while pursuing your degree.
- C. Have earned a high school diploma by the Fall 2026 semester.

3. What are the general requirements for an award?

General requirements may vary depending on the institution and program. Some schools require that an applicant be a new entrant and fully matriculated to the school starting in the fall of the scholarship year. Check the **Mayor's Scholarship Offering Guide – Undergraduate Programs** for more details.

4. Do I receive an award if I meet the basic requirements?

Since all scholarships are competitive, meeting the basic requirements does not guarantee an award. The participating schools make scholarship

determinations and will inform applicants of their award status.

5. How can I find out more information about the participating schools?

You can find links to each school's webpage through the **Mayor's Scholarship Offering Guide – Undergraduate Programs**. Several schools have also provided contact information for further assistance.

6. How do I obtain application materials?

To obtain application materials, visit the undergraduate scholarships page for the Mayor's Scholarship Program at

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/dcas/agencies/mayors-undergraduate-scholarship.page>.

7. How do I apply?

To apply you must:

- a) Check to see that the school and program you have applied to or are currently attending is participating in the **Mayor's Scholarship Offering Guide – Undergraduate Programs**.
- b) Complete a scholarship application for the school you have applied to and submit it to your **Agency Personnel Office (APO)** for approval by the deadline date (do **not** submit scholarship applications to the school). If you have applied to more than one school, make sure to complete and submit a scholarship application to your APO for each school you have applied to.

8. When is the next application period?

The filing period is from March 30, 2026 through April 27, 2026. The deadline for submitting the MUSP application to your Agency Personnel Office is Monday, April 27, 2026.

9. What happens after I submit my scholarship application to my Agency Personnel Office?

Your APO will review your application and verify that you are a full-time

employee of the agency. They will then forward the signed application to the Mayor's Scholarship Program office. The program will notify applicants upon receiving scholarship applications.

More questions? Contact us at 212-386-0021 or email us at MSP@dcas.nyc.gov for more information.