

The CUNY Start-ASAP Pipeline Initiative aims to connect students in care to CUNY Start and/or ASAP to improve persistence and increase their chances of timely graduation. The CUNY Start-ASAP Pipeline Initiative is made possible thanks to the generous support from the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation.

Target Population

The CUNY Start-ASAP Pipeline Initiative will serve students aged 17-21 who:*

- Are currently being served by the New York City foster care system and wish to pursue an associate's degree at CUNY;
- Have significant remedial needs as determined by the CUNY Assessment Tests (CAT) and would be well served by CUNY Start;
- Have little or no remedial needs based on their CAT scores and are ready to matriculate full time into ASAP.

Key Program Components

The CUNY Start-ASAP Pipeline Initiative will focus on four key areas to better serve students in care:

- Developing strategic partnerships with foster care agencies to identify and refer students to CUNY;
- Creating clearly defined pathways from CUNY Start into ASAP for students in care so that they will continue to receive individualized support from matriculation through graduation;
- Enhancing the curriculum and training of CUNY Start's advisement team to better serve students in care while in the program and to support successful matriculation upon program completion;
- Improving the use of data and research to determine the best way to serve students in care within CUNY.

Program Services & Integrated Supports

Youth in foster care who are part of the CUNY Start-ASAP Pipeline are eligible for enhanced services and financial support:

- Assistance with the CUNY admissions and financial aid process;
- CUNY application fee waiver, tuition assistance, and other financial supports;
- Academic advisement and college navigation supports;
- Weekly MetroCards to support successful participation in CUNY Start or ASAP;
- Paid, on-campus internships at \$10/hour for up to 15 hours a week.

For More Information

Please contact Lutful Khan, Program Coordinator, at 718-254-7791 or Lutful.Khan@cuny.edu and visit us at www.cuny.edu/cunystart.

CUNY's Office of Research, Evaluation and Program Support (REPS) will be conducting research on CUNY Start and ASAP's support for the CUNY Start-ASAP Pipeline Initiative students. REPS will provide more information about the study to students through the CUNY Start-ASAP Pipeline Initiative Coordinator. Students may be invited to participate in this study. Participation would be voluntary and information received will be kept confidential.

*Students who are working with foster care agencies and between the ages of 21-24 may be considered.

CUNY START AND ASAP INFORMATION



CUNY START provides intensive preparation in academic reading/writing and math and college-success advisement for students with significant remedial needs.

PROGRAM BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Preparation for success in college coursework
- Assistance with reducing or eliminating remedial needs
- Low costs – the program is only \$75 (including materials) and helps students save financial aid for degree studies (Fee waived for students in care)
- Two opportunities to retake CUNY Assessment Tests
- College success advisement
- Supports with the transition to ASAP

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Earned a high school or HSE diploma
- Admitted to CUNY **and** allocated to a CUNY Start campus
- Developmental need in reading, writing and/or math based on the results of the CUNY Assessment Tests
- First-time freshman or matriculated student with limited credits
- Agree to defer matriculation for one semester
- Able to commit to intensive academic schedule and open to a unique, student-centered instructional approach



ASAP removes the financial, academic, and personal obstacles to full-time study and provides comprehensive supports to enhance timely graduation.

PROGRAM BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- A monthly MetroCard
- Textbook assistance
- A tuition gap waiver (for students in receipt of financial aid)
- A dedicated ASAP advisor from entry to graduation
- Consolidated course schedules
- Opportunities to take classes with fellow ASAP students
- Enhanced career development and academic support services

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- New York City resident and/or eligible for in-state tuition
- Agree to enter into a full-time associate degree program in an ASAP major
- Be fully skills proficient or have no more than two outstanding developmental course needs in reading, writing, and math based on CUNY Assessment Test scores
- Apply for financial aid (**Pell and Tap**)
- Continuing or transfer students must have no more than 15 college credits and a minimum GPA of 2.0

CUNY CAMPUSES

- Borough of Manhattan Community College
- College of Staten Island
- Hostos Community College
- Laguardia Community College
- New York City College of Technology (ASAP Only)
- Bronx Community College
- Guttman Community College (CUNY Start Only)
- Kingsboroug Community College
- Medgar Evers College
- Queensborough Community College