

# College Access Challenge Grant (CACG)

- TOTAL FUNDING: \$200,000
- NUMBER OF AWARDS: 4
- MAXIMUM PER AWARD: \$50,000
- 100% FEDERAL FUNDING
- Project Activities must begin after January 1, 2014 and end by August 31, 2014
- Goals and outcomes must be measurable and verifiable

# Program Goal

- The overall goal of New York State's CACG is to increase the number and percentage of New York CACG-eligible individuals who are prepared to apply for, enter and succeed in college, with a priority on families living below the poverty level.
- Grants will provide targeted support to not-for-profit organizations, such as schools, agencies, and community-based organizations that work with the eligible population.

# Applicant Organization

The applicant organization must:

- Be not-for-profit
- Have been in existence prior to September 1, 2007 and, as of that date, been providing one or more of the services and activities on the next slide which is also the eligible list of activities for which grants will be awarded

# Allowable Activities

- Outreach to students and families about postsecondary education opportunities and benefits, and how to plan for college, including tutoring, mentoring, college visits, standardized test preparation
- Information on paying for college, financial literacy and debt management among students and families
- Outreach activities for students who may be at risk of not enrolling in or completing postsecondary education including tutoring, mentoring
- Assistance in completion of college applications, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or other common financial aid forms

# Allowable Activities

Professional development for guidance counselors at middle schools and secondary schools, and financial aid administrators and college admissions counselors at institutions of higher education, to improve such individuals' capacity to assist target population students and parents with:

- Understanding and meeting entrance requirements for admission to institutions of higher education
- Applying for admission to institutions of higher education
- Applying for Federal student financial assistance and other State, local and private student financial assistance and scholarships
- Increasing students' ability to successfully complete the coursework required for a postsecondary degree, including activities such as tutoring or mentoring
- Improving secondary school students' preparedness for postsecondary entrance examinations

Questions during the application period should be sent via email to:

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[HESC.ny.gov/cacg](http://HESC.ny.gov/cacg)

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