If I weren’t an ASAP student, I don’t know where I’d be. I am able to get to school, to work, to home, and more with my MetroCard. I don’t have to worry about paying for books. And I have an advisor who will call a friend once I have graduated.”

—TREVOR
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

You may be eligible for ASAP if you answer YES to the following questions:

- Have you applied and been accepted to a CUNY college that offers ASAP?
- Are you eligible for New York City resident tuition (at the community colleges) or New York State resident tuition (at all other colleges) as per the CUNY tuition and fee manual?
- Do you agree to enter into a full-time associate degree program in an ASAP-approved major?
- Are you fully skills proficient or have no more than two outstanding developmental course needs in reading, writing, and math based on CUNY Assessment Test scores?*
- If you are a continuing or transfer student, do you have no more than 15 college credits and a minimum GPA of 2.0?**

**Contact the ASAP Recruiter on your campus to learn more about acceptable credit thresholds.

ASAP REMOVES THE FINANCIAL, ACADEMIC, AND PERSONAL OBSTACLES TO EARNING A DEGREE.

As an ASAP student, you will receive:

- A free unlimited MetroCard
- A voucher to reduce (or eliminate) the cost of textbooks
- A waiver covering tuition and mandatory fees for any gap left after applying your financial aid award (for students in receipt of financial aid)
- A dedicated ASAP advisor to guide your progress from entry to graduation
- Special registration options that help you get the classes you need that also fit your schedule
- Opportunities to take classes with fellow ASAP students to foster community and build your network
- Enhanced career development and academic support services

CUNY APPLICATION PROCESS AT A GLANCE

Submit Supporting Documents

Register online for a CUNY Portal account

Complete the Application

Pay the Application Fee

STEP 1
Apply to a CUNY college that offers ASAP.
See CUNY Application Process at a Glance

STEP 2
Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.gov and the New York State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) application at www.hesc.ny.gov, and accept any federal and state grant aid awarded (Pell, SEOG, TAP).

STEP 3*
Accept your offer of admission to the CUNY college at which you applied and complete all admissions requirements, including the CUNY Assessment Tests, if necessary.

STEP 4
If you have not already heard from the ASAP office at the CUNY college you will attend, reach out to them to learn about attending an ASAP Information or Orientation session.

* Students with two remedial/developmental course needs at time of application must attempt at least one of their required courses in the summer or winter before program entry. Visit your college’s ASAP website to learn about any college-specific requirements.

IS THERE A CATCH?

There is no catch! In exchange for all of ASAP’s resources, you will need to:

- Re-apply for financial aid each year (FAFSA and TAP), and accept any federal and state grant aid awarded (Pell, SEOG, TAP)
- Enroll full time each semester and maintain good academic standing
- Complete any developmental courses in reading, writing, or math within the first year*
- Meet regularly with your advisor, career and employment specialist, and tutors, and attend any required enrichment activities

*Check out programs like CUNY Start and MATH Start to eliminate or reduce remedial needs.