New York State Opportunity Promise (NYSOP)
Fact Sheet

What is the NYS Opportunity Promise (NYSOP)? The NYS Opportunity Promise is a new initiative from Governor Kathy Hochul that helps eligible adult learners attend community college for free. It pays for tuition, fees, books, and supplies, making it easier for more people to get a college education, and strengthens the workforce and economy in New York.

What Does It Cover?

If you're eligible, the NYSOP will cover:

- 100% of Tuition
- Fees
- Books
- Supplies
- All covered after other financial aid is applied.

Who is Eligible?

To qualify for NYSOP, you must meet the following:

Age	25-55 (as of first day of classes)
Residency	New York State resident
Education	No prior college degree
Enrollment	Pursuing an associate degree, enroll in an approved associate degree program at Hostos Community College
Financial Aid	Must complete the FAFSA, NYS TAP, or NYS Dream Act application

Key Program Features

If you're eligible, the NYSOP will cover:

- Full- or part-time (min. 6 credits), day/evening/weekend/online options
- Academic & career support from enrollment to job placement
- Up to 10 terms to complete your degree; leave of absence allowed (1 year)
- Prior credits and certificates may count toward your degree
- No income limits, no post-graduation residency requirement

Eligible Programs at Hostos

- Chemical Engineering Degree (A.S.)
- Electrical Engineering Science Degree (A.S)
- Mechanical Engineering Degree (A.S)
- Civil Engineering Degree (A.S)
- Dental Hygiene Degree (A.A.S)
- Nursing (A.A.S)
- Teacher Education Option (A.A)
- Liberal Arts and Sciences Degree (A.S.)
- Digital Music Degree (A.A.S)
- Game Design (A.A.S)
- Digital Design & Animation (A.A.S)
- Computer Science Degree (A.S)
- Radiologic Technology (A.A.S)

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) - Highlights

- **Start Date:** Launches Fall 2025 (not retroactive)
- **Past Balances:** You can apply, but balances must be cleared to register
- **Combining Aid:** Works alongside ASAP, College Discovery, Pell, TAP, and Excelsior
- **Repeating Courses:** Covered only if failed or required for program completion
- **Age Limits:** Must be 25 by semester start; coverage continues if you turn 56 mid-degree

Getting Started with NYSOP

- Apply to Hostos Community College
- Choose an eligible associate degree in a high-demand field
- Complete FAFSA and NYS TAP (or Dream Act if applicable)
- Meet with a Hostos academic advisor to confirm program eligibility
- Resolve any outstanding CUNY balances

Are you a continuing student in a high-demand major? You may be eligible, contact your advisor for more information.

Ready to Connect? Here is how:

Phone: (718) 319-7900 | Email: admissions@hostos.cuny.edu
Website: www.hostos.cuny.edu/Admissions/Apply

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