



CAREY GABAY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The State University of New York is the largest comprehensive university system in the United States. Our impact in New York State and across the globe begins with our 64 institutions, including research universities, academic medical centers, liberal arts colleges, community colleges, colleges of technology and an online learning network. We educate approximately 463,000 students in more than 7,500 degree and certificate programs, and nearly 2 million in workforce and professional development programs. Our nearly 3 million SUNY alumni are located around the globe, each making their own unique impact.

SUNY was created out of a commitment to opportunity and access, and designed to meet diverse needs across a vast geographic landscape. We reflect both the land grant mission reborn and a reputation for embracing new thinking and brighter ideals. Our faculty and students are constantly seeking, generating, analyzing, and sending knowledge back into the world through informed citizens, revitalized communities, and experts who transform entire sectors.

Carey Gabay, an attorney and public servant, was tragically killed as an innocent victim of gun violence in September 2015 at the age of 43. In his honor, The State University of New York has created the Carey Gabay Scholarship Program to provide financial assistance to five incoming SUNY State-operated campus students who exemplify Carey's commitment to social justice, leadership, and mentoring, as well as his personal story of succeeding academically despite an economically disadvantaged background.

Carey grew up living in public housing and attending public school in the Bronx, New York. After a successful high school career, he went on to graduate from Harvard University and Harvard Law School. He has long been committed to public service and giving back. While at Harvard University, he ran to become the president of his undergraduate student body. In recent years, he worked tirelessly in public service, first as an Assistant Counsel to New York Governor Andrew Cuomo and more recently as First Deputy Counsel for the Empire State Development Corporation.

The Carey Gabay Scholarship Program will annually award full-ride scholarships to five students to attend State University of New York State-operated campus beginning in the 2016-17 school year. These scholarships will cover all costs of attendance, including tuition, room and board, college fees, books and supplies, and transportation and personal expenses. These awards will be targeted to students who – like Carey – achieved academic excellence despite an economically disadvantaged background.

In order to be eligible to apply for the Carey Gabay Memorial Scholarship, a student must meet the following conditions:

- Student must be a current New York State resident;
- Student must be an incoming freshman at a State University of New York State operated campus who will be matriculated and enrolled full time;
- Student must demonstrate significant financial need as determined by the completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA);
- Student's high school record must demonstrate high academic achievement, including a minimum cumulative grade point average of 90;
- Student must submit an essay regarding challenges overcome during the course of the student's academic career, as well as his or her personal commitment to mentoring, leadership, and social justice; and
- Student must submit two letters of recommendation from teachers or community members.

In order to continue receiving the complete four-year award:

- Student must maintain full-time enrollment for any semester in which they receive an award;
- Student must be in good academic standing with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 at the end of their freshmen year and thereafter;
- Student must adhere to the Student Code of Conduct;
- Student must demonstrate commitment to social justice and giving back to the community by volunteering a minimum of 15 hours per semester. Student will be required to submit a statement describing their volunteer activities each year, signed by a supervisor of the agency or organization they served; and
- Student must continue to demonstrate financial need as determined by the completion of a FAFSA.

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APPLICATION

Please type or print very clearly.

Last name:

First:

Middle Initial:

Current full mailing address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone number(s) with area code:

E-mail address:

High School:

Date:

Please submit with the application:

1. **Personal statement:** A typed statement, not to exceed one (1) single spaced page. This statement should include a detailed description of challenges and obstacles the student has overcome during the course of his or her academic career. For example, this could include (but is not limited to) financial, housing, health, or other personal struggles or hardships faced by the student. This statement should also describe the student's personal commitment to mentoring, leadership, and/or social justice.

2. **References:** Two (2) letters of recommendation in support of your application. These letters should speak to the student's academic performance and potential as well as the student's character and leadership skills.

3. **Official or unofficial high school transcript.**

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO: CareyGabayscholarship@suny.edu; or Carey Gabay Scholarship, Room T501, State University Plaza, Albany, NY 12246

DEADLINE: March 15, 2016

All complete applications received on or before the deadline will be reviewed by a panel to be appointed by The State University of New York, and scholarship awards will be granted in the full discretion of this panel based on the criteria listed above. The award panel may request additional information from applicants if needed.