

PRIORITY 4

SUNY

Strengthening the Pell Grant Program

The Federal Student Aid Pell Grant program is the nation's foundational investment in college affordability for low-income students. Increasing the maximum award restores purchasing power, reduces student loan debt, and strengthens the workforce pipeline.

FY27 SUNY PELL GRANT REQUEST
**INCREASE THE MAXIMUM PELL
GRANT AWARD TO \$7,595**

New York Impact:

455,000 students receive Pell Grants statewide. Pell Grants are critical to continue New York's economic growth by ensuring we have the highly skilled workforce needed to fill in-demand jobs. For every dollar invested in Pell Grants, taxpayers see a \$3.20 return through higher earnings, increased tax revenue, and reduced reliance on social programs.

SUNY Impact:

NEARLY
50% **OF INCOMING FIRST-YEAR**
UNDERGRADUATES ARE
PELL RECIPIENTS