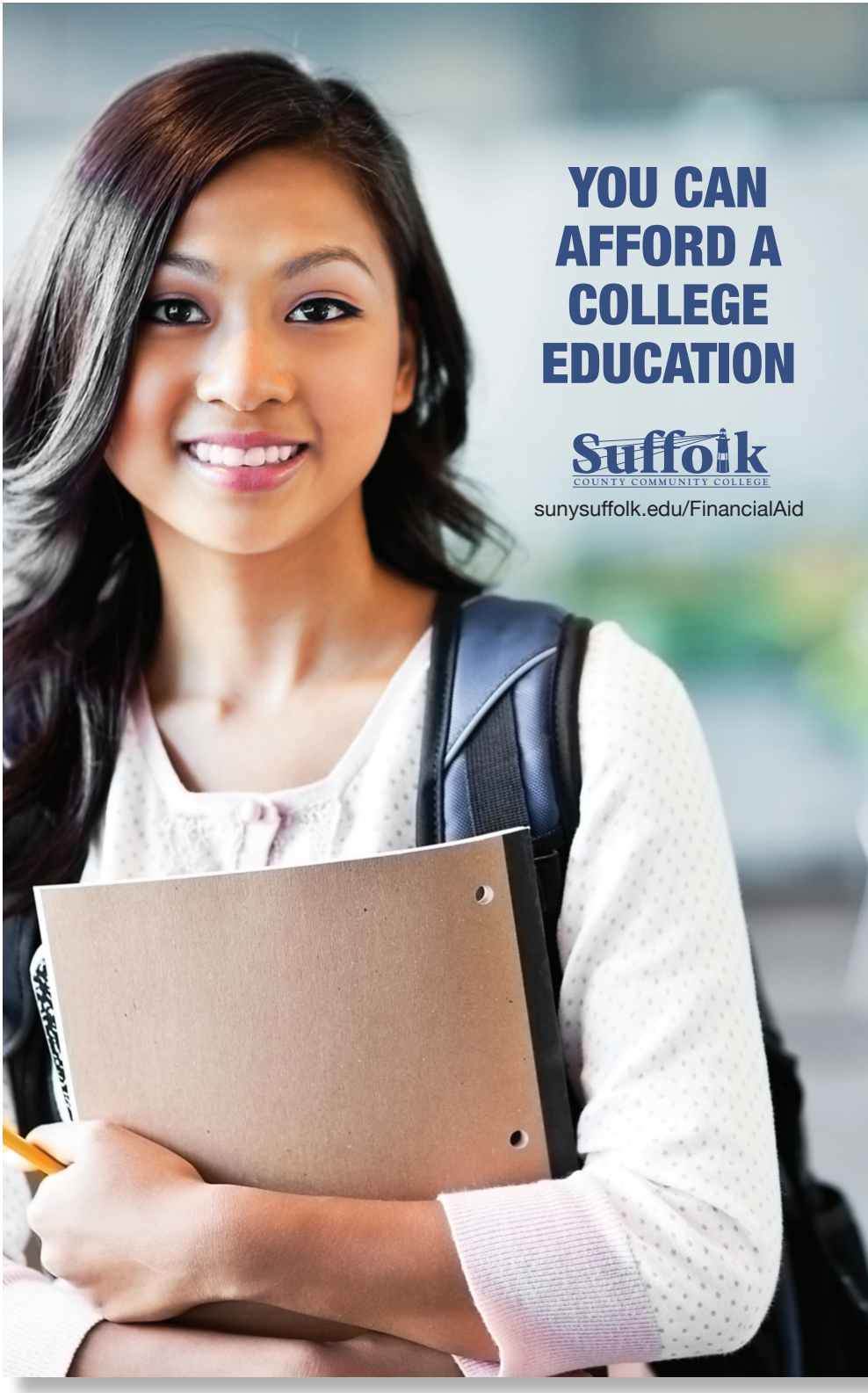
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At Suffolk County Community College we are committed to helping you afford a quality education. Whether you are a new, continuing or transfer student, planning to enroll part time or full time, taking classes during the day or evening, Suffolk can help make your educational goals a reality.

Every year, Suffolk awards over $63 million in federal and state financial aid to more than 18,000 students. By combining quality education and low tuition with financial aid opportunities, Suffolk has proven to be a leader in affordable higher education.

## What is financial aid?

Financial aid can be a combination of grants, scholarships and work-study that helps you and your family afford college. Aid can also include optional student loans, but loans are not a required part of the financial aid package.

## Should I apply for financial aid?

Yes, if you believe that you need assistance with college costs. We encourage all students interested in attending Suffolk to apply for admission and fill out the Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) via the web at www.fafsa.ed.gov regardless of individual financial need.

## Where can I go for help?

Each campus has a Financial Aid Office to assist students with the application process for all federal and state financial aid programs including PELL, Tuition Assistance Program (TAP), Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG), Federal Work-Study, Aid for Part-Time Study (APTS) and the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program. There, you will find assistance with filing your FAFSA (Free Application For Federal Student Aid), financial aid counseling, materials and information from the Department of Education as well as New York State Higher Education.

## What are the different types of federal and New York State grants and loans that are available?

### Federal Grants and Loans

❖ **PELL Grants** ranging from $602 to $5,730 per academic year are granted to students demonstrating financial need. The amount of the grant is based on enrollment, income, assets, family size and the number of family members in college.

❖ **Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG)** can be awarded to students who demonstrate exceptional financial need. The average amount is $200 per semester.

❖ **The Federal Work-Study Program** provides jobs during the regular academic year and for the summer prior to entering Suffolk County Community College. Federal Work-Study positions can provide valuable experience relative to your chosen career. For example, many Work-Study students interested in careers in education are currently serving as tutors in local elementary schools.

❖ **The William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program** makes funds available directly from the U.S. Department of Education. The loans can be either subsidized or unsubsidized. Students applying for a loan must be enrolled at least half time (six or more credits).

### New York State Grants*

❖ **Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)** awards are granted by the State of New York to residents who are in full-time attendance at colleges or universities in New York. Awards range from $500 to $4,390 per year, based on a schedule of family net income.

❖ **Aid For Part-Time Study (APTS)** is granted by the State of New York to residents in part-time attendance at colleges or universities in New York. Awards are based on New York State net taxable income for the student and his or her family. Part-time awards range from the cost of tuition for a minimum of three credits per semester to partial tuition for a maximum of 11 credits per semester.

❖ **State Aid to Native Americans** is available for full- and part-time study to members of Native American tribes located on reservations within New York State. For application forms and further information, visit http://www.p12.nysed.gov/natamer/ or call (518) 474-0537.

Additional information including other sources of aid can be accessed by visiting www.sunysuffolk.edu/FinancialAid.

To receive full consideration for all financial aid programs, we urge you to apply by April 15 for the fall semester and by November 1 if you are entering in the spring semester.

*The above information is subject to change based on New York State appropriations or new legislation.







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