

New York State Enhanced Tuition Award (ETA) Program - FAQ

Q. What is the Enhanced Tuition Awards Program?

A. The Enhanced Tuition Awards (ETA) program provides tuition funds to New York State residents attending a private college in New York State.

Q. What does it mean to be a “NYS resident” for the purposes of the ETA program?

A. You must have resided in New York State for 12 continuous months prior to the semester for which the award is being sought.

Q. How much can I receive from the ETA Program?

A. You may receive up to \$6,000 through a combination of your TAP award, the ETA award and a match from LIM College. For example, a student who receives a \$1,000 TAP award could receive an additional \$5,000 (half of which would be paid by the ETA and half by LIM College).

Q. Are there other benefits to receiving an ETA?

A. Yes, the **price of your tuition will be frozen** as long as you are still receiving an ETA at LIM College.

Q. When can I apply for an ETA? What is the deadline?

A. You may apply immediately. The application deadline is July 31, 2020. Go to www.hesc.ny.gov and follow the link for the ETA program to apply. Please note, you have to have already completed the 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and filed the NYS Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) application in order to apply for an ETA.

Q. How much income can my family earn for me to be eligible for an ETA?

A. Your family’s adjusted gross income can total up to \$125,000.

Q. Can I get an award if I'm currently an LIM College student?

A. Yes. Students who are currently attending LIM College may be eligible to receive an ETA, provided you meet all of the eligibility requirements.

Q. How long can I get the award?

A. Students pursuing a bachelor's degree are eligible to receive an ETA for up to four years and those pursuing an associate degree are eligible for up to two years, providing they continue to meet all eligibility requirements.

Q. Do I need to take or earn a certain amount of credits to get or keep an ETA?

A. ETA recipients must be enrolled full-time and earn a total of 30 credits over the course of an academic year (which includes the summer term).

Q. Can I get an award if I'm a transfer student?

A. Yes. A student who transfers to LIM College who is on track to complete their selected degree on-time (based on the number of transfer credits accepted by LIM College) can receive an ETA if all other eligibility requirements are met.

Q. Once I receive an ETA, is it possible to lose it?

A. Yes. You can lose your ETA if you do not continue to meet all eligibility requirements. For example, you must enroll in at least 12 credits per term and complete 30 credits per year to continue to receive an ETA. Credits do not include remedial courses.

During a period of ETA ineligibility LIM College will not continue to freeze your tuition or offer additional matching funds required for ETA participation. It is possible for students to regain ETA eligibility.

Q. Are there any requirements that I must meet AFTER I complete my degree?

A. Yes. You must live in New York State for the number of years equal to awards you received. For example, if you received four Enhanced Tuition Awards while getting your bachelor's degree, you must live in New York State for four years after college. In addition, if you are working during those years, you must work in New York State. Failure to meet these requirements will result in the conversion of your award to a loan.

Q. Who can I contact at LIM College if I have further questions?

A. Contact Kevin Shiner, Associate Director of Student Accounts at kevin.shiner@limcollege.edu 212-310-0641 with any additional questions you have about the ETA program. As this is a relatively new program, information continues to be updated by the New York State Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC) and can be found on their website at www.hesc.ny.gov