

## **New York State 2008 Scholarships for Academic Excellence**

This bulletin provides information about the scholarships for Academic Excellence (SAE) to be awarded in 2008 for the 2008 – 2009 academic year. *Pending the appropriation of State funds during the 2008 session of the New York State Legislature, 8,000 scholarships will be awarded.* Of the 8,000, 2,000 scholarships will have a value of \$1,500 each and 6,000 scholarships will have a value of \$500 each.

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- o Each scholarship winner must graduate from a New York State high school by the end of the 2007-2008 school year.
- o Each scholarship winner must be a legal resident of New York State for at least one year prior to September 30, 2007.

### **Selection Criteria for Scholarships for Academic Excellence:**

A high school shall use uniform criteria for the selection of scholarship nominees, applicable to all competing students, such criteria to be in accordance with the requirements of this section.

### **Regents test scores:**

A high school, which, prior to its students' senior year, has offered to all such students seeking Regents credit at the school either a Regents examination or a single approved alternative assessment (see <http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/sar>), but not both, in each of the following subjects: comprehensive English, global studies, United States history/government, mathematics B, and in two or more of the following four sciences: earth science, living environment/biology, chemistry, and physics, shall select scholarship nominees on the basis of the following criteria:

The high school shall select their winners(s) by computing a weighted average of the scores on the Regents examinations and/or approved alternative assessments taken by its students prior to their senior year, in all of the following subjects:

### **The weighing of the scores shall be:**

Comprehensive English	-	weight of three
Mathematics B	-	weight of three
Global studies	-	weight of one
US History/Government	-	weight of one
Science:	-	weight of one for each course
At least two, but up to four courses may be included		

Individual schools must decide, in the science area, how many sciences to use in the calculation. They must use the same number of science courses for all students in the competition though they do not need to use the same courses.

In order to use the benefits of this scholarship, the winner must be in attendance as a full-time, matriculated student at an approved New York State postsecondary institution by the Fall of 2008 semester. **Winners who enroll in an out-of-state institution in Fall 2008 are not eligible and forfeit the award.**