

timesunion.com

Commentary/Op-Ed - December 2014

Tap Into Part-Time Students

In this op-ed in Albany's *Times Union*, the Center's Christian González-Rivera and Jonathan Bowles argue that at a time when a postsecondary credential is more critical than ever for economic success, public officials should modify the state's Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) to allow more grants to go to part-time students. Doing so would benefit tens of thousands of poor and working poor students, who are now effectively barred from financial aid because of their part-time enrollment.

by Christian González-Rivera and Jonathan Bowles

In this op-ed in Albany's *Times Union*, the Center's Christian González-Rivera and Jonathan Bowles argue that at a time when a postsecondary credential is more critical than ever for economic success, public officials should modify the state's Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) to allow more grants to go to part-time students. Doing so would benefit tens of thousands of poor and working poor students, who are now effectively barred from financial aid for part-time enrollment. They recommend that state officials start a pilot program that extends and evaluates TAP for part-time students, as well as consider creating a single, centralized state financial aid system that grants awards based on how many credits students can actually take.

Link: [Click here](#) to read the full op-ed.

Gonzalez-Rivera is the author of [Tapped Out](#), a Center for an Urban Future policy brief published in December 2014 which details the need to expand the state's Tuition Assistance Program to support more part-time students:

image not readable or empty
images/covers/Tapped-Out.jpg

RELATED PRESS

[Editorial: Growing number of part-time students should be eligible for tuition assistance](#)

Buffalo News, January 01, 2015

[Educators: Revise TAP requirements](#)

Legislative Gazette, by Roger Hannigan Gilson, December 15, 2014

Popular tuition aid program cuts out many older, part-time college students

Buffalo News, by Jay Tokasz, December 15, 2014

- December 2014

TAP into part-time students



CENTER FOR AN URBAN FUTURE
120 Wall Street, 20th Floor, New York, NY 10005
cuf@nycfuture.org © All Rights Reserved.