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Student Registration

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Students can register by going to <https://sybuffalo.force.com/Student/s/login/SelfRegister>

To register, you must...

Be a High School Senior

OR

Graduated after 2013

You must have

- ✓ A valid Buffalo School District Student ID (BPS 900 number)
- ✓ A personal Email Address
- ✓ A Legal Guardian's Contact Information if you are under 18

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Upon Registration you'll be taken to the Application Page.

- Fill in the form with your legal contact and demographic* information.
- If you are under the age of 18, you will be required to include at least one guardian's contact information.
- You must
 - ✓ Approve Sharing with your Guardian
 - ✓ Sign the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) statement
- You may save your application and return to it later.

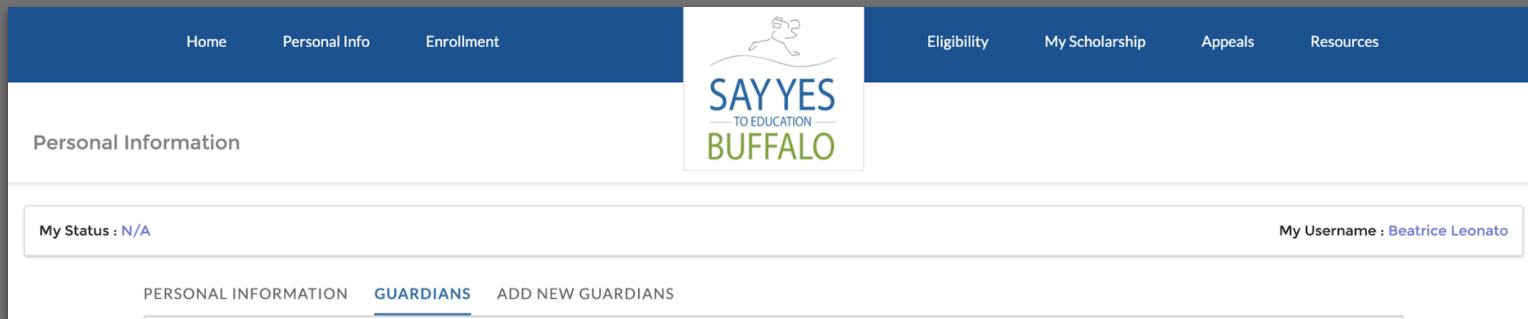
Submit your application to access the Say Yes Student Portal and start your path to success.

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* Please note that demographic information is used purely for analysis and reporting; and in no way is a factor for Scholarship or Grant determination.



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Personal Information

My Status : [N/A](#) My Username : [Beatrice Leonato](#)

PERSONAL INFORMATION **GUARDIANS** ADD NEW GUARDIANS

The Personal Info tab has your personal information along with your guardians. If you are under 18 you will be required to add one guardian in order to complete the application. If you are over 18 you can add one or more guardians after you submit your application.

Guardians do not have direct access to the Say Yes Student Portal. However, their information is kept on file so they may speak to Say Yes staff on the student's behalf.

To add a Guardian, go to the Personal Info page and click the Add New Guardians tab.

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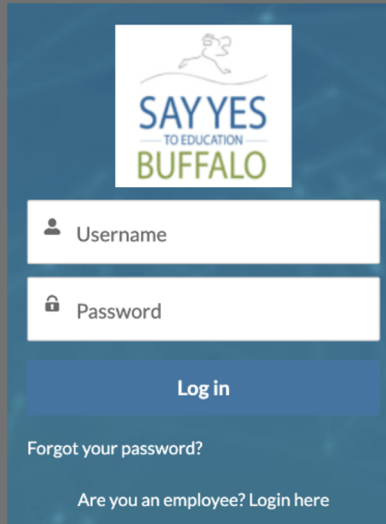
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Logging into the Student Portal

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Students can login at <https://sybuffalo.force.com/Student>

Enter your Username and Password. Click the Login button.

The image shows a login interface for the Say Yes Buffalo Student Portal. At the top is the Say Yes Buffalo logo, which includes a running figure icon and the text "SAY YES TO EDUCATION BUFFALO". Below the logo are two white input fields: the first is labeled "Username" with a person icon, and the second is labeled "Password" with a lock icon. Under these fields is a blue "Log in" button. At the bottom of the form, there is a link "Forgot your password?" and another link "Are you an employee? Login here".

If you forget your password click “Forgot your password?” Salesforce will send you an email to create a new password. Say Yes staff will not have access to your Password.

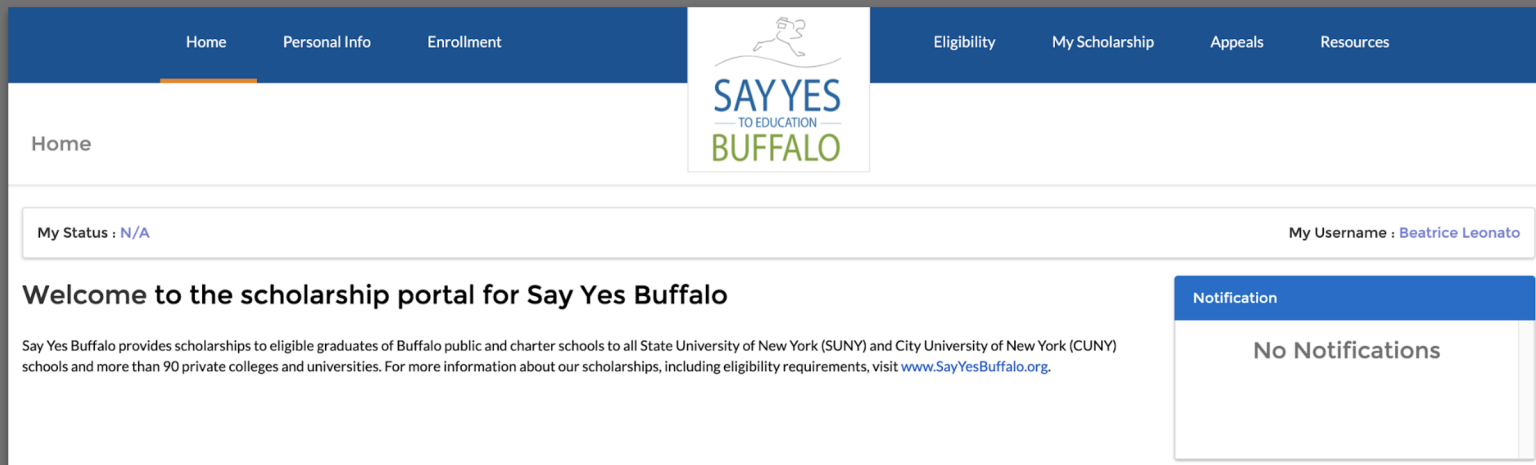
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Welcome to the Portal

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The screenshot shows the home page of the Say Yes Buffalo Scholarship Portal. At the top is a blue navigation bar with links: Home, Personal Info, Enrollment, Eligibility, My Scholarship, Appeals, and Resources. The 'Home' link is underlined. Below the navigation bar is a white header area containing the 'SAY YES TO EDUCATION BUFFALO' logo on the left and the text 'Home' on the right. Below the header is a white box with two status indicators: 'My Status : N/A' on the left and 'My Username : Beatrice Leonato' on the right. The main content area has a heading 'Welcome to the scholarship portal for Say Yes Buffalo' followed by a paragraph: 'Say Yes Buffalo provides scholarships to eligible graduates of Buffalo public and charter schools to all State University of New York (SUNY) and City University of New York (CUNY) schools and more than 90 private colleges and universities. For more information about our scholarships, including eligibility requirements, visit www.SayYesBuffalo.org.' To the right of this text is a blue notification box with the heading 'Notification' and the text 'No Notifications'.

This is the home page. From here you can view your notifications and chat with the Say Yes Scholarship department. You can also access Resources and view general information about your Scholarships, Enrollment, and Eligibility.

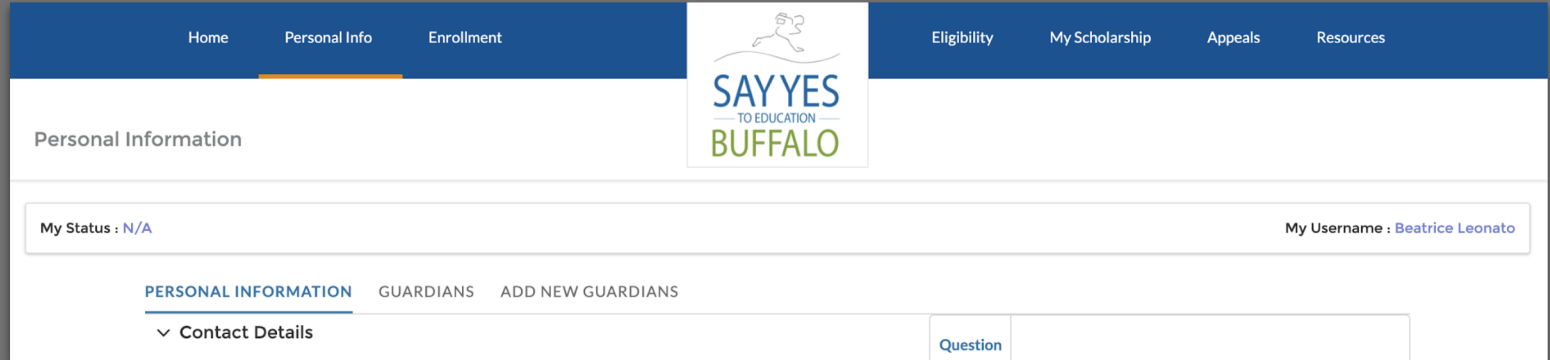
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✎ Contact Details Question

You can review and update your Information in the Personal Info page.

Click on the pencil icon  to edit information and click Save when done..

Also, your eligibility status in the top left corner “My Status” and if you scroll down, you will notice your eligibility percentage if you attend a SUNY or CUNY school.

If you feel there is an error in your records or are unable to edit your information, please use Chat or email.

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Review K - 12 Enrollment History

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You can review your grade school K - 12 Enrollment History as it relates to the Buffalo School system from the Enrollment page. Just click the K - 12 Enrollment History tab.


If you feel there is in error in your records, Post to Chat and Say Yes will investigate your enrollment history to see if an appeal is necessary.

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College Enrollment


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Add Colleges you are interested in attending using the Add College button.

Once you know which College you are attending...

- Find or add the College to this list.
- Click  to change the Role for that College from Interested to Enrolled.

Notification

No Notifications

Post To Appeal

Please state the reason for your appeal

Keep track of Colleges you are interested in by adding colleges to your College Interests list.

Click the Add Colleges button and search for your Colleges.

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Once you've enrolled in a College, you can change your Role from 'Interested' to 'Enrolled' on the College Interests list. This lets the college know you will be attending their school.

See your Current College Enrollment and review your College Enrollment History.

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High School Eligibility

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Say Yes scholarships and grants are available to students who:

- ✓ Reside in the city of Buffalo
- ✓ At minimum, complete grades 9-12, in consecutive years, at a public or charter school in the city of Buffalo or enroll in and complete the Buffalo Public School Adult Education College Career Institute
- ✓ Graduated from a public or charter school in Buffalo within the last year
- ✓ Enroll full-time at a Say Yes college within one year of high school graduation (see www.sayyesbuffalo.org for a list of partner colleges)
- ✓ Apply for all federal and state financial aid programs (FAFSA and TAP) and complete financial aid verification (if applicable) by October 15th for fall semesters and February 15th for spring semesters. (This applies to all new and returning college students.)

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SUNY/CUNY Scholarships and Grants

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SUNY/CUNY Tuition Scholarship:

Say Yes covers tuition costs that remain after State, Federal and institutional aid are factored in. Tuition scholarships to SUNY/CUNY schools are awarded to eligible students regardless of family income and the amount of each is determined by the number of

consecutive years a student has attended a public or charter school in Buffalo.

Length of Attendance	Benefit	Length of Attendance	Benefit
K-12	100%	6-12	80%
1-12	95%	7-12	65%
2-12	95%	8-12	65%
3-12	95%	9-12	65%
4-12	80%	10, 11 or 12-12	NONE
5-12	80%		

SUNY/CUNY Opportunity Grant:

For students living on campus at SUNY/CUNY schools and who receive the maximum Federal Pell Grant, Say Yes may provide an additional grant of up to \$2,000 that can be used toward non-tuition expenses such as books, fees, and room and board.

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Private College Scholarships and Grants

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Private Partner School Tuition Scholarships:

Say Yes private partner schools provide full tuition scholarships to students from families with incomes of less than \$75,000 (with some exceptions). These scholarships range from tuition only to full cost of attendance.

Private Partner School Choice Grants:

Students from families whose income is more than \$75,000 who are attending a Say Yes private partner school may receive the Choice Grant. This grant offers up to \$5,000 per year toward their tuition. Awards are determined by the difference between financial aid and the cost of full-time tuition. Choice Grants, when combined with state, federal, and institutional grants and scholarships, are not to exceed the cost of full-time tuition.

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Once Enrolled, you must continue to meet Eligibility Requirements in order to keep receiving Scholarships & Grants.

You will lose your eligibility if you have...

- ✓ more than 2 semesters off after your high school graduation
 - ✓ more than 2 semesters taken off total, not necessarily consecutive
 - ✓ two or more semesters with less than 12 credits earned
 - ✓ two or more semesters with less than a 2.0 GPA
 - ✓ more than 10 semesters while earning a Bachelorette Degree
- OR
- ✓ more than 6 semesters while earning an Associate Degree or Certification Program

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If you plan on transferring to a different partner college, click the Update Current Enrollment button and complete the form.

You must provide to Say Yes all previous college transcripts to ensure your eligibility before the approval of additional Scholarships & Grants.

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Take a Semester Off

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We all know that life happens when you least expect it and maybe your life will take you away from college for a semester or two.

Say Yes allows you to take off two semesters without penalty.

If you plan on taking a semester off, click the Log Semester Off button and complete the form.

You may be asked to provide further information to Say Yes before the approval of additional Scholarships & Grants.

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Need Help?

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- Having trouble with your Enrollment?
- Seeing errors in your information?
- Questioning your eligibility status?
- Think the Scholarship & Grant amount is wrong?

The Say Yes Scholarship department is here to help you navigate a path to success. You can Post Questions and Appeals to Say Yes and one of our staff will guide you to a solution.

You can also open an Appeal Case and track it's status from the Appeals page.

Students initially deemed not eligible for Scholarships & Grants have an opportunity to file an appeal for eligibility.*

Visit [SayYesBuffalo.org/Appeal](https://www.SayYesBuffalo.org/Appeal) for more information.

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* Automatic Eligibility may be Granted with documentation if you hold one of the following qualifying statuses (McKinney-Vento, Refugee, Foster Care, Ward of the Court, CCI Completed)

Appeal Reasons

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Please state the reason for your appeal from the following choices:

- Residency - I don't live in the city of Buffalo but believe i am still eligible due to extenuating circumstances (include details)
- K-12 Continuous Enrollment - I was not enrolled continuously in a charter or public school in Buffalo for at least grades 9-12 or I believe the K-12 enrollment information in the system is incorrect
- FAFSA/TAP Completion - I did not successfully complete the FAFSA and/or TAP application process by the Say Yes deadline, but would like to appeal that an exception be made or I did complete by the deadline but the system is incorrect
- Time Limits - I did not enroll full-time at a Say Yes partner college within one academic year of high school graduation, or took off more than two semesters after starting college
- Academics - I did not get a 2.0 GPA and/or I did not earn 12 credits for two semesters in a row
- Part-Time Status: I did not register for a minimum of 12 credits and would like to appeal that an exception be made or I did register for at least 12 credits but the system is incorrect
- Special consideration for a Say Yes Choice or Opportunity Grant
- Additional time needed to complete degree: I need more than six semesters for an Associate's Degree or ten semesters for a Bachelor's Degree

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