



Tuition-free plan for SUNY has flaws

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Gov. Andrew Cuomo's proposal to offer free public college tuition to low-income, full-time students fails to consider that tuition costs aren't necessarily prohibitive to enrollment since state tuition costs are "below the College

Board's reported U.S. average of \$9,650," and students also offset costs with grants and financial aid, [writes D. Bruce Johnstone](#) on the Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government's blog. The plan also excludes part-time students who hold down jobs to afford the other expenses college requires that are not covered in Cuomo's proposal, he writes.