

TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP)

The Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) exists to provide training scholarships to Conservatory students who demonstrate financial need. In an effort to offer fairly distributed tuition assistance dollars, Paper Mill Playhouse offers financial aid scholarships via an application process.

All TAP recipients are responsible for a co-payment* which is the percentage difference. With the approval of the Director of Education, Outreach and Access, the remaining balance may be paid in interest free monthly installments. **This co-pay may be waived in cases of extreme demonstrated need or with the approval of the Director of Education, Outreach and Access.*

The sliding scale is determined according to the HUD guidelines for income limits in the State of New Jersey. Income guidelines are based on the national median income for the United States for FY 2024 effective as of April 12, 2024. If new state guidelines are published in May 2024 that changes your application outcome, you may contact the office for an adjustment.

[United States/New Jersey HUD Income Guidelines published as of April 12, 2024](#)

All applicants must complete the Financial Aid application form completely and provide requested supporting documents.

All tuition assistance scholarships are awarded on the condition that the class or program applicants are seeking will actually run, having met the minimum quota for full-paying participants

Paper Mill Scholarship Income Limits Summary

Effective April 12, 2024

2025 Very Low-Income								
Income Limit Information	1 Person Household	2 Person Household	3 Person Household	4 Person Household	5 Person Household	6 Person Household	7 Person Household	8 Person Household
	\$27,177	\$31,060	\$34,942	\$38,825	\$41,931	\$45,037	\$48,143	\$51,249

2025 Low-Income (VLIL)								
Income Limit Information	1 Person Household	2 Person Household	3 Person Household	4 Person Household	5 Person Household	6 Person Household	7 Person Household	8 Person Household
	\$45,296	\$51,766	\$58,237	\$64,708	\$69,855	\$75,061	\$80,238	\$85,415

2025 Moderate-Income (LIL)								
Income Limit Information	1 Person Household	2 Person Household	3 Person Household	4 Person Household	5 Person Household	6 Person Household	7 Person Household	8 Person Household
	\$72,473	\$82,826	\$93,130	\$103,533	\$111,816	\$120,098	\$128,381	\$136,663