

Annotated Bibliography

MTA fair fares for CUNY students

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Aaron Gordon. "Why An MTA Fare Hike Is Almost Inevitable Next Year (And Again In 2021)". Gothamist, November 30, 2018 Friday.
<https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:5TVM-VB71-F03R-N025-00000-00&context=1516831>. Accessed July 2, 2019.

Referring to the article published on 2018, prices were supposed to increase this year and again in 2021 to solve MTA financial problems, if MTA wouldn't increase the fare for this year it would present a \$244 million budget shortfall in other words MTA said that increasing the fare is necessary to balance the authority's budget, and to provide a better service. It is interesting how MTA ask/obligate people for help by increasing the price of metrocards, but referring to financial problem of a CUNY student is in need of having a financial problem nobody is responsible for it. CUNY spend a lot of money for education and also have to give more money to a millionaire company which is MTA to balance their economy it is ironic.

Chen, David W. "75,000 Apply for State College Scholarships, but Many Won't Qualify." The New York Times, The New York Times, 25 Aug. 2017,
www.nytimes.com/2017/08/25/nyregion/excelsior-college-scholarship-program-new-york.html?ssearchResultPosition=3.

Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo achieved to approve the Excelsior Scholarship to 23,000 students in public colleges and universities. The budget was a 87 million fund. This seems a great benefit for students, there was a high amount of 75,000 students applicants for the fund. $\frac{1}{3}$ of the students were denied of the funding. Although this article talks about how many students depend on grants to go to college, $\frac{2}{3}$ of students that don't have the Excelsior Scholarship have to face with higher Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) prices. The students are being denied for scholarships while MTA keeps rising the fares. Students spend money everyday for public transportation. Metrocard fare continues to rise as this inconveniences everyone who travels via bus or train. This means that many students don't have grants to go to college and forces students to work many hours on jobs that are not related to their career to just afford to go to local places. This is a monopoly game where students are mostly affected.

Fitzsimmons, Emma G. "Subway Fares Are Rising Again. But That Won't Solve the M.T.A.'s Crisis." The New York Times, The New York Times, 27 Feb. 2019, www.nytimes.com/2019/02/27/nyregion/mta-fares-hike.html.

Fares are rising in NYC and city residents are unhappy about this. The agency believes that increasing fares will not solve financial crisis. Transit leaders need billions of dollars to make critical repairs, but they believe that increasing fares will solve that. Subway riders are not happy about this because they are being forced to pay for a failing system; delays are worse than ever and services continue to decline.

Guse, Clayton, and Clayton Guse. "50,000 New Yorkers Getting Half-Priced MetroCards, but City Still Has Long Way to Go." Nydailynews.com, New York Daily News, 5 June 2019, www.nydailynews.com/new-york/ny-fair-fares-mta-discount-metrocards-20190605-yhqs6da7i5fjplzd7y5o4l2hfu-story.html.

Guse speaks about low-income New-Yorkers getting half priced metrocards under the new program "Fair Fares." The program is opened up to low-income CUNY students, veterans and NYC Housing Authority residents by November 2019. A rider from the Bronx spoke about how she went from paying \$32 a week to \$16 and it has made a huge difference; it's not a lot of money, but it does make nyc riders lives easier. The issue is not all NYC low-income New Yorkers are having luck. A man named Amir, who makes \$20,000 a year and uses food stamps has not received his letter for eligibility. Amir believes that the program is corrupt because it should be accommodating all low-income New Yorkers. Fair Fares is the beginning, but they have a long way to go to improve Transit for New Yorkers.

Laterman, Kaya. "Tuition or Dinner? Nearly Half of College Students Surveyed in a New Report Are Going Hungry." The New York Times, The New York Times, 2 May 2019, www.nytimes.com/2019/05/02/nyregion/hunger-college-food-insecurity.html?searchResultPosition=1.

Manny students will be able to get their diploma from public colleges while other students will be starved of hunger. Students are taking big loans to pay their tuition. This causes loanees to lose appetite or not even able to afford food. With a 15\$ an hour (Minimum Wage) students are not earning enough money to even pay their loans. Although this is not an MTA problem, This support my research because MTA is the main transportation source for CUNY students. This source is important because young adults are already involved in debts that debates if is even worth going to college as transportation seems to be a burden for students. The MTA are not supporting the CUNY students by charging them with fares to go to common places.

Nbc. "MTA Fare Hike Now in Effect." NBC New York, NBC New York, 21 Apr. 2019, www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/MTA-Fare-Hike-Kicks-Off-Sunday-New-York-City-NYC-508806981.html.

MTA increased fares on April 21st this year affecting the economy of a lot of people who use MTA services daily. Increasing the price for weekly and monthly metrocards, but also removing the bonus option when purchasing a metrocard. New Yorkers got affected with this increase of metrocard price, but more CUNY students that have to buy a weekly or monthly metrocards to attend classes, and having to pay tuition, books and other expenses and being full time students. The price of a weekly metrocard increased from \$30 to \$33, monthly metrocard from \$121 to \$127 and express bus from \$6.50 to \$6.75, those few dollars of difference represent a lot knowing the frequency a student has to buy a metrocard for example in one semester. Those \$6 of difference in a monthly metrocard can be used to buy a sandwich provably or supplies to study.

"The NCES Fast Facts Tool Provides Quick Answers to Many Education Questions (National Center for Education Statistics)." National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) Home Page, a Part of the U.S. Department of Education, nces.ed.gov/fastfacts/display.asp?id=67.

The source contains statistics of the National Center for Education Statistics from the U.S. Department of Education. It shows the correlation of students having to pay more in transportation every year. If we compare the numbers for Average expenditure per student transported, we can see that the cost rises from \$198 (1980) to \$931 (2017). This relates to the project because the students are depending on public transportation everyday. This source is the proof that students should know where to get discounts to help reduce costs.

"Transportation Costs in Student Living Expenses." *Transportation Costs in Student Living Expenses • ACCT •*, 16 June 2017, perspectives.acct.org/stories/transportation-costs-in-student-living-expenses.

The source says an average full time college student spends \$1760 per year in transportation, it is with almost half the average tuition fee paid for the student. Some students claim that sometimes they can attend classes because they do not have money for the bus. So, in some states, there are several ways to improve the financial standing of students. Some of them offer free travel, while some offer discounts for the trump card, so students can focus on school work.

