**AFR319 (Week 2-6) Homework 3**

**Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Engage in online research and describe Gov. Cuomo’s Excelsior Scholarship program for free college tuition and submit your set of responses through Black Board.

* Describe the governor’s intentions for this program including date of establishment, goal of program, eligibility requirements and any other information that is necessary for someone with no knowledge of the program to understand it well.
* What are the numbers of CUNY students who have qualified for the program in each of the years it has been in existence in comparison to the numbers of students the governor anticipated would benefit from the program. What is the percentage of applicants to the program that have secured the scholarship?
* What are the common reasons for rejection of applicants and what is the present share of CUNY students who already attend tuition-free from other programs?
* Overall, what are some of the critiques of the Excelsior Scholarship program you have come across upon engaging in research and what were your impressions of this program before this homework?
* Finally, given all you have learned about the program’s implementation and shortcomings, what can you recommend to Gov. Cuomo in order to provide increased access to the program for students? For this answer put on your activist cap and be creative.