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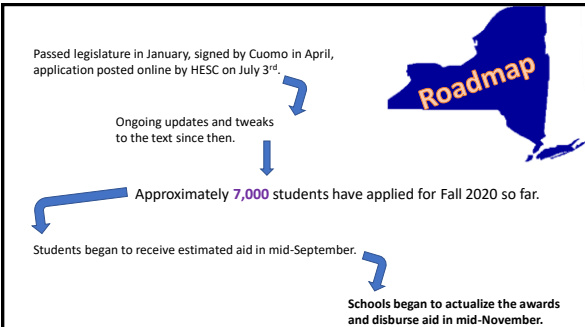
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Senator José Peralta New York State DREAM Act



APPLY NOW!

- Separate financial aid form that does not require a SSN or the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) first.
- Provides access for certain undocumented students and out of state citizens to the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) and other scholarships including Excelsior.
- Opens 529 tuition savings accounts to all New York State youth.




Passed legislature in January, signed by Cuomo in April, application posted online by HESC on July 3rd.

Ongoing updates and tweaks to the text since then.

Approximately **7,000** students have applied for Fall 2020 so far.

Students began to receive estimated aid in mid-September.

Schools began to actualize the awards and disburse aid in mid-November.



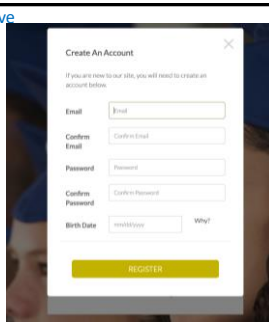
Eligibility

- Attended a NYS high school for 2 or more years, graduated from a NYS high school, and applied for attendance in an undergraduate program at a NYS college within five years (10 years for graduate programs) of receiving your NYS high school diploma [OR](#)
- attended an approved program for a NYS high school equivalency diploma, received a NYS high school equivalency diploma, and applied for attendance in an undergraduate program at a NYS college within five years (10 years for a graduate program) of receiving a NYS high school equivalency diploma [OR](#)
- are charged in-State college tuition for any reason.

Individuals without lawful immigration status will be required to file an affidavit.

Application Structure – Student Perspective

1. Create HESC login through the New York DREAM Act webpage



Application Structure – Student Perspective

2. Application for Eligibility
 - Will need their high school transcript showing graduation date, or their TASC/GED diploma
 - if they did not attend high school in New York, will need to upload a tuition bill demonstrating in-state tuition
 - if they selected any option except "Without Lawful Status" will be asked to upload documents



Application Structure – Student Perspective

3. Financial Applications

- Household size and income information from "prior prior year" e.g. 2018 for Fall 2020
- Name of college and their student ID for the college

CONTINUE TO APPLY FOR NYS FINANCIAL AID

HESC Privacy Policy

Applications

New York State HESC Program Eligibility

NYS DREAM Act Application

Please note that all documents are processed within 5-7 business days from receipt.

Application Period: October 1, 2018 - June 30, 2020

Excelsior Scholarship - Application Period: April 15, 2019 - August 15, 2019

Enhanced Tuition Awards (ETA) - Application Period: April 15, 2019 - August 15, 2019

*Select the financial aid program for which you would like to apply:

Select

Frequently Asked Questions

Student Citizenship and Immigration Status

The NYS DREAM Act requires that you meet certain citizenship or immigration criteria to receive NYS financial aid.

*Select your current citizenship or immigration status.

Select

- I have a T-Visa
- I have a T-Visa but no SSN/TIN
- I have a U-Visa
- I have a U-Visa but no SSN/TIN
- I have Temporary Protected Status (TPS)
- I have Temporary Protected Status (TPS) but no SSN/TIN
- I have Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status
- I am currently without lawful immigration status
- I am a U.S. Citizen whose permanent home is not in New York State
- I am a paroled refugee whose permanent home is not in New York State
- I am a Permanent Resident Alien whose home is not in New York State
- None of the above

Frequently Asked Questions

Student College

Please provide your college for which you are applying for New York State financial aid.

*Select the college you will be attending:

Select

*College/University Student ID

Frequently Asked Questions

Household Income

The question below is used to determine your household income. Your household income is considered to be the income of you and your spouse (if married) or you and your parents, or step parents, or adoptive parents with whom you resided. Household income should include any pension income and/or child support payments received.

*For 2017, what was your total household income?
Do not enter the \$ symbol

Other Household Information

The questions below are used to determine whether you, your spouse (if married) or your custodial parent(s) were separated/divorced, became totally and permanently disabled, or died on or after January 1, 2018.

*Is your 2019 household or net taxable income expected to be \$40,000 or less due to the total and permanent disability of you, your spouse (if married), or your custodial parent(s) on or after January 1, 2018?

Frequently Asked Questions

CONFIRMATION OF FULL-TIME ATTENDANCE

All family members enrolling attendance must provide signature and SSN (under name below) location that you, or will be, a full-time student in college or other approved post-secondary institution. I also consent to the use of my name and social security number by New York State Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC) to verify the status of my attendance with my college, school or authorized third parties for the present academic year and subsequent academic years. This consent remains in effect until removed by me in writing or email and acknowledged by HESC.

Relationship Code: 1- Brother/sister/other, 2- Spouse 3- Friend(s)partner 4- Other

NAME _____	RELATIONSHIP CODE <input type="checkbox"/>	ATTENDING COLLEGE <input type="checkbox"/>
SSN (required) _____		Y/N <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Signature _____		
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The transition from "Estimated" to "Actual" and in the students hands.

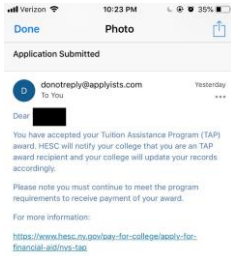
- Emailed confirmation
- Accept the award
- College then gets students as part of regular roster
- Financial aid counselors can now search status by college ID
- Students began to receive Fall 2019 in November



Dear [redacted],

Congratulations! You have been awarded a NYS Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) award in the amount of [redacted] per term. This estimated award amount was calculated based on responses provided in your application. Your final award amount will be certified by your college each term.

Please accept or decline your award **no later than [redacted]** by following the steps below.



Hidden Steps

- EOP and other state opportunity programs.
- Credit requirements.
- Part time TAP?
- Maintaining TAP eligibility (credits, grades).

So, what can you tell your students?

