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# New York State Dream Act

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# NYS DREAM Act

## What it is

- A NYS law
- An opportunity for students with various immigrant statuses to receive NYS financial aid

## What it isn't

- Extension of the Federal DREAM act, protecting young immigrants from deportation
- Pathway to US Citizenship or Permanent Residency
- Access to Federal aid
- A scholarship itself

# Protecting student information

- Immigration status and other information cannot be shared with any other state or federal agency (NYS DREAM ACT Section 17)
- Info can only be used to administer New York State program funds
- Measures in the application
- College ID as main form of identity for ALL students- regardless of immigration status

# Quick Facts

- ★ Two part application
  - Part 1: Checks status & education eligibility
  - Part 2: Grant, Scholarship, Award application
- ★ Support documents must be uploaded directly onto application
- ★ Starting in Jan 2020 students will have access to all 22 NYS grants, scholarships and awards

# *Part 1: Status & Education eligibility*

# Student whose permanent home is in NYS

**Who meets one of the following immigration status criteria:**

- ★ T or U visa holder
- ★ An individual granted temporary protected status (TPS)
- ★ An individual without lawful immigration status
  - Includes students with expired T or U visas, TPS, or DACA status
  - Students with DACA status

AND



# Student whose permanent home is in NYS

Who meets one of previous immigration status criteria

AND

Who meets one of the following education criteria:

1. NYS High School Attendance
  - a. Attended a NYS High School for 2 or more years
  - b. Graduated from a NYS High School
  - c. Enroll in
    - Undergrad within 5 years
    - Grad within 10 years
2. NYS High School Equivalency
  - a. Received a NYS high school equivalency diploma
  - b. Enroll in
    - Undergrad within 5 years
    - Grad within 10 years
3. Charged NYS resident in-state tuition rate at a SUNY or CUNY college for any reason other than residency

# Student whose permanent home is NOT NYS

**Who meets one of the following immigration status criteria:**

- ★ US citizen
- ★ Permanent Lawful Resident
- ★ T or U visa holder
- ★ An individual granted temporary protected status (TPS)
- ★ An individual without lawful immigration status
- ★ Students with DACA status
- ★ An individual who belongs to a class of refugees who was paroled by the attorney general

**AND**

# Student whose permanent home is NOT NYS

Who meets one of previous immigration status criteria

AND

Who meets one of the following education criteria:

1. NYS High School Attendance
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  - b. Graduated from a NYS High School
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**\*I understand it is my responsibility to ensure that this application and all other applications for NYS financial aid are complete.**



*Part 2: Grant,  
Scholarship, Award  
application (financial  
eligibility)*

# TAP versus DREAM

<b>TAP applicants must...</b>	<b>Under NYS DREAM ACT, eligible TAP applicants must</b>
Be US citizens and eligible noncitizens	Be undocumented students and a number of other immigration statuses
Be NYS Residents	Be NYS or non-NYS Residents
Study at an approved postsecondary institution in NYS	Study at an approved postsecondary institution in NYS
Be in good academic standing	Be in good academic standing
Be enrolled as full-time	Be enrolled as full-time
Meet income eligibility limitations	Meet income eligibility limitations
Enrolled in credit-bearing courses applicable to the student's program of study	Enrolled in credit-bearing courses applicable to the student's program of study

# Financial Application

- ◉ Available after completion of NYS DREAM Act Application is submitted
- ◉ Can file before documents are verified
- ◉ Click “Add Application” on home screen

Welcome to the José Peralta New York State DREAM Act. Select **ADD NEW APPLICATION** to begin.

[HESC Privacy Policy](#)

**ADD NEW APPLICATION**

### Applications

New York State HESC Program Eligibility

[NYS DREAM Act Application](#)

STARTED

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

## Monitoring Your Application

STARTED

STARTED

COMPLETE

- A grey **STARTED** button means you have not submitted your application.
- An orange **STARTED** button means you have submitted your application, but you are either missing required items for the application or your documents are still processing.
- A green **COMPLETE** button means that you have correctly uploaded your documents. Only completed applications will be processed.



# TAP Application - DREAM Act

TAP Application [FAQ](#)

\* indicates a required field.

## Tuition Assistance Program Details

You are applying for the New York State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP). TAP provides up to \$5,165 in annual tuition support to recipients attending an approved college in New York State. Your annual award will depend on factors including your family's household income, the number of family members attending college full-time, and the number of terms you have received the award. The good news is because TAP is a grant, it does not have to be paid back. However, throughout your college career you must remain in good academic standing and meet the income requirements to continue to receive award payments.

## Student Information

It is important to enter your information into these fields accurately.

*First Name	<input type="text" value="Sample"/>
Middle Initial	<input type="text"/>
*Last Name	<input type="text" value="Student"/>
Suffix	<input type="text" value="Select"/>
*Has your permanent mailing address changed since completing the NYS DREAM Act Application?	<input type="text" value="No"/>
*State	<input type="text" value="New York"/>
*ZIP Code	<input type="text" value="10025"/>

## Notifications

All notifications regarding the status of your application will be sent to [optionsinstitute@goddard.org](mailto:optionsinstitute@goddard.org). Your contact information is never sold to a third party. Your contact information will only be used to alert you to your application status.

# Excelsior Application - DREAM Act

## Other Household Information

The questions below are used to determine whether your 2019 household or adjusted gross income is expected to be \$125,000 or less due to separation/divorce, total and permanent disability, or death.

\*Is your 2019 household or adjusted gross income expected to be \$125,000 or less due to the total and permanent disability of you, your spouse (if married) or your custodial parent(s)?

Select ▼

\*Is your 2019 household or adjusted gross income expected to be \$125,000 or less due to the death of your spouse (if married) or your custodial parent(s)?

Select ▼

\*Is your 2019 household or adjusted gross income expected to be \$125,000 or less due to the separation or divorce of your spouse (if married) or your custodial parent(s)?

Select ▼

## Disability Status

The questions below are to determine whether you are a student with a qualifying disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) who attends less than full-time.

\*Are you a student with a disability who has registered with your college's office for students with a qualifying disability under the ADA?

Yes ▼

Students with qualifying disabilities under the ADA who have registered with their college's ADA coordinator may attend less than full-time to be eligible for this award. However, you must complete the number of credits for which you enroll each term (for example, if you enroll in 6 credits, you must complete 6 credits; if you enroll in 15 credits, you must complete 15 credits.)

\*Do you want your application processed under these ADA rules?

Yes ▼

## Break in Attendance

The questions below are to determine whether you previously attended college, were continuously enrolled, and completed an average of 30 credits each year while enrolled. Students who fail to meet the annual credit or continuous enrollment requirements and who can demonstrate good cause may be eligible to receive an award.

\*What will your education status be when you begin college in the 2019-2020 school year?

I am an Opportunity Program student (EOP, SEEK, CL) and am on track to complete my bachelor's degree in 5 years. ▼

# Supporting Documents

- ★ Supporting documents must be uploaded directly onto application
  - Signature page
  - Transcripts and diplomas
  - Income verification
  - Visa and TPS documentation
- ★ Financial Documentation
  - Not required of undocumented students
  - For all others, taxes and proof of receipt of public assistance

# Verification of documents



- Students should check back frequently to view the status of their application
- The status of supporting documents, such as transcripts, the signature page, immigration documentation, financial documentation, will show up on their portal
- Once cleared, the status of these documents will read as 'ACCEPTED' on their DREAM Act portal

# Next Steps

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- ★ Build Dream Act info and steps into:
  - work plans & senior year timelines
  - communications materials to students & families (throughout grades)
- ★ Encourage students to check their status frequently (on HESC site)
- ★ Read notifications and emails (from HESC)

# Now what?

- ★ Spread the Word!
  - Seek out students who may be eligible (former students)
  - Put up information for all students to see
  - Reach out to families
- ★ Get support!
  - HESC
    - NYSDREAM@applyISTS.com
    - 1-888-697-4372
  - [NYSDREAM@nysacac.org](mailto:NYSDREAM@nysacac.org)
    - View resource materials here:  
<http://bit.ly/nysDREAMactResources>

# Questions?

