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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 USCitizenship orPermanent 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:

- NYS High School Attendance
 - a. Attended a NYSHigh School for 2or more years
 - b. Graduated from a NYS High School
 - c. Enroll in
 - ☐ Undergrad within5 years
 - ☐ Grad within 10 years

- NYS High School Equivalency
 - a. Received a NYS high school equivalency diploma
 - b. Enroll in
 - ☐ Undergradwithin 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

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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)



	IAP versus DREAIVI
TAP applicants must	Under NYS DREAM ACT, eligible TAP applicants must

Be undocumented students and a Be US citizens and eligible

number of other immigration statuses noncitizens

Be NYS Residents Be NYS or non-NYS Residents

Study at an approved Study at an approved postsecondary postsecondary institution in NYS institution in NYS

Be in good academic standing Be in good academic standing

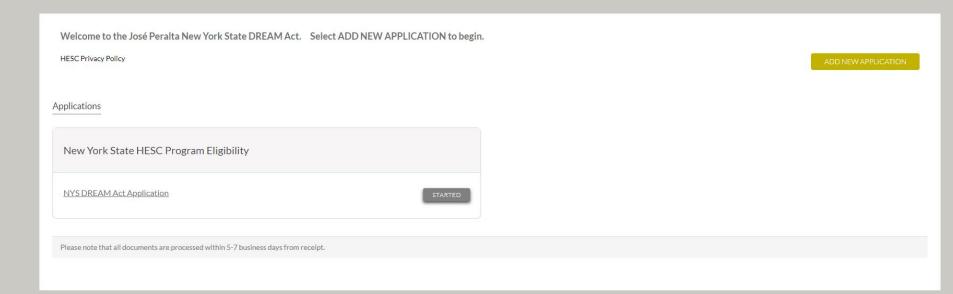
Be enrolled as full-time Be enrolled as full-time

Meet income eligibility limitations Meet income eligibility limitations

Enrolled in credit-bearing courses Enrolled in credit-bearing courses applicable to the student's applicable to the student's program of program of study 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



Monitoring Your Application



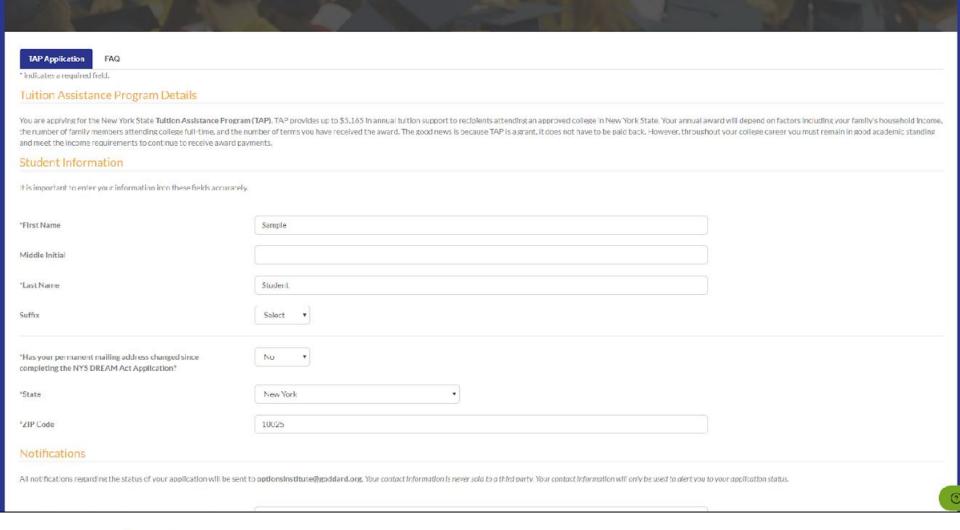
- A grey STARTED button means you have not submitted your application.
- An orange STARTED button means you have submitted your application, but you are either missing required items for the application or your documents are still processing.
- A green COMPLETE button means that you have correctly uploaded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



Higher Education

Services Corporation

TAP Application - DREAM Act





Excelsior Application - DREAM Act

Other Household Information	
The questions below are used to determine whether your 2019 hous	sehold 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 v
*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 v
*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 v
Disability Status	
*Are you a student with a disability who has registered with	th a qualifying disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) who attends less than full-time. Yes
your college's office for students with a qualifying disability under the ADA?	
Students with qualifying disabilities under the ADA who have registe enroll in 6 credits, you must complete 6 credits; if you enroll in 15 cre	ered 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 edits, you must complete 15 credits.)
*Do you want your application processed under these ADA rules?	Yes •
Break in Attendance	
The cuestions below are to determine whether you previously attendemonstrate good cause may be eligible to receive an award.	iced 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
*What will your education status be when you begin college in	Tam an Opportunity Program student (EUP, SEEK, CLI) 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

- 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
 - View resource materials here: http://bit.ly/nysDREAMactResources

Questions?



