New York State Student Aid Updates
Fall 2022
What’s New With NYS Student Aid?

• Enacted 2022-23 NYS Budget
• NYS DREAM Act Processing
• Changes to the 2023-24 TAP application
NYS Student Aid Updates

- The 2022-2023 Enacted State Budget
  - Expanded Part-time TAP eligibility
  - Restored TAP eligibility for incarcerated students
  - Provided $2 million in additional funding for the Patricia K. McGee Nursing Faculty Scholarship, Young Farmers Loan Forgiveness Program
  - Ended funding for STEM Incentive Scholarships for new applicants at private colleges in NYS
2023-24 NYS DREAM Act Updates
Two Pathways to Apply for NYS Aid

FAFSA to NYS Payment App

Congratulations,
Your FAFSA form was successfully submitted to Federal Student Aid.

Here’s what happens next:
• You will receive an email version of this page.
• In 3-5 business days, you will receive an email notifying you that your FAFSA form was processed.
• Your FAFSA information will be made available to your school(s), and they will use it to determine the aid you may be eligible to receive.

Start your state application to apply for New York state-based financial aid.

Apply Now

If you have any questions, click the Contact Us link above.

NYS DREAM Act Application

Senator José Peralta New York State
DREAM Act
NYS DREAM Act Pathway

• Gives undocumented, DACA and other categories of students access to apply for NYS student aid

• hesc.ny.gov/dream
NYS DREAM Act: Application Process

• NYS DREAM Act application available for 2023-24 applicants on October 1st, 2022

  – Deadline to apply for 2023-24 TAP is June 30th, 2024 (end of 2023-24 academic year)
Eligibility Questionnaire

- Applicants must first complete the NYS DREAM Act program eligibility application
  - Determines if student is qualified to apply for NYS student aid under the provisions of the NYS DREAM Act legislation
Determining Eligibility: NYS Education

Students must meet one of the following criteria:

– Graduated from a NYS high school after attending for 2 or more years OR

– Hold a NYS high school equivalency diploma OR

– Be charged in-state tuition at SUNY or CUNY for a reason other than NYS residency
Immigration/Citizenship Status Eligibility

Eligible Citizenship Statuses Include:

Previously Denied NYS Financial Aid Due to Citizenship Status
- T-Visa or U-Visa;
- Temporary protected status (TPS);
- DACA; and
- Without lawful immigration status

Those Previously Denied NYS Financial Aid Due to Residency
- U.S. Citizen whose permanent home is outside of NYS;
- Permanent Lawful Resident whose home is outside of NYS; and
- A class of paroled refugees whose permanent home is outside of NYS
Question: Out of State Eligibility

How do applicants qualify as having a permanent home outside of NY?

– Permanent home for dependent applicants is the state (or country) of residence of the biological or adoptive parent(s)
FAQ: Verifying High School Graduation

How can current high school seniors verify their graduation before July 2023?

- Students can opt into automatic verification or manual verification
  - Automatic verification through SED
  - Manual verification will require final high school transcript with graduation date indicated
Document Upload

• Students are not required to immediately upload documentation but may do so at the point in the application process.
Question: Application Changes

Can applicants make changes to the application after they have submitted it?

• Yes, but only by requesting the change with us over the phone or by email (NYSDREAM@applyists.com) – cannot be done yet online
New: Program Eligibility Requirement

• After submitting the NYS DREAM Act eligibility application, students will not be able to apply for TAP and other NYS student aid programs until their eligibility application is fully completed and qualified as eligible.
Applications Home Page

- Students can use the “Continue to Apply” link on their NYS DREAM Act application homepage
- They may also continue a previously started application
Apply for TAP and Other NYS Programs
2023-24 TAP Application Updates
2023-24: ‘Traditional’ TAP Application

• TAP application made available for 2023-24 applicants on October 1st, 2022
  – Deadline to apply for 2023-24 TAP is June 30th, 2024 (end of 2023-24 academic year)

• Applicants must first submit the 2023-24 FAFSA application
FAFSA to TAP Pathway

- Applicants must file FAFSA prior to applying for NYS aid
- Must also meet FAFSA citizenship criteria (US Citizen or Permanent Resident)
FAFSA Confirmation Page Link

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- In 3-5 business days, you will receive an email notifying you that your FAFSA form was processed.
- Your FAFSA information will be made available to your school(s), and they will use it to determine the aid you may be eligible to receive.
- Your school(s) will contact you if they need more information or when they are ready to discuss your financial aid award.
- If you have questions about your financial aid package, contact your school(s).

Start your state application to apply for New York state-based financial aid.

We want to hear from you.

Contact Us

Welcome to the New York State Student Aid Payment Application! This online application process allows you to apply for New York State’s Tuition Assistance Program (TAP), as well as request a payment for a scholarship for which you have already been selected. You must submit a FAFSA application to receive payment for TAP. If you have not submitted a FAFSA, go to https://fsa.gov.

A HESOPe account is required to apply. If you do not have one you will be able to create one.

Start my application

If you have any questions, contact us at the link above.
Applying for TAP Without Using FAFSA Link

• If an applicant does not use the link on the FAFSA confirmation page, then they must wait three to five days for their FAFSA to be processed and received by HESC before trying to apply for the TAP application directly on hesc.ny.gov
New: NYS Residency Warning Pop-up

• Applicants will receive a pop-up warning message if they indicate they are not a NYS resident
Reminder: Citizenship Status Verification

- HESC will verify student citizenship statuses using information obtained from their processed FAFSA application.
- If FAFSA reports that a student’s citizenship status cannot be verified, then documentation must be provided to HESC or FAFSA corrections will need to be submitted.
Independent or Dependent?

- Students who are wards of the court, have foster care status or other special conditions may declare financial independence from parents.
Financial Independent Status Questions

- These questions are used to determine if the student is truly independent from their parent(s).
  - Student must answer NO to all questions if there is a special condition.
Special Conditions

• Students younger than 22 years old who declare financial independence must have a special condition to qualify as independent
Processing for Requests for Independence

• Following the processing of the student’s TAP application, a request for information will be put on the student’s HESC account with a link to upload documentation verifying their status
  – Students can upload the same type of documentation shared with their financial aid offices for dependency override on FAFSA
Student Account Access at HESC.ny.gov

- Using account access students can:
  - Update the college on their application
  - Review their award information and submit missing information
  - Update contact information
Review My NYS Financial Aid Information

HESC records indicate that you have information to view for the following programs:

Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)  Last activity: 01/01/1900

Payment Summary

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Make Corrections, Download Forms
Submit Missing Documentation via Upload

Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)

Academic Year: 2020-2021

The following information is based on processing completed as of 07/20/2020.
Any changes submitted after that date by you or the school are not included in the following status.

NYSS Tuition Assistance Program

Your records indicate that your application cannot be processed because of missing or invalid information.
PARENT 1’S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (SSN) WAS NOT REPORTED ON YOUR APPLICATION.
DISCLOSURE OF PARENT 1’S SSN IS MANDATORY FOR THE PURPOSES OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID DETERMINATION. A TAX ID NUMBER CAN BE REPORTED IN PLACE OF THE SSN FOR PARENT 1.

PARENT 2’S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (SSN) WAS NOT REPORTED ON YOUR APPLICATION.
DISCLOSURE OF PARENT 2’S SSN IS MANDATORY FOR THE PURPOSES OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID DETERMINATION. A TAX ID NUMBER CAN BE REPORTED IN PLACE OF THE SSN FOR PARENT 2.

Application currently under review.
Please review and update the information used to determine your TAP eligibility by clicking the “Review/Update Your TAP Information” button. The missing/invalid information listed above can be submitted using this link.

To submit supporting documentation, please click on the button below to access the HESC Document Upload application.

HESC Document Upload Application

Program: Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) 2022

Upload Documents

This feature allows you to upload supporting documentation to HESC to be used in processing your application.

- Please select the Document Type(s) being uploaded and choose the associated file.
- To upload additional documents, please click the “Add another document” link at the end of the form.
- You may select a different program by clicking the “Change Program” button.

Acceptable file formats: BMP, GIF, JPEG, JPG, PDF, PNG, TIF, TIFF
Maximum file size: 25 MB
Note: You may upload a maximum of 15 documents per 30 days.

Select File

Add another document

Upload Documents
Review Upload History

- Students can review their upload history to confirm we received their documents (may take a day or so to update)
- Document review times may vary depending on time of year submitted
Changing College Names, Student IDs

Use “Update College Information” link to change colleges on the TAP application
Other NYS Student Aid Programs & Resources
Applying for Other NYS Aid Programs

• Students should go to hesc.ny.gov to look at the full list of grant, scholarship and loan forgiveness opportunities.
Excelsior Scholarship

• Provides full in-state tuition coverage for students attending SUNY or CUNY – Less Pell, TAP, or other aid covering tuition

• 2023-24 applicants must have combined student/parent federal adjusted gross income of $125,000 or less (based on 2021 tax year)

• Application available in Spring 2023 (date to be announced)
Enhanced Tuition Awards (ETA)

- Provides tuition awards up $6,000 to NYS residents attending participating private colleges in NYS
  - Award reduced by TAP grant
  - List of participating schools available online

- Same income qualifications and application requirements as Excelsior Scholarship
High School Counselor Resources

- Check out the High School Counselors area on hesc.ny.gov
  - School counselor newsletter
  - Resources links,
  - Downloadable factsheets

- Contact us at precollegeservices@hesc.ny.gov
Reminder: FAFSA Completion Initiative

• School staff can access status reports to identify high school seniors who have filed the FAFSA and TAP applications
• Check with school administration to see if they already have access
• Learn more at hesc.ny.gov
Thank You!