

# 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**



#### Start my application

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

### **NYS DREAM Act Application**



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### Senator José Peralta New York State DREAM Act



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# NYS DREAM Act Pathway

- Gives undocumented, DACA and other categories of students access to apply for NYS student aid
- hesc.ny.gov/dream





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# **NYS DREAM Act: Application Process**

- NYS DREAM Act application available for 2023-24 applicants on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022
  - Deadline to apply for 2023-24 TAP is June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (end of 2023-24 academic year)



# **Eligibility Questionnaire**

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New York State DREAM Act Eligibility Form	
* Indicates a required field. New York State Financial Aid	
*For what level of study are you seeking financial aid?	Undergraduate study 🗸
"What year did/will you first enroll in undergraduate studies? (YYYY)	2023
*For what school year are you looking to receive financial aid?	2023-24 V
Student High School Education Deta	ls
This section is used to identify your high school comple	ion status to determine your eligibility under the provisions of the New York State DREAM Act. (For assistance in answering this question, read here)
"What will your status be when you begin college in the school year you selected above?	Select v
If you are currently enrolled or were previously enrolled in a this year, please enter the year in which you will or intend t	liege, provide the year you first attended college, even if you did not complete a term. If you will be graduating from high school or earning your high school equivalency diploma first enroll in college.
Student Citizenship and Immigration	Status

- 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

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# 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 (<u>NYSDREAM@applyists.com</u>) – 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**

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Welcome to the José Peralta New York State DREAM Act.	
HESC Privacy Policy	CONTINUE TO APPLY FOR MYS FINANCIAL AID
Applications	
2023-24 Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)	2022-23 Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)
TAP Application STARTED	TAP Application STARTED
2021-22 Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)	New York State HESC DREAM Act Eligibility
TAP Application STARTED	Application Form

- Students can use the "Continue to Apply" link on their NYS
   DREAM Act application homepage
- They may also
   continue a previously started application



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# 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022
  - Deadline to apply for 2023-24 TAP is June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (end of 2023-24 academic year)
- Applicants must first submit the 2023-24 FAFSA application



# **FAFSA to TAP Pathway**



#### 2023–24 FAFSA Form Available

The new 2023–24 FAFSA form is here! Some states and schools have limited funds, so don't delay! To begin your application, select the "START HERE" button on the FAFSA homepage.

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



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# **FAFSA Confirmation Page Link**





# **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

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PERSONAL INFO	Personal Information		
COLLEGE	Please review the following informat	ion and update as needed.	
MARITAL STATUS	Fields marked with an esteriak(*) are	e required fields. Your application cannot be complete	d and submitted until all of the
PARENT	required fields have been completed		a and submitted until all of the
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AMILY MEMBERS			Wonster
GNATURES	Street Address (Please use your per	manent mailing address ) 🧐	
SUMMARY	123 Sesame Street		
	*City	Based on your response, if you did not live in New York State for any time during the 2022	Zip
	New York	calendar year you do not meet the New York	12345
	E-mail Address 🖗	State residency requirements. Please review your response.	
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	□ If you do NOT have an e-mail a	Cancel	
	*Date of Birth (Cannot be changed,	see neip text) 🖤	
	01/01/2005 (mm/dd/yyyy)		
	Did you live in New York State for all	of the 2022 calendar year? O Yes O No	
		for all of the 2022 calendar year, enter month and ye	

 Applicants will receive a pop-up warning message if they indicate they are not a NYS resident



# **Reminder: Citizenship Status Verification**

Select your current citizenship status (select one):

): Permanent Resident Alien

- 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.



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# **Independent or Dependent?**

	NYS Student Aid Pa	yment Ap	oplicatior
PERSONAL INFO	Dependent Status		
COLLEGE			
MARITAL STATUS	Your financial dependence status affects your TAP award. Additionally, applicants who were in Foster Care, Wards of the Court, or Orphans at or after the age of 13 may be eligible for higher		
DEPENDENT	awards.		
PARENT	Are you claiming financial independence from your parents?	○ Yes	No
PARENTS INCOME			
INCOME	Are you a Foster Youth, Ward of the Court, or Orphan at or after age 13?	◯ Yes	No
FAMILY MEMBERS		- 100	- 110
SIGNATURES			
SUMMARY			

 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 on 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

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	NYS Student Aid Payment Application
PERSONAL INFO COLLEGE MARITAL STATUS DEPENDENT PARENT PARENTS INCOME INCOME SIGNATURES SIGNATURES SUMMARY	Financial Independence Status (FIS)         We assumed the following questions should all be answered "Yes". Please review these questions and change your information as needed.         Were you or will you be claimed as a dependent by either of your parents on their 2022 state or federal tax returns?          • Yes \circle No          Were you or will you be claimed as a dependent by either of your parents on their 2023 state or federal tax returns?          • Yes \circle No          User you or will you be claimed as a dependent by either of your parents on their 2023 state or federal tax returns?          • Yes \circle No          Did you live in an apartment, house, or building owned or leased by your parents for more than 6         • Yes \circle No           No
	Did you live in an apartment, house, or building owned or leased by your parents for more than 6  • Yes O No weeks in 2023?
	Have you received gifts, loans, or other financial assistance worth more than \$750 from your       Yes       No
	Will you be receiving gifts, loans, or other financial assistance worth more than \$750 from your
	Previous
TAP may	be unavailable every Sunday from 1:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.



# **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**

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ment Summary 2022-23 School	Term	Award Amount	Program	Award Status			

## **Make Corrections, Download Forms**





### **Submit Missing Documentation via Upload**

#### Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) Please note that, due to the COVID-19 virus public health emergency, the processing of applications and documentation and responses to emails and requests may be delayed while we work to resume normal operations. 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. NYS 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. Review/Update Your TAP Information For details and instructions on the supporting documentation needed for your TAP application, please click on the "Review/Update Your TAP Information" button above. To submit your supporting documentation, please click on the button below to access the HESC Document Upload applicat Upload 2020 TAP Documents

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# **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

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# **Changing College Names, Student IDs**

# Use "Update College Information" link to change colleges on the TAP application



Pending Schola	rship Application(s)	Complete	ed Application(s)		
Term	School Na	me	Program Name(s)	Student ID	Edit Student ID
Summer:					
Fall:	CUNY MAN CC - 1404	HATTAN	TAP UNDERGRAD AWARD		Add Student I
Winter:	CUNY MAN CC - 1404	HATTAN	TAP UNDERGRAD AWARD		Add Student I
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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.

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	ay for College / Fi	nancial Aid		nancial Aid		<sup>ntact</sup>	About Proç	
NYS Grants	NYS Scholarships & Awards	Federal Grants	Federal Work-Study	Other Grants & Scholarships	Loan Forgiveness	Student Loans		Related Resources
Scholars	hip	Summary						How Much Will College Cost You?
Excelsion	r Scholarship	The program covers tuition for eligible SUNY and CUNY students. For the 2022-23 academic year, families who earned \$125,000 or less in the tax year 2020 are eligible to apply. This program enables students attending private colleges to						Compare The Different Types of Loans Served in the Military? There Are Special Programs Just For You
Enhanced Tuition Awards		receive financial assistance to complete their college degree. The program provides a maximum award of \$3,000, requires private colleges to provide a match and freeze student tuition for the duration of the award - maximizing the financial benefit to the student.						Youth in Care
	k State Part- Iolarship (PTS)	provides s CUNY Con	cholarship av nmunity Colle	rt-time Scholars wards to studen ege part-time ar 1,500 per seme	ts who attend nd maintain a	a SUNY or 2.0 GPA.	r	FAFSA & TAP Application is Now Available 2022- 23 COVID-19 Updates for



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# **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!**

