

Celebrating 50 Years of TAP

- Since its inception in 1974, the Tuition Assistance Program has provided nearly \$30 billion dollars to help more than 6 million New Yorkers to help make college more affordable and accessible
- Awards range from \$100 to \$5,665 per year based on NYS taxable income, including pensions and other untaxed income, child support
 - Income limits range from \$10,000 to \$80,000 depending on student's dependency status, marital status, and if they have dependents of their own



2024-25 TAP Application



- 2024-25 TAP application opened November 1st, 2023
 - Application deadline: June 30th, 2025
- NYS DREAM Act program eligibility application is now available for 2024-25 aid year applicants
 - · Application is available year-round
- 2024-25 FAFSA is not required to submit the application (for most applicants)

Pathways to Apply for 2024-25 TAP

Students currently have two options to submit the 2024-25 TAP application;

- "Traditional" pathway for FAFSA filers using the NYS Student Aid Payment Application (https://www.tap.hesc.ny.gov/totw/)
- NYS DREAM Act pathway, via the NYS DREAM Act TAP application (hesc.ny.gov/dream)



2024-25 FAFSA Policy Changes; Impact on TAP

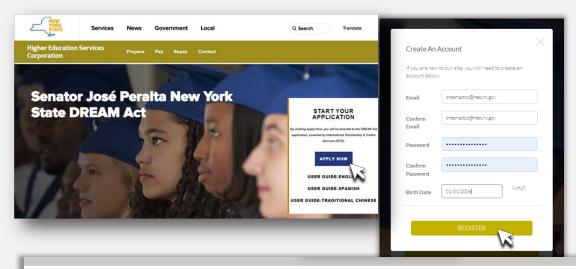
Has New York State changed TAP application requirements, such as who is a parent contributor, to correspond with FAFSA's 2024-25 changes?

- Currently, TAP application requirements remain unchanged
 - Custodial parent information to be provided for divorced/separated parent households
 - Adjustment will continue for additional family members attending college, full-time



NYS DREAM Act Pathway

Applying for TAP: NYS DREAM Act Pathway



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

New York State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) Application to Open November 1

The NYS TAP application will open on November 1, 2023 for the 2024-25 academic year for students who will be attending college in the Fall of 2024 and want to get a jump start on the NYS Financial aid process. More information on TAP can be found at https://www.hesc.ny.gov/pay-for-college/apply-for-financial-aid/nys-tap.html

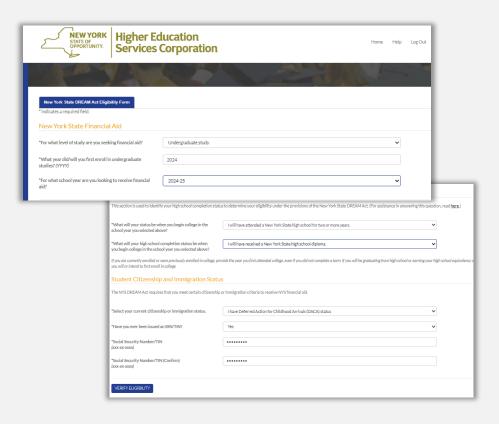
HESC Privacy Policy

ADD NEW APPLICATION

- Pathway for students who do not meet citizenship eligibility for federal aid, such as undocumented and DACA students
- Students must meet NYS DREAM Act eligibility criteria
 - hesc.ny.gov/dream



NYS DREAM Act Program Eligibility Application



- Students must first apply for eligibility under the NYS DREAM Act
 - Indicate citizenship/immigration status
 - Education criteria
- Students may be required to upload documentation to support their application
 - Proof of citizenship (documented status only)
 - Proof of NYS high school graduation or equivalency
 - Proof of in-State tuition eligibility



NYS DREAM Act Eligibility: Citizenship/Immigration

- Eligible Citizenship Statuses Include:
 - T-Visa or U-Visa
 - Temporary Protected Status (TPS)
 - Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)
 - Without lawful immigration status
 - US citizens or eligible non-citizens whose permanent home is outside of NYS





NYS DREAM Act Eligibility: Educational Requirements

- Students must meet one of the following educational criteria:
 - Graduated from a NYS high school, having attended high school in NYS for two or more years*
 - Hold a NYS high school equivalency diploma*
 - Be charged in-state tuition at SUNY or CUNY for a reason other than NYS residency

*Students must enroll for undergraduate study at a NYS college within 5 years of receiving their NYS high school diploma or equivalency diploma



Verifying High School Graduation

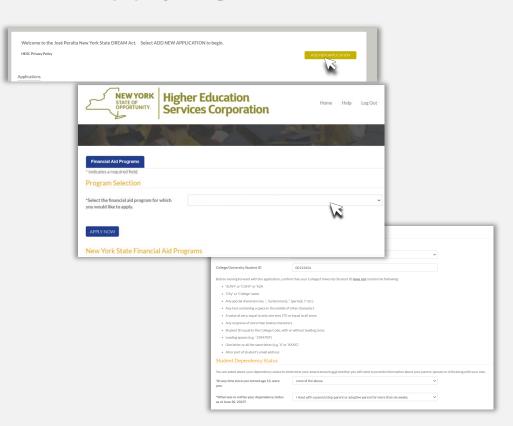
How do current high school seniors verify their high school graduation?

- Students can opt for automatic verification or manual verification of enrollment, graduation
- Automatic verification is conducted through file exchanges with the NYS Education Department (SED)
- Manual verification will require final high school transcript with graduation date indicated



NYS DREAM Act: Applying for TAP

- After being approved for NYS DREAM Act eligibility, students will receive an email notice to apply for TAP on the NYS DREAM Act application portal.
- Use the "Add New Application" link on their NYS DREAM Act application to apply for TAP and any other NYS aid programs that is available.





"Traditional" Pathway

"Traditional" TAP Application Pathway



- Payment Application at hesc.ny.gov
- Pathway for most applicants who meet citizenship requirements for federal student aid (US citizen or eligible non-citizen)
- FAFSA is required to process the TAP application.

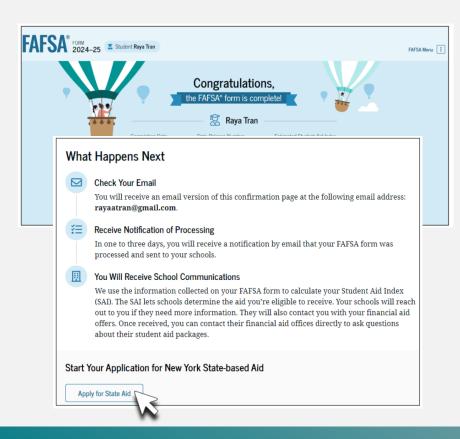
New: Elimination of FAFSA Filing Prerequisite

- For the 2024-25 application cycle the TAP application may be filed at any time, without the FAFSA being filed first
- TAP applications submitted without a FAFSA will be stored and processed only when the student's 2024-25 FAFSA application is received by HESC
- TAP applicants must promptly submit their 2024-25 FAFSA to avoid having to resubmit the application
 - February 15, 2024 is initial deadline, currently under reconsideration



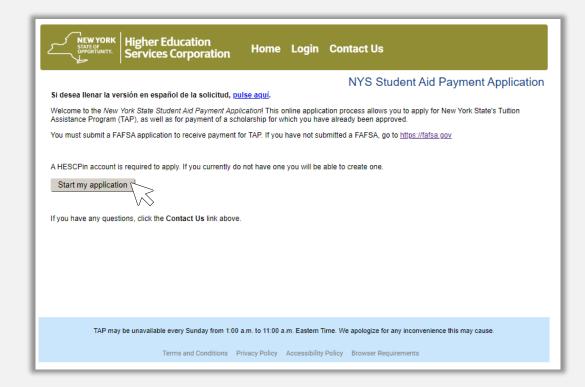


Change: 2024-25 FAFSA Confirmation Page Link

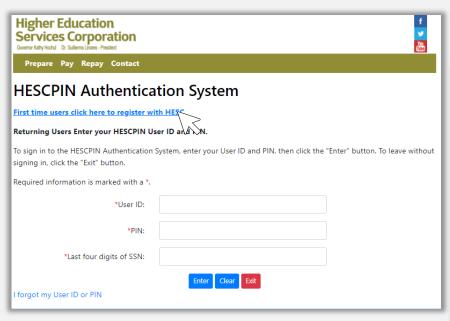


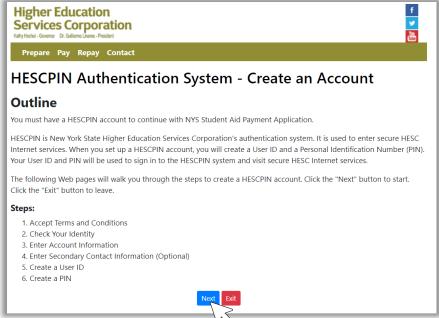
- Per the US Department of Education, the 2024-25 FAFSA will no longer link directly to state aid applications.
 - Functionality is expected to return in future application years.
- Applicants will be directed on the FAFSA confirmation page to the HESC website

Starting an Application



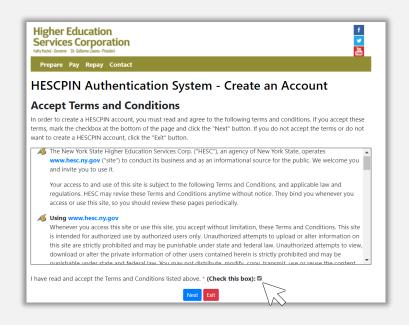
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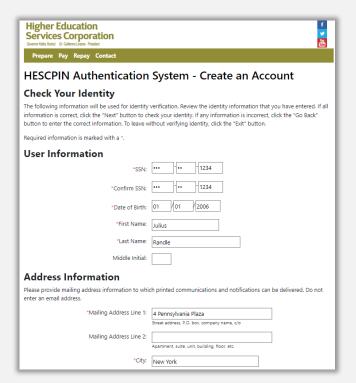






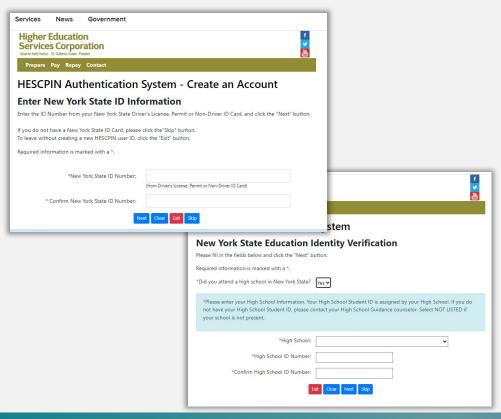
Accept Terms & Conditions, Provide Identifying Info





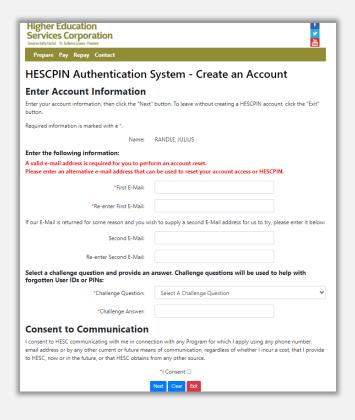


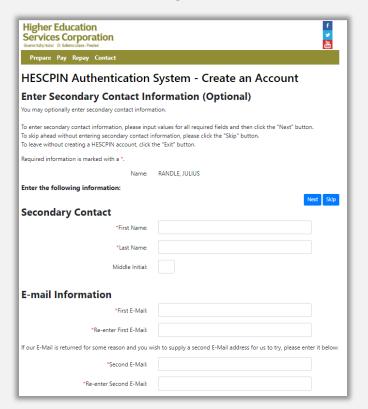
New: HESCPIN Identity Verification



- When creating their HESCPIN account, applicants can verify their identity through;
 - NYS DMV-issued ID
 - High school records with the New York State Education Department.
- Unverified HESCPIN accounts can be created
 - Subject to FAFSA identity verification once 2024-25 application record is received.

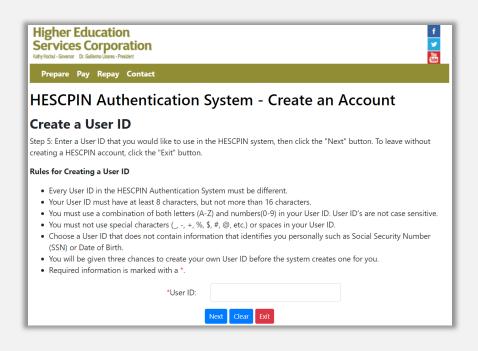
Email, Challenge Question, Secondary Contact





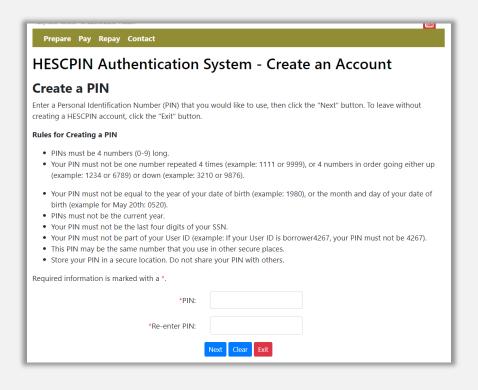


Create a User ID



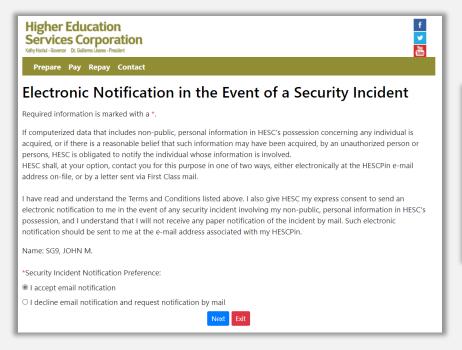
- Applicants must follow the rules for creating a User ID
- If a User ID cannot be created by the applicant, then one will be generated for them

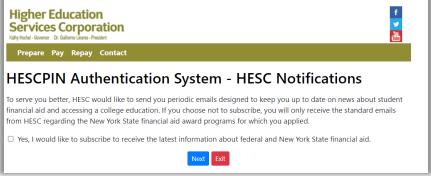
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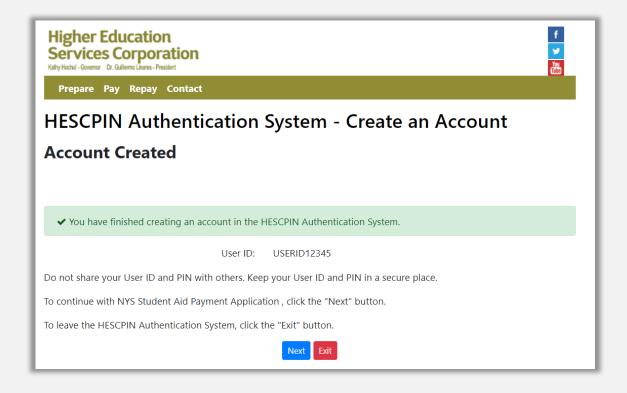
- Applicants must follow the requirements for creating a PIN number
 - Cannot be applicant's birthday, for example

Security Incident, HESC Notifications Sign Up

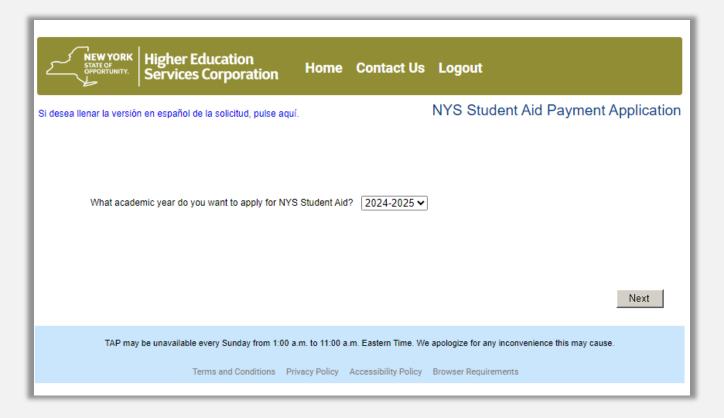




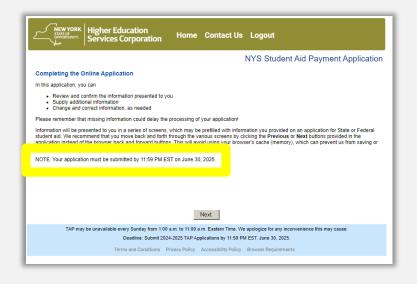
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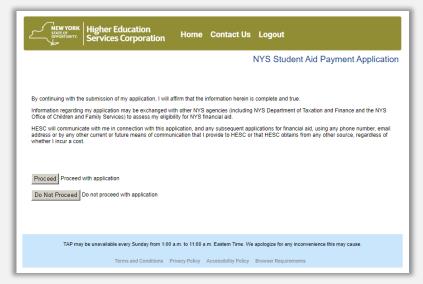


Academic Year Selection Screen



Application Navigation/Deadline, Affirmation







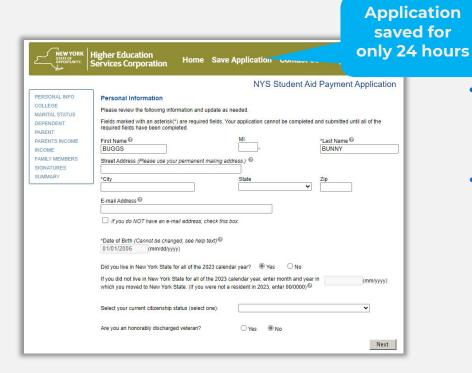
"You Must Submit a FAFSA" Error Message



 Some continuing students may be required to file the FAFSA first before applying if they are renewing scholarships, such as Excelsior.



2024-25 TAP Application: Blank Application



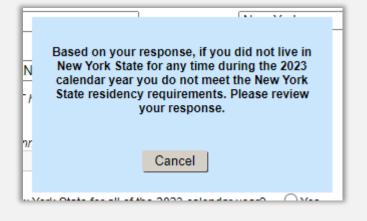
- With the TAP application being available prior to FAFSA, there will be no prefilled application data on the 2024-25 application.
- There are no major changes to the 2024-25 TAP application questions or layout compared to prior year applications.

Common Mistake: NYS Residency

Did you live in New York State for all of the 2023 calendar year?

Yes
No

If you did not live in New York State for all of the 2023 calendar year, enter month and year in which you moved to New York State. (If you were not a resident in 2023, enter 00/0000)



- Students who indicate they do not meet the NYS residency requirements will be required to submit a residency review questionnaire.
 - Can be completed electronically through their HESC account (hesc.ny.gov/myaccount)

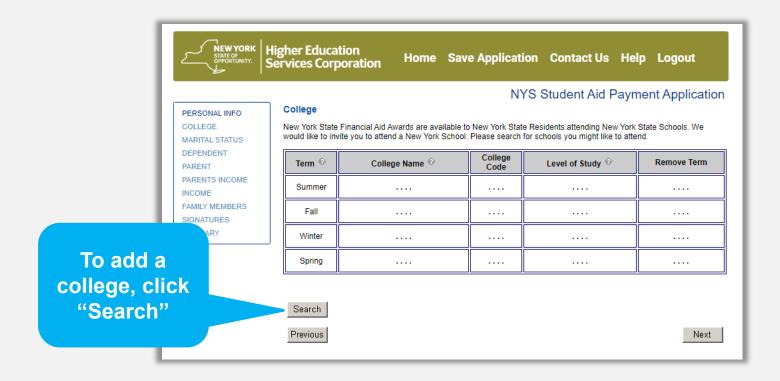
Citizenship Status Verification

Select your current citizenship status (select one):

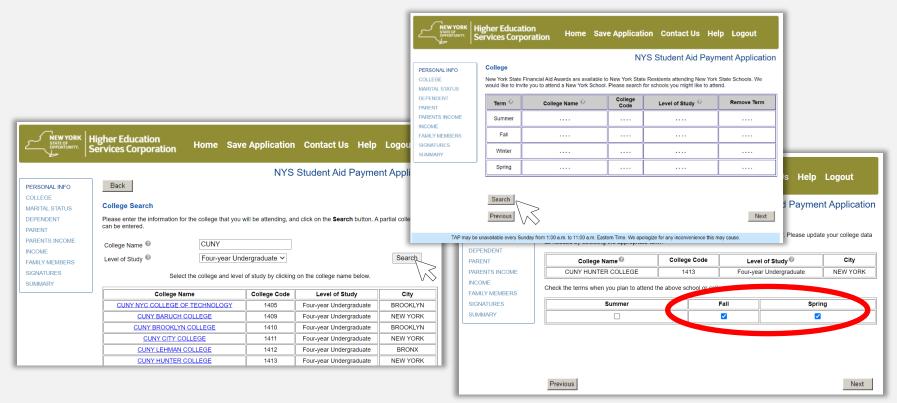
Permanent Resident Alien

- 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.

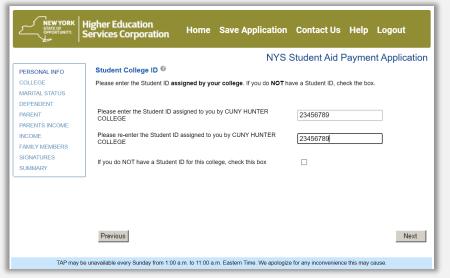
Review Prefilled College Info From FAFSA

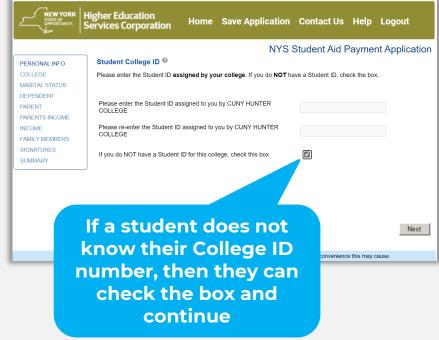


Updating College Name on Application



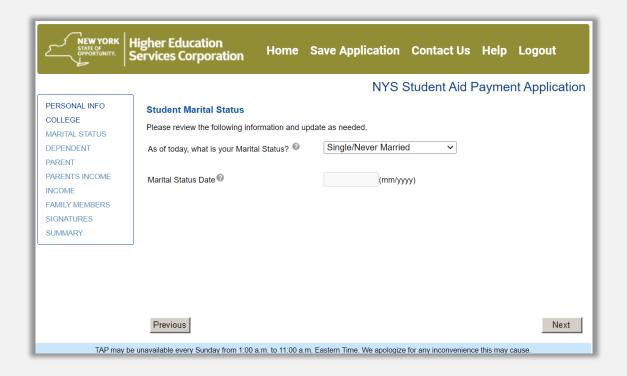
Student College ID Number



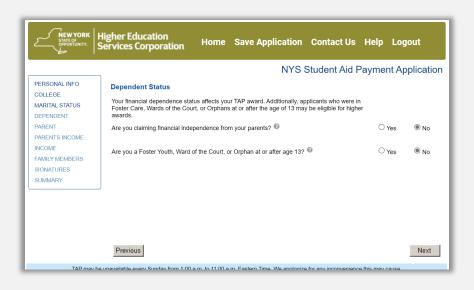




Student Marital Status



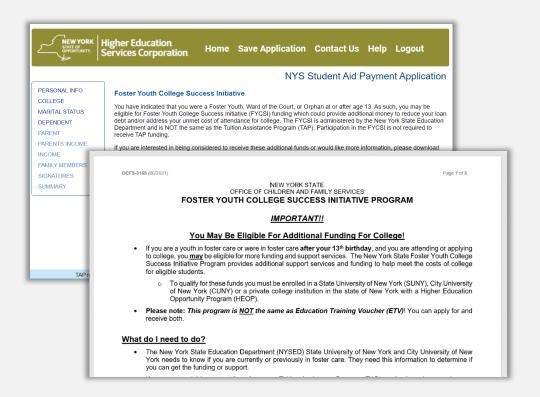
Dependent Status



 Students who are wards of the court, have foster care status or other special conditions may declare financial independence from parents



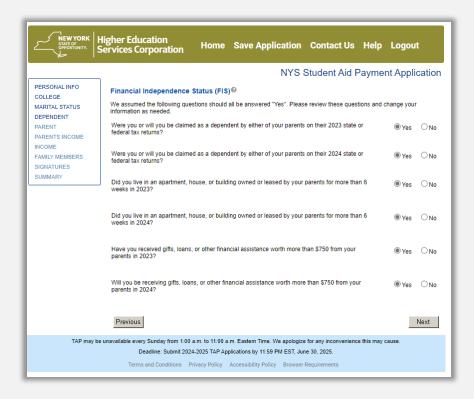
Foster Youth Success Initiative (FYSCI)



 If the student indicates they are a ward of the court or foster youth, they will have the option to link to the FYSCI funds application to apply for addition aid

Financial Independent Status Questions

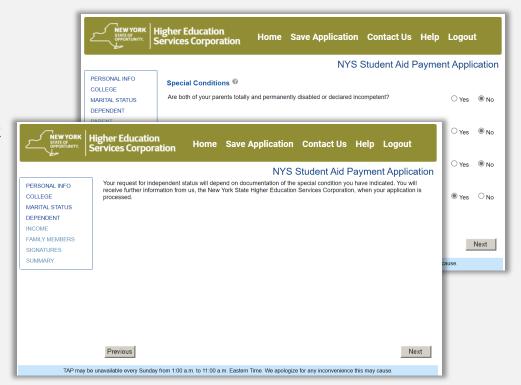
- These questions on are used to determine if the student is financially independent from their parent(s).
 - Students should answer NO to all questions if they have special circumstances and want to claim independence.





Special Conditions

Students younger than 22
years old who declare
financial independence must
have a special condition to
qualify as independent



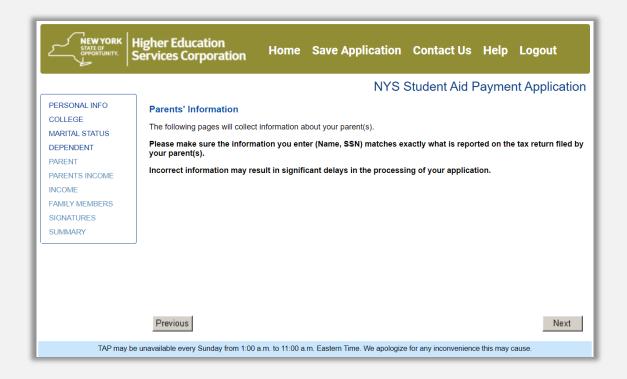
Processing for Requests for Independence

- After the student's TAP application is processed, a request for information will be issued requesting documentation verifying the claim of special conditions
 - Students can upload the same type of documentation shared with their financial aid offices for dependency override on FAFSA



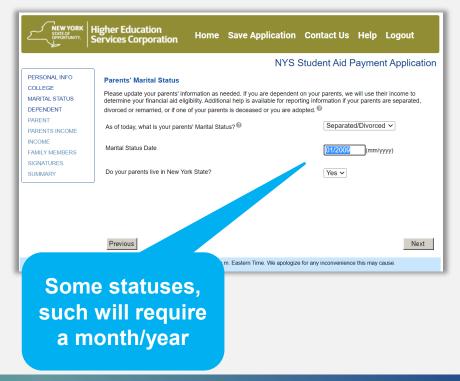


Dependent Students: Provide Parent Info

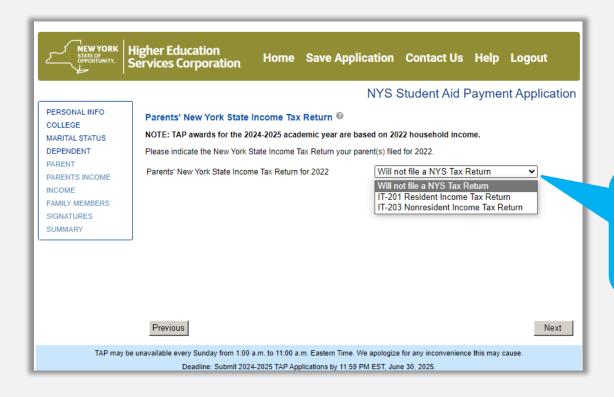


Parent Marital Status

- Choices include
 - Married/remarried
 - Separated/divorced
 - Widowed/deceased
 - Never Married
- Single parent household application will ask only for one parent's info



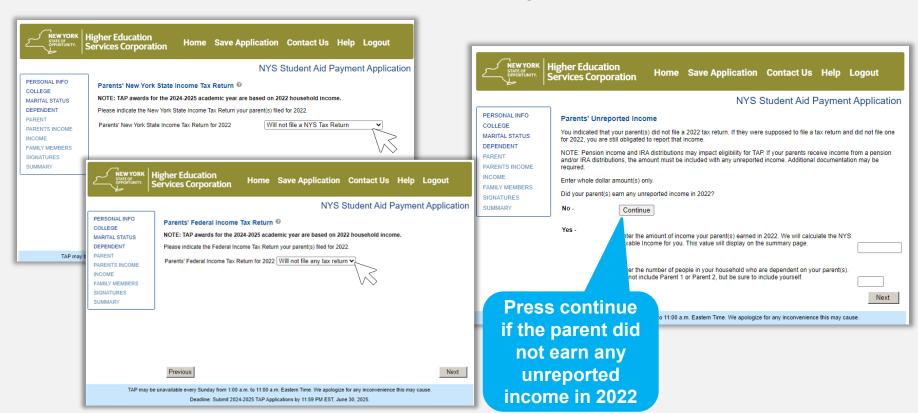
Parent Income Tax Return Information



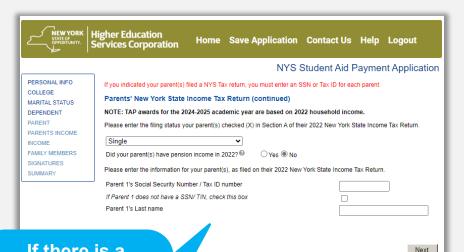
Select the appropriate filing status, tax return type



Parent "Will Not File Any Tax Return"



Parent Information



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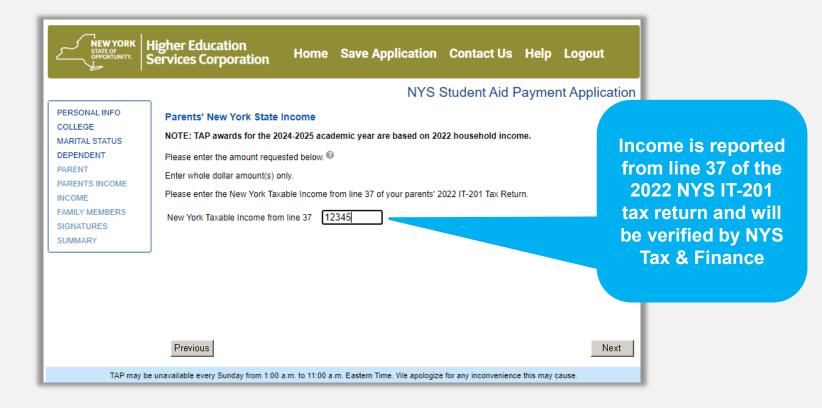
If a parent does not have an SSN or TIN, leave the Social Security Number box blank and check the appropriate box

Higher Education Home Save Application Contact Us Help Logout Services Corporation NYS Student Aid Payment Application PERSONAL INFO If you indicated your parent(s) filed a NYS Tax return, you must enter an SSN or Tax ID for each parent. Parents' New York State Income Tax Return (continued) MARITAL STATUS DEPENDENT NOTE: TAP awards for the 2024-2025 academic year are based on 2022 household income. PARENT Please enter the filing status your parent(s) checked (X) in Section A of their 2022 New York State Income Tax Return. PARENTS INCOME Married filing joint return INCOME EAMILY MEMBERS Did your parent(s) have pension income in 2022? SIGNATURES Please enter the information for your parent(s), as filed on their 2022 New York State Income Tax Return SHMMARY Parent 1's Social Security Number / Tax ID number 123456789 If Parent 1 does not have a SSN/TIN, check this box Parent 1's Last name Sample Parent 2's Social Security Number / Tax ID number If Parent 2 does not have a SSN/ TIN, check this box Parent 2's Last name Sample Previous Next able ever 71:00 a.m. Eastern Time. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause

If there is a single-parent household, then only one parent's information will be provided

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Net Taxable Income, If No Pension Income

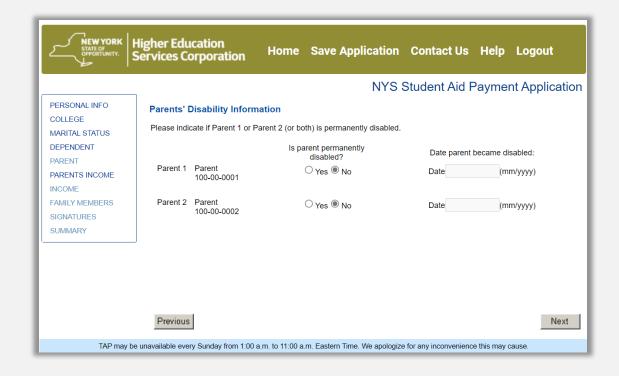


Common Question: Income Adjustments

- Program regulations only allow for certain special circumstances to qualify for an adjustment of income:
 - Divorce or separation of parents
 - Death of a wage-earning parent
 - Total and permanent disability of a wage-earning parent

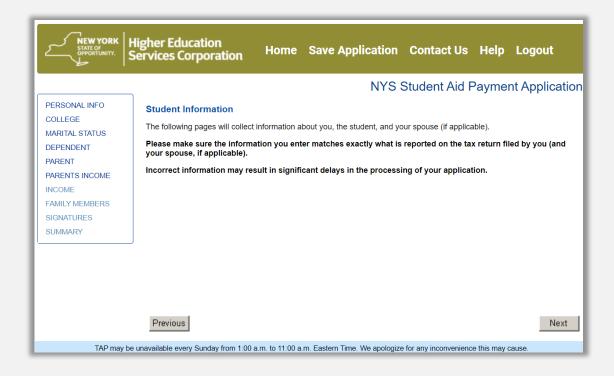


Parents' Disability Information

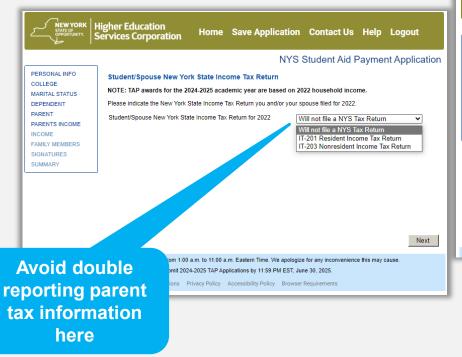


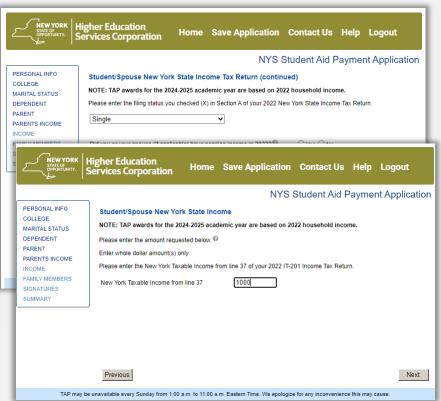


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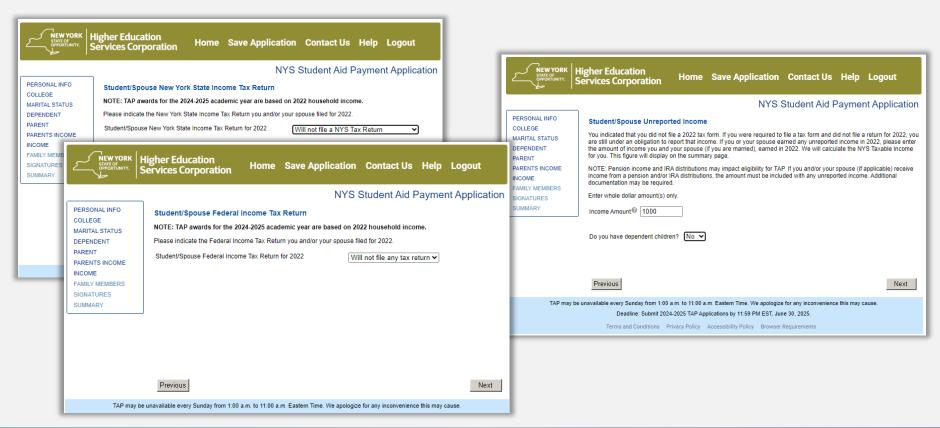


Student/Spouse Income Information

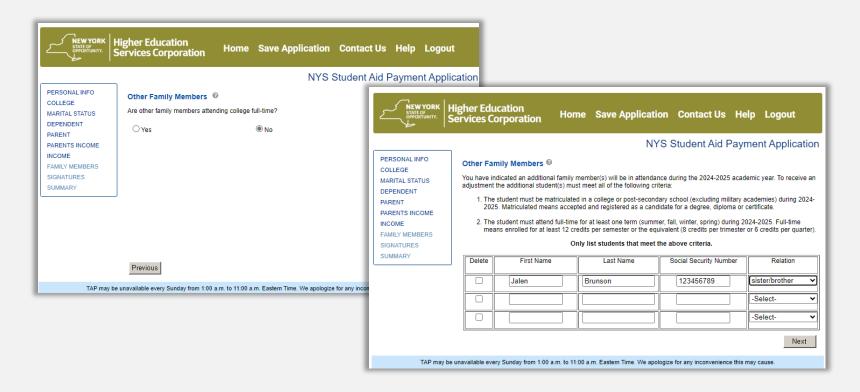




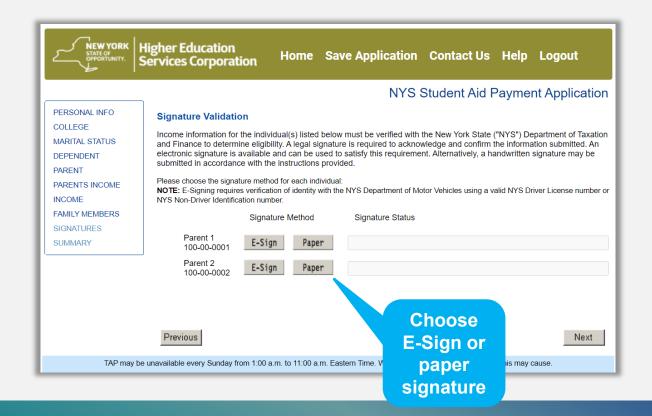
Student/Spouse Did Not File Taxes



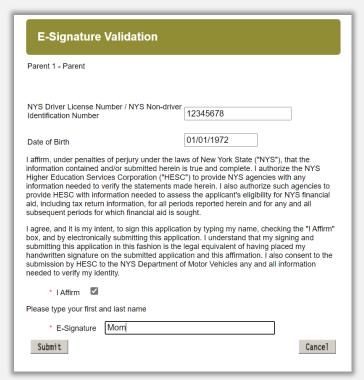
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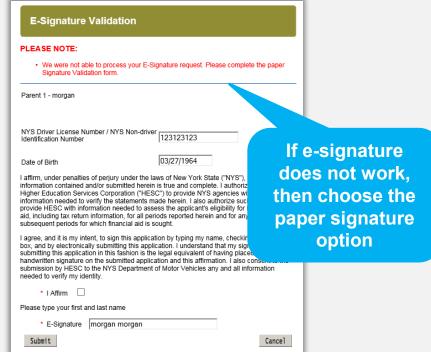


Signature Validation (Parent Signature)



E-Signature: NYS DMV-issued ID

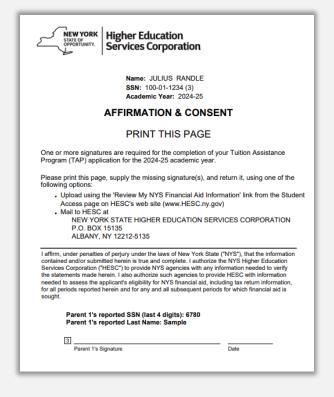






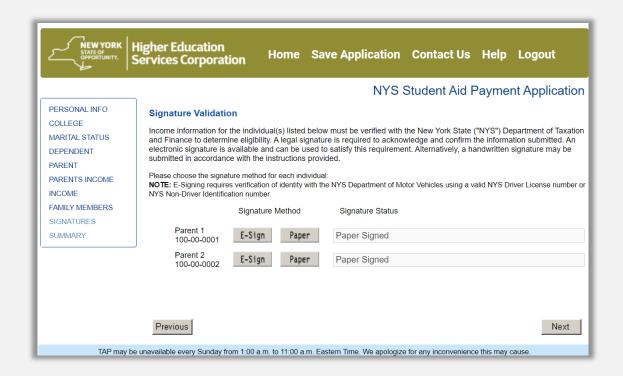
Paper Signature Option

- Paper signature pages may be printed or filled in and signed electronically
- Completed pages can be uploaded to HESC through the student's HESC account once the TAP application is processed (three to five days from submission)

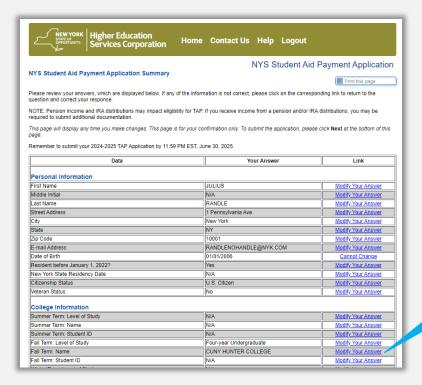




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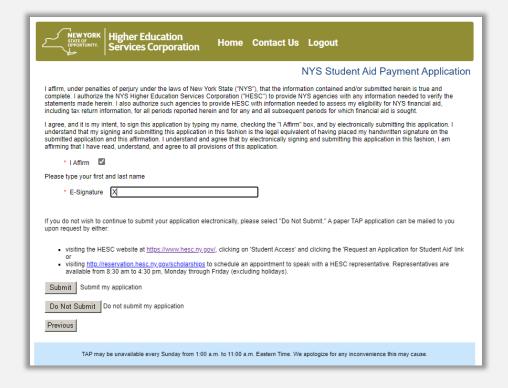
Application Summary



Select "Modify Your Answer" to make updates

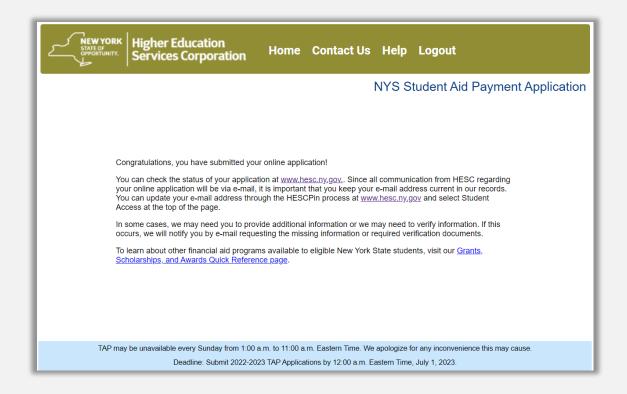


Submit with Student E-Signature



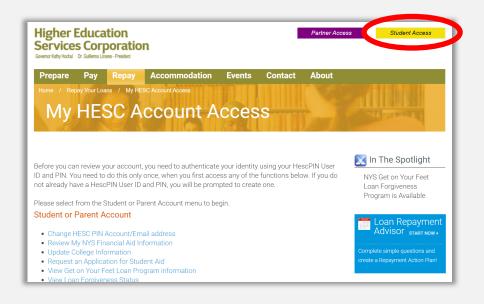


Congratulations!



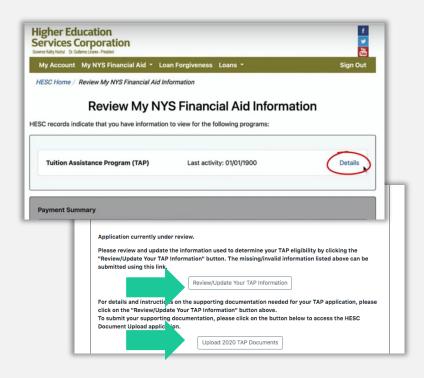


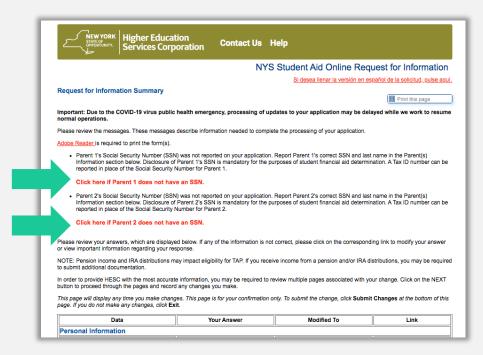
Student Account Access at HESC.ny.gov



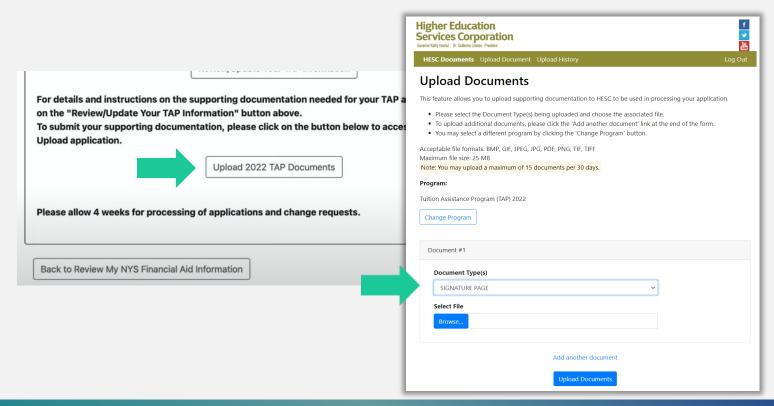
- Using account access students can;
 - Update the college on their application
 - Review their award information and submit missing information
 - Update contact information

Make Corrections, Download Forms





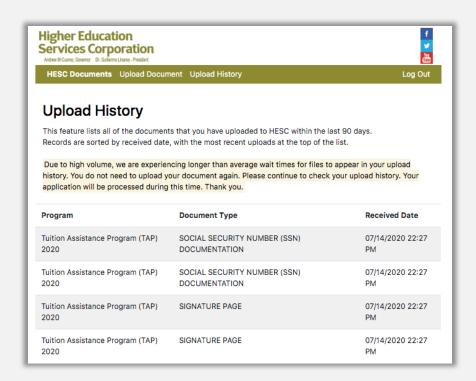
Submit Missing Documentation via Upload





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

