The New York State Dream Act
REALITIES OF UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS
98,000 undocumented students graduate high school every year.

Only about 7.5% go on to enroll in college.

Even fewer graduate successfully.

APRIL 2019 MIGRATION POLICY INSTITUTE ESTIMATE
CURRENT STATE POLICIES & LAWS

Friendly States:
- Washington
- Oregon
- California
- Utah
- Colorado
- New Mexico
- Nebraska
- Kansas
- Oklahoma
- Texas

as of March 2021

Legend
- States with tuition equity laws
- States with tuition equity policies at major institutions
- States with tuition equity laws and scholarships
- States with tuition equity laws or policies and some state financial aid
- States that ban enrollment to undocumented students
- States where some college systems deny enrollment

National Immigration Law Center
NEW YORK STATE
# New York State Overview

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*Note: Not all immigration statuses are represented here.*
NY State Dream Act

- grants undocumented and other students access to state aid to support their higher education costs to attend a SUNY or CUNY
Student must be enrolled in a SUNY or CUNY full-time to receive funding.

Student must meet immigration status and education requirements to qualify.

Student must complete 3 applications:
- Eligibility
- TAP
- Exceslior
Students can apply by creating an account online:

https://nysdream.applyists.net
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
In order to be eligible, you must have one of the following:

- U-visa
- T-visa
- Temporary Protected Status (TPS)
- Deferred Enforced Departure (DED)
- Deferred Action Against Childhood Arrivals (DACA)
- Undocumented (without lawful status)
EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to be eligible, you must either

- Attended a New York State high school for at least two years and have received an NYS high school diploma and enrolled in a SUNY/CUNY within 5 years of graduating

- OR, Attend an undergraduate program within 5 years of receiving a NYS high school equivalency diploma (TASC/GED)

- OR, Attend a graduate program within ten years of receiving an NYS high school diploma

- OR, Qualify for in-state tuition
TRUE OR FALSE

Age is a factor for the NYSDA eligibility
APPLICATION PROCESS
NY STATE PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

Higher Education Services Corporation

Application FAQ

* indicates a required field.

Student Information

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

First Name

Diana

Middle Initial

Last Name

Castillo

Suffix

Select

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

1/9/2000

Have you ever been known by any other name than recorded on your birth certificate, high school transcript or diploma, tax return,

No
Elegibility Checklist

The following documents must be uploaded to your NYS portal or your application will marked incomplete:

- Files must be uploaded as:
  - pdf, .tif, .png, .jpeg, .jpg, .bmp and .xps

- High School Transcript
- High School Diploma
- GED/TASC Diploma
- Proof of status *
If a student is undocumented or their parents are undocumented, they should remove the street address and any parent names visible on the documentation.

For a high school equivalency program graduate, the HSE ID needs to be clearly present.

Unofficial transcripts can be used as long as their full name is visible.

Students will receive emails from two (2) possible ISTS email addresses. Both should be added to the contacts so that they don’t go to spam.

- donotreply@applyISTS.com
- NYSDREAM@applyISTS.com

**APPLICATION TIPS**
"When should I apply for the New York State Dream Act?"
A student needs to submit their official diploma when applying for the NYSDA Eligibility Application.
Questions
INDIVIDUAL APPLICATIONS TO NYS FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS
FINANCIAL AID OPPORTUNITIES

New York State Financial Aid Programs

Click on a financial aid program to view the eligibility details and the application period for the 2019-20/2020-21 school year.

2019-20 Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) - Application Period: October 1, 2018 - June 30, 2020

2020-21 Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) - Application Period: October 1, 2019 - June 30, 2021

Children of Deceased and Disabled Veterans - Application Period: October 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

Licensed Social Worker Loan Forgiveness (LSW) - Application Period: January 2, 2020 - February 18, 2020
TAP is a 4-year grant, meaning students do not pay this money back. Students must reapply every year to receive the funds and accept the offer on their portal.

Eligible students can receive up to $5,165. The award amount depends on the income of the student and/or the income of their guardians.

There are different income ceilings for students to deem if they are eligible.
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
Gregory

Middle Initial
R

Last Name
James

Suffix
Select

*State
New York

*ZIP Code
11225

Notifications

All notifications regarding the status of your application will be sent to gregjames913@gmail.com. Your contact information is never sold to a third party. Your contact information will only be used to alert you to your application status.
INCOME CEILINGS

$80,000 for dependent undergraduate students or independent students who are married and have tax dependents, or independent students who are unmarried and have tax dependents

$40,000 for married independent undergraduate students who have no other tax dependents

$10,000 for unmarried independent undergraduate students with no tax dependents
"Do I or my family need to pay taxes to qualify for TAP?"
*Students may be asked to provide tax documentation as proof of income*
The TAP application requires students to provide the name of the college they are attending and their college ID.

If the student filed their taxes as an independent, they will need their:
- ITIN/SNN
- Household income

If the student's family filed their taxes and claimed the student as a dependent, they will need:
- Their parents' ITIN/SNN
- The status and state in which they filed for taxes
If you transfer schools, be sure to email NYSDREAM@apply.ist so your funds can be internally moved and processed.

Be sure to apply every year once the application becomes available.

If you take time off from school, be sure to complete a Leave of Absence so your scholarship is paused.
Excelsior is a 4-year scholarship program. The student must reapply every year to receive the funds and accept the offer.

Under contract with HESC, the Excelsior application requires students to agree to work and live in NYS for the length and time they received the award.

If the student were to break the contract, they would have to pay back the funds.

The students college will communicate their award amount to them directly.
Excelsior Scholarship Details

You are applying for the Excelsior Spring 2020 Scholarship. This application is for students looking to receive a first-time Excelsior award for the spring 2020 term. The New York State Excelsior Scholarship eligible students from families who earn up to $125,000 a year to attend a SUNY or CUNY college tuition free. Recipients receive award payments for up to two years of continuous full-time study in an associate’s degree or four years of continuous full-time study leading to a bachelor’s degree, or five years if the program of study normally requires five years. Don’t forget, if you accept the award, you must enroll and take a minimum of 12 credit hours towards your program of study each year and agree to live and work, if employed, in New York State for the length of time you received the award. Failure to meet these requirements will result in the award being converted to a no-interest loan. Please note, if you are already a recipient of an Excelsior Scholarship from a previous application period, you do not need to complete this application. You are a recipient of the Excelsior Scholarship contract, even if you did not receive payment in the prior term. If you still have a pending application from the Fall 2019 term, you should contact HESC at NYSBREAM@hesc.state.ny.us.

Student Information

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

*First Name
Denise

Middle Initial
J

*Last Name
Hernandez

Suffix

Notifications

All notifications regarding the status of your application will be sent to denise@unlocal.org. Your contact information is never sold to a third party. Your contact information will only be used to alert you to

*Primary Phone (Example: 6157773750)
XXX-XXX-XXXX

Cell Phone (Example: 6157773750)
Program open to eligible students from families who earn up to $125,000 a year to attend a SUNY or CUNY college tuition free.
Welcome to the José Peralta New York State DREAM Act.

HESC Privacy Policy

Applications

2020-21 Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)

TAP Application

COMPLETE

Excelsior Spring 2020 Scholarship

Application Form

New York State HESC Program Eligibility

NYS DREAM Act Application

COMPLETE

Please note that all documents are processed within 5-7 business days from receipt.
NEED ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR DREAM ACT APPLICATION?

UnLocal is offering individualized assistance for students. Please contact Diana to schedule a consultation via zoom or phone call.

diana@unlocal.org
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
We Stand with Undocumented Students

As the nation’s largest urban public university system, CUNY is dedicated to educating and advocating for the immigrant students and families who make up the lifeblood of our city and state. Through this page, we want to help you know your rights and thrive in your educational journey with guidance and resources that can help you stay safe and focused no matter your citizenship status.
Guide for Undocumented High School and College Students

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- Options for Undocumented High School Students
- Resources for Applying to College as an Undocumented Student
- Resources for Undocumented College Students
## Scholarship Directory for Non-Citizen and Undocumented Students

**Compiled by UnLocal, Inc. July 2019 (Updated June 2020)**

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<td>February</td>
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<td>Graduating H.S. and enrolling full-time in college.</td>
<td>Immigrant students or children of immigrants.</td>
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<td>Camp Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program</td>
<td>$2,500</td>
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<td>All</td>
<td>Plan to enroll in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited two- or four-year college or technical college.</td>
<td>Commitment to community service, outstanding qualities in character, integrity and leadership.</td>
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<td>Gabby Scholarship (SUNY)</td>
<td>Full cost of attendance for 4 years</td>
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SOCIAL MEDIA RESOURCES

@immigrantrising
@immschools
@nysylc
Thank you!

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diana@unlocal.org