Investing in Financial Futures: NYS Scholarships

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Other State Scholarships and Awards
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- NYS WTC Memorial Scholarship
- Military Enhanced Recognition Incentive and Tribute - MERIT Scholarship
- Flight 3407 & AA Flight 587 Memorial Scholarship
- NYS Memorial Scholarship for Families of Deceased Firefighters, Volunteer Firefighters, Police Officers, Peace Officers, and Emergency Medical Service Workers
- NYS Regents Awards for Children of Deceased and Disabled Veterans
- Veterans Scholarship
- NYS Aid to Native Americans
Foster Youth Programs

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FYCSI is a program established specifically for students who have experienced foster care or are eligible orphans.

- FYCSI funding can be used towards supporting the cost of attending college, including housing and meals.
- Average award per student varies by year.
- Learn more at:
  - https://www.fysany.org/college-success-guide
Awards grants to current and former youth in foster care to help students pay for college

- Provides grants up to $5,000 per academic year for school-related expenses
- Youth in foster care or formerly in foster care younger than 21 and are eligible for services under the Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (CFCIP), and youth adopted from foster care after the age of 16 are eligible.
- More information and to apply: [www.fc2success.org](http://www.fc2success.org)
Carey Gabay Memorial Scholarship

Awards full cost-of-attendance scholarships to attend State University of New York State-operated campus to five students who – like Carey – achieved academic excellence despite an economically disadvantaged background.

- Student must demonstrate significant financial need.
- Student’s high school record must demonstrate high academic achievement, including a minimum GPA of 90.
- Student must submit an essay and two letters of recommendation.
Campus Scholarships

Scholarships

SUNY is committed to recognizing and rewarding student excellence, which is why we offer a variety of scholarships across our 64 campuses. Some of these awards are for academic excellence, while others recognize extraordinary artistic or athletic talent. And, others take into
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Questions?
SUNY NYC Counselor Forum
NYS Financial Aid Programs

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Agenda

• NYS Financial Aid Programs
• NYS DREAM Act
• Resources
NYS Financial Aid Programs
NYS Student Aid Programs

Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)
Excelsior Scholarship
Enhanced Tuition Award
STEM Incentive Program

More programs and info at hesc.ny.gov
NYS Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)

• Provides undergraduate students with grant funding to help pay tuition at colleges in NYS
  – Need-based, up to $5,165/year
  – Full-time and part-time study
  – Based on NYS income tax information
Excelsior Scholarship

• Provides full in-state tuition coverage for students attending SUNY or CUNY
  – Less Pell, TAP, or other aid covering tuition
• Applicants must have combined federal adjusted gross income of $125,000 or less for tax year 2018
• In-school and post-award obligations
• Application available Spring 2020
Enhanced Tuition Awards (ETA)

• Provides tuition awards up $6,000 to students attending participating private schools in NYS
  – Awarded through a combination of the TAP award, ETA award and a match from the college
  – List of participating schools available online

• Same qualifications and incentive requirements as Excelsior Scholarship
NYS STEM Incentive

• Provides tuition scholarships for undergraduate students at SUNY, CUNY, private colleges in NYS
  – Up to annual tuition charged to NYS residents at SUNY
• Must pursue degree in science, technology, engineering or mathematics
• Eligible students ranked in top 10% of senior class
Scholarship for Academic Excellence

• Provides up to $1,500 per year for undergraduate students at SUNY, CUNY, private colleges in NYS
• Administered in partnership with NYSED
• Students are nominated by their High School
Get on Your Feet Student Loan Forgiveness

- Provides up to 24 months of federal student loan debt relief to recent NYS college graduates participating in a federal income-driven repayment plan
  - Only have a BA/BS at time of application
  - Have an AGI less than $50,000
  - Have primary work in NYS, if employed
Application Process: Federal Aid-Eligible

- US Citizen/Permanent Resident
- NYS Residency
Application Process: NYS DREAM-Eligible

- NYS Education Criteria
- Citizenship/Immigration Status

FAFSA AND NYS RESIDENCY NOT REQUIRED
NYS DREAM Act
What is the NYS DREAM Act?

Allows eligible students to:

• Apply for NYS financial aid programs
• Receive postsecondary support
  – Opportunity Programs (EOP, HEOP, SEEK and CD)
  – CSTEP
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**

• Obtained a NYS high school equivalency diploma **OR**

• Be charged in-state tuition at SUNY or CUNY for a reason **other than NYS residency AND**

• Enrolled in college within 5 years for undergrad (or 10 yrs. for grad) of earning their high school/equivalency diploma
Determining Eligibility: Immigration/Citizenship

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

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
  • Class of paroled refugees whose permanent home is outside of NYS
FAQ: Two-year NYS HS Attendance Requirement

Does the requirement for two-years in a NYS high school mean academic or calendar year?

- This requirement is verified via transcript, requiring students to have attended high school for **two academic years** between grades 9 and 12 and received NYS high school diploma
FAQ: Less than Two Years of NYS HS

Is there any way a student who attended NYS high school for less than two years can they qualify through the NYS DREAM Act?

- Only if they qualify under one of the other education criteria: high school equivalency, in-state tuition
FAQ: Verifying Student Graduation

How can current seniors verify their high school graduation before July 2020?

• HESC is currently working on streamlining the process of automatically confirming high school enrollment and graduation status.
FAQ: Applying for TAP After NYS DREAM

Must students wait for their NYS DREAM Act application approval before completing the TAP and/or other program applications?

• No, students do not need to wait – they can complete any program application available.
FAQ: College Name and Student ID Number

What if a student hasn’t decided on their college or does not know their student ID?

• Student should provide name of college they are applying to and most interested in attending
• Applicants who do not know their student ID number can skip this question
FAQ: 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
For More Financial Aid Info: hesc.ny.gov
Resources

- NYS DREAM Act Application User Guide
- In-application Chat function
- ISTS email: NYSDREAM@applyists.com
- HESC Call Center: 888-697-4372, Option 1
- FAQs
Contact Information

• To Request a Presentation: Precollegeservices@hesc.ny.gov

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