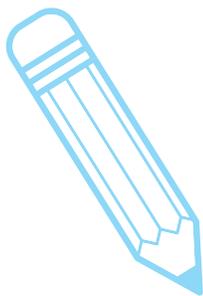


# NYS DREAM Act



The application for the Senator José Peralta New York State DREAM Act (“NYS DREAM Act”) is now available! Undocumented students and other immigrant students can now access New York State-administered grants and scholarships to support their higher education costs, including New York’s Tuition Assistance Program (TAP). **The application and supporting materials are available at [www.hesc.ny.gov/dream](http://www.hesc.ny.gov/dream).**

The Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC) has stated that eligibility depends on criteria related to immigration status and attendance of a NYS high school or NYS high school equivalency program.

## Who can benefit?

According to HESC, eligibility for financial aid depends on your immigration status and when and where you attended and graduated high school or got your high school equivalency diploma.

## Eligible immigration statuses

According to HESC, you can qualify if you have a U visa, a T visa, TPS, DACA, or have no immigration status. If you don’t live in NYS, you can also qualify if you are a U.S. citizen, green card holder, asylee, or refugee.

## Schooling

You must also show that you have attended school in NYS. For those applying for financial aid at the undergraduate level:

### *If you graduated from high school in NYS:*

- You must have attended high school in NYS for 2 or more years.
- You must apply within 5 years of graduating high school.

### *If you have a NYS High School Equivalency Diploma:*

- You must apply within 5 years of receiving a high school equivalency diploma.

Students applying for graduate school aid have to apply within 10 years.

## When should I apply?

The application for the NYS DREAM Act is open now. We encourage eligible students to apply as soon as possible. TAP accepts applications on a rolling basis.

Certain scholarships and grants may have additional deadlines. Check with your school to learn more about other deadlines and opportunities that may be open to you.

**If you have further questions about the NYS DREAM Act**, email [NYSDREAM@applyISTS.com](mailto:NYSDREAM@applyISTS.com) or call 888-697-4372 to speak with the Higher Education Services Corporation, which oversees the NYS DREAM Act and NYS financial aid.

For additional information about educational services and the NYS DREAM Act, visit MOIA’s page at [on.nyc.gov/NYSDREAMAct](http://on.nyc.gov/NYSDREAMAct).

## FAQs

### Will undocumented students in NYS now have access other forms of federally-funded tuition assistance, such as Pell grants and FAFSA?

- **No.** The NYS DREAM Act will not impact eligibility of other federal programs like Pell grants and FAFSA. Only the federal government can make such changes.

### Will the NYS DREAM Act allow Dreamers a pathway to citizenship?

- **No.** Under the NYS DREAM Act, more students will become eligible for the NYS Tuition Assistance Program, including undocumented students.
- **This legislation has nothing to do with granting citizenship.** Only the federal government can change federal laws regarding immigration status.
- The de Blasio Administration supports federal efforts to provide undocumented immigrants, including Dreamers, a pathway to citizenship and will continue to advocate for justice for all immigrants.

### Will I have to disclose my immigration status in applying for financial assistance? Will that information be protected?

- **Yes.** The application for the NYS DREAM Act asks about immigration status in order to determine eligibility. In addition, students without lawful immigration status are required to file an affidavit with their school saying they filed an application to legalize their status or will do so as soon as they are eligible.
- NYS laws and federal laws protect student information collected by an educational institution, including information collected about immigration status.