



FUNDING YOUR COLLEGE EDUCATION

New York State Aid Eligibility

TYPES OF NEW YORK * STATE GRANTS

Money that doesn't need to be paid back!



TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP)

The **TAP** is money granted from New York State to undergraduate students. It can grant from **\$1,000 to \$5,556 each year** within a **4-year or 5-year limit** if approved for five-year degree program.

PART-TIME TAP (PTAP)

The **part-time TAP (PTAP)** is an extension of the standard TAP award, designed to support undergraduate students enrolled part-time (**3 to 11 credits**).

SPECIAL PROGRAM (SEEK)

SEEK (Search for Education, Elevation, and Knowledge) provides incoming freshmen with a required summer college-prep program and continues with academic, financial, and personal support for their academic journey.

INCOME LEVELS FOR THE TAP APPLICATION

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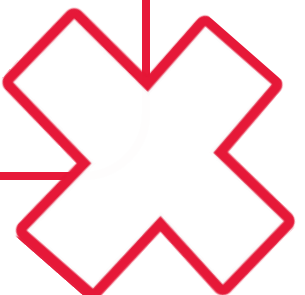
For **Dependent Students** and **Independent Students** with tax dependents the net taxable income limit for TAP is **\$125,000.**

MARRIED INDEPENDENTS

For **Independent Students** who are **married** the net taxable income limit for TAP is **\$60,000.**

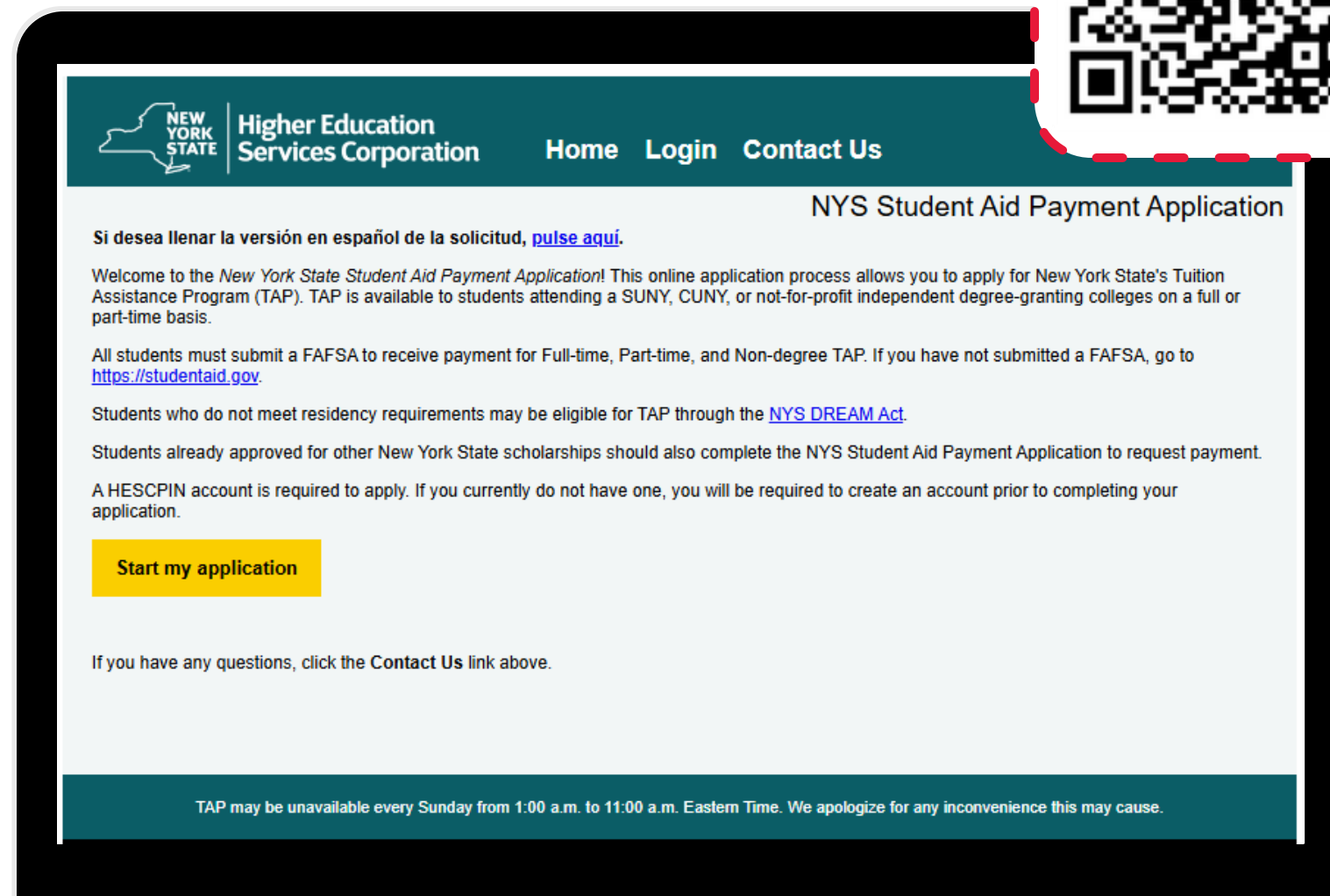
INDEPENDENTS

For **Independent** and **Single** students the net taxable income limit for TAP is **\$30,000.**



APPLY FOR TAP and other NYS Financial Aid

NYS Grants and Scholarships @ HESC



The screenshot shows the NYS Student Aid Payment Application website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the New York State Higher Education Services Corporation logo and links for Home, Login, and Contact Us. The main heading is "NYS Student Aid Payment Application". Below this, there is a link to the Spanish version of the application. The main body of the page contains a welcome message, a description of the TAP program, and instructions for students. A yellow button labeled "Start my application" is prominently displayed. At the bottom, there is a note about the application's availability on Sundays.

NEW YORK STATE Higher Education Services Corporation Home Login Contact Us

NYS Student Aid Payment Application

Si desea llenar la versión en español de la solicitud, [pulse aquí](#).

Welcome to the *New York State Student Aid Payment Application*! This online application process allows you to apply for New York State's Tuition Assistance Program (TAP). TAP is available to students attending a SUNY, CUNY, or not-for-profit independent degree-granting colleges on a full or part-time basis.

All students must submit a FAFSA to receive payment for Full-time, Part-time, and Non-degree TAP. If you have not submitted a FAFSA, go to <https://studentaid.gov>.

Students who do not meet residency requirements may be eligible for TAP through the [NYS DREAM Act](#).

Students already approved for other New York State scholarships should also complete the NYS Student Aid Payment Application to request payment.

A HESCPIN account is required to apply. If you currently do not have one, you will be required to create an account prior to completing your application.

[Start my application](#)

If you have any questions, click the [Contact Us](#) link above.

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.

NEW YORK STATE FINANCIAL AID

- Available to NYS residents attending a College or University in NY State.
- There are two (3) ways to file the TAP application (FAFSA, DREAM Act & the alternative path).

QUEENS COLLEGE SCHOOL CODE:

1416

SENATOR JOSÉ PERALTA **DREAM ACT**

The **NYS DREAM Act** allows undocumented and other eligible students to apply for one or more New York State aid, such as, **TAP** and **Excelsior Scholarship**.

Plus it does **NOT require** the **FAFSA Application** to be filed.

Get a detailed step-by-step guide to the application on www.hesc.ny.gov/dream

THE REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ High school **attendance** in **New York State**.
- ☐ High school **completion** in **New York State**.
- ☐ In-state **CUNY, SUNY**, or a New York State **eligible private college** enrollment.
- ☐ Citizenship or **immigration status**.



APPLY THROUGH

www.hesc.ny.gov/dream



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NYS DREAM Act Steps
to Apply

Alternate Eligibility Path



The Senator José Peralta New York State Dream Act provides undocumented students, access to New York State financial aid to support their higher education costs.

Apply

Available Resources and Support:

NEW YORK STATE **ALTERNATIVE PATHWAYS** **APPLICATION**

ALTERNATIVE PATHWAYS

New York State offers an alternative eligibility application for students concerned about sharing sensitive personal family information, like a parent's or spouse's immigration status, on the FAFSA.

Alternative Pathways allows eligible students to apply for state-funded financial aid programs, including TAP, without completing the FAFSA.





STEPS TO SEE IF YOU QUALIFY



STEP 1

GETTING STARTED

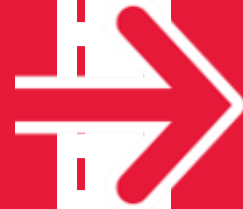
- Visit hesc.ny.gov/altpath and click **'Apply Today.'**
- Log into your portal or create a new account.
- Use a personal email address when creating an account. Do NOT use a school or work email.
- Click **'Add New Application.'**



STEP 2

COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRE

- Select the option that best describes your situation.
- Read all the instructions and confirm your selection.
- For help with the questions, visit the **Path Determination Guide**
- Begin the Alternative Eligibility Application.



STEP 3

CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY

- Answer a few citizenship and immigration questions:
 - Social Security Number (SSN), level of study, school year, and residency.
- Click **'Submit'** to continue with the application.

STEPS TO SEE IF YOU QUALIFY



STEP 4

YOUR STUDENT INFORMATION

- Enter your full legal name
- Date of Birth
- Address Information
 - You will be asked to enter only the city, state, and zip code.
- Opt in for notifications
- Student grade level
- Upload supporting documents, if required.

STEP 5

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION!

- Confirm your information is accurate.
- Electronically sign the application.
- Submit your completed application.



EXTRA TIPS!

- Make note that when submitting your date of birth on the student information section, this date will reflect the birth date entered during account registration and will be **non-editable**.
- To correct this, you may contact NYSDREAM@apply1STs.com or call **1-844-833-7129**.
 - You will be **required** to submit a birth certificate or other necessary legal documents.

THE NEW YORK STATE **EXCELSIOR** **SCHOLARSHIP** *

Attend college *tuition-free!*

The **Excelsior Scholarship**, in combination with other student financial aid programs, allows students to attend a SUNY or CUNY college tuition-free.

A recipient of an Excelsior Scholarship may receive up to **\$5,500** for the academic year.

The application will be **available through the HESC website**. Please check their website periodically for availability.



REQUIREMENTS

- Graduate from high school in the **United States** or earned a high school **equivalency diploma**.
- Earn an income of **\$125,000 or less**.
- Pursue an undergraduate degree at a **SUNY** or **CUNY college**.
- Be enrolled in at least **12 credits per term** and complete at least **30 credits each year**.
- **Graduate on time** with an Associate's Degree in 2-years or a **Bachelor's Degree** in **4-years**.



APPLY THROUGH

www.hesc.ny.gov/excelsior



Excelsior Scholarship Program

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-  Deadline & Application
-  Award
-  Eligibility
-  Help & Resources

Students from families earning \$125,000 or less can attend a state-operated SUNY or CUNY college tuition-free.



- ✓ Attend SUNY or CUNY tuition free!
- ✓ Adjusted combined federal household income of \$125,000 or less
- ✓ Pursuing an undergraduate degree at a SUNY or CUNY college or university
- ✓ Enrolled in full-time study (at least 12 credits per term in your program of study)
- ✓ Complete at least 30 credits per year in your program of study
- ✓ Live and work in New York State for a duration equal to the number of years you received the scholarship

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SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES

FOR A LIST OF REPUTABLE SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHES GO TO:

**SCHOLARSHIPS FOR NYC AND
NYS STUDENTS**

<http://www.hesc.ny.gov/>

DREAM US SCHOLARSHIP

<http://www.thedream.us/>

**QUEENS COLLEGE STUDENT
AFFAIRS SCHOLARSHIPS**

qc-cuny.academicworks.com/opportunities

IMMIGRANTS RISING'S LIST

<https://immigrantsrising.org/resource/list-of-scholarships-and-fellowships/>

MALDEF'S SCHOLARSHIP LIST

<https://www.maldef.org/>

**CHICANO ORGANIZING &
RESEARCH IN EDUCATION**

<https://ca-core.org/scholarship/>

**GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS FOR
UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS**

<https://understandingfafsa.org/grants-and-scholarships-for-undocumented-students/>

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CONCLUSION (EXTRA TIPS)

- Do **NOT** wait until you are admitted to file your application (Dream Act/TAP).
- Apply to colleges by **earliest** possible **deadline**.
- Complete **all** questions **accurately**.
- You must **re-apply** for **TAP** **each year**.
- Know your school's **priority** and **deadline dates**.
- Keep **copies** of all **documents** for your records.
- **TAP** Application will be available every year **in October**.
- Check your **email** used on all applications: They communicate to the students **first before colleges**.

HOW TO CONTACT US!

Visit our office in **Dining Hall, Room 128 (QC Hub)**
We're Open: Monday – Thursday (10am – 4pm)

QC Fresh Service

Service desk that allows students to submit their financial aid inquiries and get status updates in a timely manner.



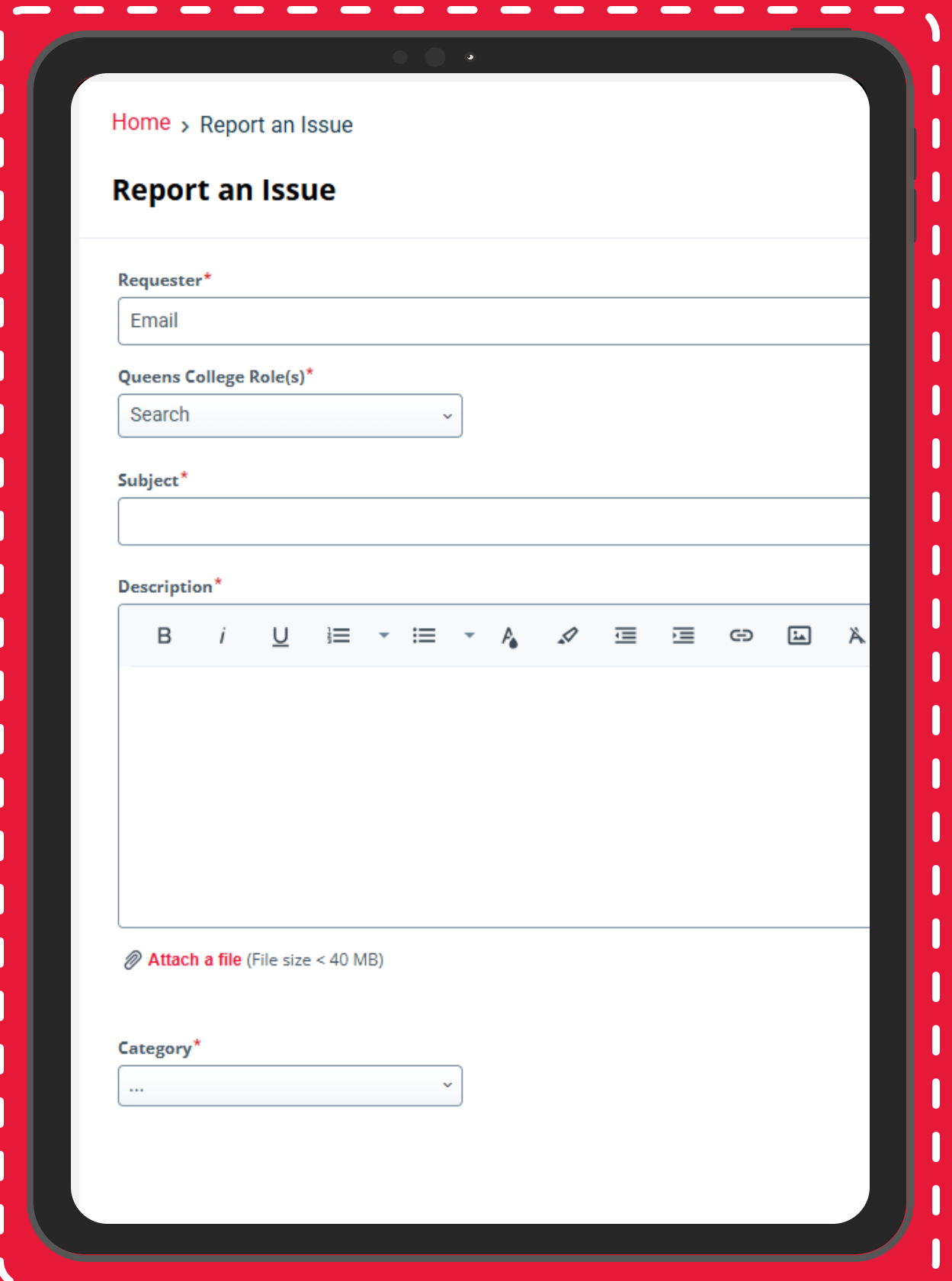
<https://support.qc.cuny.edu/>

Navigate360

Current students can schedule an online/virtual appointment with a financial aid advisor.



<https://www.qc.cuny.edu/navigate/>



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FOR JOINING!**