

Dream Act = undocumented with or without social security number (**select option not eligible**)
technically undocumented student may receive Tap but only via the dream act

Dream Act requires:

Eligibility Requirements

- **Education Requirement:** You must have attended or graduated from a New York State high school or an approved New York State high school equivalency program.
- **Residency Requirement:** You must establish your permanent home in New York State.
- **Immigration Status:** The act is for students who are undocumented, hold Temporary Protected Status (TPS), have DACA status, are U-Visa or T-Visa holders.
- **Income Limits:** There are income limitations for accessing state financial aid.

Transcript with grad date (after graduation)

Photo ID (school ID is acceptable)

Dream Act Steps

Step 1: Check your eligibility

First, you must meet the residency and educational requirements for the NYS DREAM Act.

Residency and immigration status

You must have a permanent home in NYS, which means you have resided in the state for at least 12 continuous months. You must also hold one of the following statuses:

- Undocumented or without legal immigration status (including those with DACA)
- T-Visa or U-Visa
- Temporary Protected Status (TPS)
- A U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident, if your permanent home is not in NYS but you meet the education requirements

Educational requirements

You must meet one of the following criteria:

- Attended and graduated from a NYS high school after at least two years.

- Received a NYS high school equivalency diploma.
- Are charged in-state tuition at a SUNY or CUNY college for non-residency reasons.

You must enroll in a NYS college within five years of receiving your high school diploma or equivalency for undergraduate study, or within ten years for graduate study.

Step 2: Prepare your documents

Gather the necessary documents to upload to the HESC application portal:

- Proof of NYS residency (e.g., utility bills, lease agreements).
- Proof of high school completion: High school transcript or diploma for graduates, or NYS equivalency diploma or transcript for equivalency holders.
- Income verification (if applicable).
- Other documentation as required by your status (e.g., proof of TPS, visa).

Step 3: Complete the application

1. Begin the application on the HESC website at hesc.ny.gov/dream.
2. Provide your personal information, ensuring it matches your high school records.
3. Upload all required supporting documents.
4. Submit the TAP application through your HESC portal after your NYS DREAM Act eligibility is confirmed.

Step 4: Monitor your application

Log in to your account to check the status of your application. HESC will contact you by email if they need more information.

Step 5: Receive and accept awards \$5500

You will be notified by email regarding your eligibility and any awards you receive. Some scholarships may require you to agree to live and/or work in New York after graduating.