



## THE NEW YORK STATE JOSE PERALTA DREAM ACT AT HOSTOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The DREAM Act opens the doors of higher education to thousands of students, providing access to the new Excelsior Scholarship, the Tuition Assistance Program, as well as other state-administered scholarships that were not previously available to them. It gives undocumented students and other students access to New York State-administered grants and scholarships that support their higher education costs for the 2019-2020 academic year.

### STEP 1: Determining Your Eligibility

If you fit one of the descriptions below, you may be eligible for one or more NYS student financial aid awards under the DREAM Act:

- A. Your permanent home is in NYS and you are or have ONE of the following:
  1. [U-Visa](#)
  2. [T-Visa](#)
  3. [Temporary protected status](#), pursuant to the Federal Immigration Act of 1990
  4. [Without lawful immigration status](#) (including those with DACA status)
  5. AND you meet ONE of the following criteria:
    - a. You attended a NYS high school for 2 or more years, graduated from a NYS high school, and are applying for an award for undergraduate study at a NYS college within *five* years of receiving your NYS high school diploma *OR*
    - b. You attended a NYS high school for 2 or more years, graduated from a NYS high school, and are applying for an award for graduate study at a NYS college within *ten* years of receiving your NYS high school diploma *OR*
    - c. You received a NYS high school equivalency diploma, and are applying for an award for undergraduate study at a NYS college within *five* years of receiving your NYS high school equivalency diploma *OR*
    - d. You received a NYS high school equivalency diploma, and are applying for an award for graduate study at a NYS college within *ten* years of receiving your NYS high school equivalency diploma *OR*
    - e. You did not attend or graduate from a NYS high school, did not receive a NYS high school equivalency diploma, but are charged the NYS resident in-State tuition rate at a SUNY or CUNY college for any reason
- B. Your permanent home is outside of NYS and you are or have ONE of the following:
  1. U.S. citizen
  2. Permanent lawful resident
  3. Of a class of refugees paroled by the attorney general under his or her parole authority pertaining to the admission of aliens to the U.S.
  4. [U-Visa](#)
  5. [T-Visa](#)



6. [Temporary protected status](#), pursuant to the Federal Immigration Act of 1990
7. [Without lawful immigration status](#) (including those with DACA status)
8. AND you meet ONE of the following criteria:
  - a. You attended a NYS high school for 2 or more years, graduated from a NYS high school, and are applying for an award for undergraduate study at a NYS college within *five* years of receiving your NYS high school diploma *OR*
  - b. You attended a NYS high school for 2 or more years, graduated from a NYS high school, and are applying for an award for graduate study at a NYS college within *ten* years of receiving your NYS high school diploma *OR*
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  - d. You received a NYS high school equivalency diploma, and are applying for an award for graduate study at a NYS college within *ten* years of receiving your NYS high school equivalency diploma *OR*
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### **STEP 2: Completing the Application**

Students meeting the NYS Dream Act eligibility criteria can apply for one or more HESC-administered grant and scholarship programs [here](#).

- The application is simple and straight forward, and all information provided will be used ONLY for determining eligibility for and administering awards.
- Applicants without lawful immigration status will not be asked for their home address and will NOT have to upload financial records.

### **STEP 3: Monitoring the Status of Your Application**

- Once you have submitted an application, it is your responsibility to monitor the status of your application and to make sure your application is complete.
- You will be able to monitor the status of your application online after submitting your application and uploading any required documentation.

### **STEP 4: Award Notification and Acceptance**

- You will be notified by email when a determination has been made regarding your eligibility for each award for which you have applied.
- If you are determined to be eligible for an award, your next step will be to accept the award!
- For certain awards, you must sign a contract agreeing to live and/or work in New York State for a required number of years after graduation as a condition of receiving the award.
- If you decide not to accept an award with a post-graduation requirement, please indicate this on the contract.

For more information, please visit <https://www.hesc.ny.gov/dream/>.

To apply, please click [here](#).