

How to complete the Jose Peralta NYS Dream Act Application

First-Time Applicants:

- Go to <https://www.hesc.ny.gov/dream/>
- Create a Login
- Complete the NYS DREAM Act Application first.
 - If you are attending Fall 2024 and/or Spring 2025, complete the 2024-2025 NYS DREAM Act Application.
 - If you are attending Fall 2025 and/or Spring 2026, complete the 2025-2026 NYS DREAM Act Application.
- Once it's completed, HESC will notify you via email if you are eligible or not. (within 1-3 weeks)
- If you are eligible, then you will need to go back to the DREAM Portal (<https://www.hesc.ny.gov/dream/>) and complete the TAP Application
 - If you are attending Fall 2024 and/or Spring 2025, complete the 2024-2025 TAP Application. You will need 2022 income information.
 - If you are attending Fall 2025 and/or Spring 2026, complete the 2025-2026 TAP Application. You will need 2023 income information.
- Once it's completed, HESC will notify you via email if you are eligible and how much TAP you are eligible for (within 1-3 weeks). They will then instruct you to go back to the Dream Portal and accept your aid by completing the Acceptance Form.

Frequently Asked Questions are available at

https://www.hesc.ny.gov/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=955&Itemid=1641

For the Step by Step User Guide go to

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5c3676da3e2d09759ab10f10/t/5de52b9336c6c83d60e103dd/1575299988771/NYSDREAMActApplicationUserGuide.pdf>

Continuing Students who are TAP Applicants/Recipient in prior year(s):

- You don't have to complete a new NYS DREAM Act Application, but you will still need to complete a new TAP Application every academic year.
- Go to <https://www.hesc.ny.gov/dream/> to complete the TAP Application
- Enter your credentials and Log In.
- Complete the TAP Application
 - If you are attending Fall 2024 and/or Spring 2025, complete the 2024-2025 TAP Application. You will need 2022 income information.
 - If you are attending Fall 2025 and/or Spring 2026, complete the 2025-2026 TAP Application. You will need 2023 income information.

- Once it's completed, HESC will notify you via email if you are eligible and how much TAP you are eligible for (within 1-3 weeks). They will then instruct you to go back to the Dream Portal and accept your aid by completing the Acceptance Form.

If you have any questions/need assistance make a virtual appointment with the Financial Aid Specialist at <https://citytech-cuny.campus.eab.com/pal/feNK3Q6Au5>