

NYS DREAM Act Supporting Documents

In order to access NYS financial aid funds through the DREAM Act, students of various immigration statuses must fill out at least two short applications. First, they must fill out the NYS DREAM Act application and then the application for the program they would like to access. Currently, students can only apply for TAP, Excelsior, and the Enhanced Tuition Award. Other programs will be available in the Fall.

At the end of each application, students may be asked for supporting documents. These documents must be uploaded right onto the application. Below we list the documents students may be asked to provide.

Immigration Status	One of the following documents	HESC Form?*
Paroled Refugee	I-94 (Arrival/Departure Record)	
Permanent resident	Permanent Resident Card/ Green Card (Form I-551)	
Temporary Protected Status (TPS)	Approved I-797 (Notice of Action)	
T-Visa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved I-797 (Notice of Action) with an I-94 at the bottom • Visa indicating T-Visa 	
U-Visa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) Approval Letter for U-visa Status, including an I-94 (Arrival/Departure Record) at the bottom of the letter • I-94 Card and Work Permit • Visa indicating U-visa 	
Undocumented/ DACA-mented	No proof required	
U.S. Citizen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth Certificate • Naturalization Certificate 	

Education Status	One of the following documents	HESC Form?*
Attended and Graduated from a NYS High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transcript indicating attendance for at least 2 years and graduation date • Transcript indicating attendance for at least 2 years and high school diploma (upload as a zip file) 	
Received a NYS High School Equivalency (HSE)	HSE diploma/transcript	

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Other In-State Tuition Qualification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuition bill • Other Document from college proving you qualify for in-state tuition 	
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Household Statuses	One of the following documents	HESC Form?*
Disability of a parent/spouse	Physician Statement, including Certification that the disability is total and permanent, and the date the person became totally and permanently disabled	
Death of a parent/spouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Death Certificate • Copy if Obituary 	
Divorce or Separation	Separation Agreement/Divorce Decree	
Relative who is a full-time students	Form HE9292 B	Yes
Foster Care, Orphan, or Ward of the Court in NY	Foster Youth, Orphan or Ward of the Court Status Verification Form	Yes
Foster Care, Orphan , or Ward of the Court outside of NY	Court order	
Orphan not under the care of court or child welfare agency	Death certificates for both parents	

Other Statuses	One of the following documents	HESC Form?*
Other name	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Court order • Marriage license • Official Letter from school reflecting former and current names (NYC schools only) • Other legal document reflecting other name or name change 	

*These forms will be provided for download, if necessary. After completing the form, the student must upload it into their application.

Best Practices for uploading Supporting Documents:

- Only upload the required supporting documents
- If student is undocumented, redact street address from all documents
- For immigration status, if the student doesn't have the indicated document but has another document that proves their status, upload it. HESC will review the documentation in order to determine if it is valid.
- All support documents must show your name and must be uploaded by the deadline