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# New York State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) Application Process

## **The 2024-25 New York State Tuition Assistance Program Application is now open!**

The application for the 2024-2025 New York State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) is now open for students to apply. With the delay in the FAFSA application, here are a few things to keep in mind for TAP:

- The application is available at [hesc.ny.gov/TAP](https://hesc.ny.gov/TAP)
- Students do not need to wait for the release of the FAFSA to complete their TAP application.
- Students will need to [create a HESCPIN](#) using their email address and a unique password in order to access the TAP application. Students who have a NYS Driver's License, non-driver ID, or Student ID will be asked to include that information when creating their HESCPIN Account.
- HESC verifies the information in the NYS TAP Application with the information submitted in the FAFSA. Students who complete their TAP prior to the FAFSA release will need to complete their FAFSA by February 15, 2024, or their saved TAP application will be deleted, and they'll need to submit a new TAP application.

Once students complete their FAFSA, they can use the link at the end of the FAFSA to return to and submit their TAP application for processing.

**FAFSA Simplification ACT - Some of the upcoming changes to the 2024-2025 FAFSA application**

- The FAFSA is currently expected to open sometime in December.
- All family members whose income is reported on the FAFSA must have a verified FSA ID before a student can file for federal student aid.
- The number of questions has been reduced to 30 or 60 depending on family income.
- The term Expected Family Contributing (EFC) is changing to Student Aid Index (SAI).
- Students can add more colleges when completing the FAFSA – up to 20.

### **Useful FAFSA Resources**

- [NCAN Better FAFSA Training Toolkit](#)
- [NYS FAFSA Completion Initiative](#)
- [2024-25 FAFSA Prototype Release](#)
- [Federal Student Aid Resources](#)